

recommendations to the next session of the Conference dealing with all possible sites so that it may then be determined whether Rule XXXII be revoked.

REGIONAL OFFICES

The desire for a rapid establishment of regional offices in Europe, the Near East, Asia, and Latin America was very apparent throughout the Conference. Many delegates expressed the opinion that the usefulness of FAO within these zones would be determined by the work of an efficient regional office, and urged that the Director-General take early action for their establishment.

In view of the financial situation and of the difficulty of equipment and suitable staff, the Conference felt it would be inadvisable to give the Director-General specific instructions, and finally agreed that he be instructed to prepare, in consultation with member countries and other international bodies, plans for the approval of the Council in order that establishment may proceed at the earliest possible date.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Conference had before it four proposals for amending the FAO Constitution and Rules of Procedure. These were submitted by the Governments of United States of America, the United Kingdom, and Australia, and by the Executive Committee. Following upon consultations between the representatives of the various Governments, it was agreed that the proposed amendments submitted by the United States of America should be the proposal before the Conference, and the proposals of the United Kingdom and Australia were withdrawn.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a further proposal to the effect that, whilst the executive body be called the Council of FAO, provision should be made for the annual Conference to resolve itself into a committee to be known as the World Food Congress or Parliament. This suggestion was finally defeated, as it was considered no changes either in the Constitution or Rules of Procedure were required to enable the Conference so to resolve itself for the purpose of considering any particular question.

In discussing the United States amendment, careful consideration was given to the recommendations of the Preparatory Commission and to the amendments proposed in the Commission's report. The United States amendment provided for the election by Conference of eighteen member nations to serve on the Council, such member nations to be entitled to appoint their own delegate, together with alternates and advisers. The resolution of the United States of America was finally