

and economic circumstances peculiar to the majority of Asian countries, the development of the co-operative movement according to plan and on a sound basis calls for the promotion and supervision of co-operative organizations by Government.

6. The Conference therefore calls the attention of the Governments of Asian countries to the following :—

- (a) Elements which may still obstruct the full development and free functioning of genuine co-operative organizations should be eliminated where they exist in the national laws and regulations and in social and economic institutions.
- (b) The staffs and administrative methods of Government Departments charged with promoting the development of the co-operative organizations should be adapted to the necessities of such development.
- (c) A comprehensive and continuous effort should be made, with the full technical and financial support of the public authorities, to extend the teaching of co-operation so as to reach all classes of the population and, simultaneously, to train leaders, administrators, and a competent executive staff for the co-operative movement.
- (d) Co-operative organizations should be progressively associated in the preparation and execution of co-ordinated economic plans to the full extent of their capacity and in a manner compatible with their inherent principles and their administrative autonomy.
- (e) Periodical regional meetings should be held to provide to officials of the co-operative departments as well as representatives of the co-operative organizations in Asian countries opportunities of pooling their experiences, comparing the results of their work, and improving their methods ; of discussing and devising means of encouraging the establishment of direct trade relations between co-operative societies of Asian countries, the International Labour Office being informed of the work of such conferences.

7. The Conference requests the Governing Body to convene, at an early date, a conference of experts in co-operation to study these problems and submit suitable recommendations for further action in the light of the organization and achievements of the co-operative movement in other countries, the difficulties met with, and the manner in which they have been overcome.

8. The Conference invites the Governing Body to draw the attention of Governments to the importance attached by the present Conference to the inclusion in delegations to future Conferences of persons having experience of co-operative movements.

9. The Conference further requests the Governing Body to consider, in the light of the progress made in the studies undertaken on the basis of this resolution, what aspects of these questions could usefully be further considered by succeeding Asian Regional Conferences.

APPENDIX IV.—RESOLUTIONS ON “ PROGRAMME OF ACTION ”

1. RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROGRAMMES OF ACTION

Whereas, in the process of economic and social development now taking place in Asian countries, it is essential that the international standards for the protection of workers as embodied in conventions and recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference should be implemented as fully and as early as possible, and

Whereas, although these standards are not, in all cases, immediately attainable by all Asian countries, it is important that effective steps should be taken for the progressive application of these standards.