

8. RESOLUTION CONCERNING ABORIGINAL TRIBES AND UNTOUCHABLE CASTES

1. Aboriginal tribes and untouchable castes in various Asian countries, due to their extreme backwardness and ignorance, suffer from special disabilities, disadvantages, and exploitation in economic and social spheres, particularly in regard to opportunities and conditions of employment, and the problems of these sections of the population require special attention and treatment.

2. The Conference therefore draws the attention of the Governments of the Asian countries concerned to the necessity of taking immediate steps for the amelioration of the conditions of the aboriginal tribes and untouchable castes, and it requests the Governing Body to instruct the International Labour Office to assist the Governments of the countries concerned in a study of these problems.

3. The Conference further requests the Governing Body, in the light of the progress made in these studies, to place one or more aspects of these questions on the agenda of future sessions of the Asian Regional Conference.

9. RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING

1. Housing conditions for the great mass of people in many of the countries of Asia have long been of low standard and have further very much deteriorated since the War. The problem is, furthermore, made more acute as a result of the movement of population into industrial areas during recent years.

2. The formulation of a policy designed to improve housing conditions is both important and urgent because decent housing conditions are essential for the health and efficiency of the workers.

3. The Conference therefore requests the Governing Body to call the attention of the Governments of Asian countries to the necessity of devising immediate and effective ways and means to provide proper housing for workers.

4. The Conference further requests the Governing Body to instruct the International Labour Office to assist the Governments by undertaking, in consultation, where appropriate, with any other international organizations which may be concerned, a systematic, comprehensive, and comparative study, in the light of international experience, of the problems of housing the urban and rural populations of Asian countries, particularly in regard to the provision of finance, materials, town-planning, location of industries, fixation of land values, fixation of rents, subsidies, &c., and to refer these questions to succeeding Asian Regional Conferences.

10. RESOLUTION CONCERNING SMALL-SCALE COTTAGE AND HANDICRAFT INDUSTRIES

1. Industrial home and handicraft workers greatly outnumber workers in factories and industrial and commercial establishments; their number is likely to increase even with the development of large-scale industry, and their protection requires urgent and careful study.

2. In the progress of industrialization the countries of Asia should devote attention not only to remedying the evils caused by industrial concentration, but also to preventing such evils to the greatest possible extent.