

III

National Programmes of Action

8. Each Asian country should prepare a national programme of action for a period of years consisting of proposals for the progressive application, by stages where necessary of the existing international labour standards for submission to the Asian Regional Conference to be held in China in 1949.

9. In framing such programmes of action regard should be paid to the decisions of the present Conference and the following subjects :—

- (a) The application and extension of the forty-eight-hour week.
- (b) The regulation and limitation of hours of work in establishments, including plantations, to which the forty-eight-hour week is not practicable of application ;
- (c) Establishment of suitable wage-fixing machinery ;
- (d) The provision of weekly rest periods, holidays with pay, and the elimination of all forms of forced labour ;
- (e) Promotion of industrial health and safety for workers ;
- (f) Provision against risks brought about by employment injury, occupational diseases, sickness and involuntary unemployment, and maternity protection ;
- (g) Prohibition of night work for women and young persons ;
- (h) The regulation of the age of admission to employment ; in particular, measures for promoting the elimination of child labour ; and
- (i) Measures for the elimination of abuses associated with recruitment of labour.

Governments should ensure the fullest possible consultation and co-operation with the employers' and workers' organizations in their respective countries in the drawing-up and implementation of such national programmes of action.

IV

Labour Standards

10. In securing the progressive implementation, by means of such national programmes of action, of the standards laid down in the International Labour Conventions and recommendations, special attention should be directed by all Asian countries to the provisions of the following Conventions :—

- (1) Hours of Work (Industry) Convention, 1919.
- (2) Hours of Work (Coal-mines) (Revised) Convention, 1935.
- (3) Minimum Age (Industry) (Revised) Convention, 1937.
- (4) Night work (Women) (Revised) Convention, 1934.
- (5) Minimum Wage Fixing Machinery Convention, 1928.
- (6) Placing of Seamen Convention, 1920.
- (7) Workmen's Compensation (Accidents) Convention, 1925.
- (8) Equality of Treatment (Accident Compensation) Convention, 1925.
- (9) Maternity Protection Convention, 1919.
- (10) Unemployment Provision Convention, 1934.
- (11) Sickness Insurance (Industry, &c.) Convention, 1927.
- (12) Sickness Insurance (Sea) Convention, 1936.
- (13) Weekly Rest (Industry) Convention, 1921.
- (14) Holidays with Pay Convention, 1936.
- (15) Forced Labour Convention, 1930.