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APPENDIX No. 1

Mr. THORN (*Government delegate, New Zealand*).—Speaking for the New Zealand Government, I wish at the outset to express my pleasure at the selection of this great City of San Francisco for this session of the International Labour Conference. Here it is appropriate for a New Zealander to pay his respects to the people of the United States of America. During the war, many of the citizens of this great nation served with its Armed Forces in New Zealand, and at a dark stage in the struggle, when we felt that our country was threatened with invasion, they brought to us a feeling of safety, strength, and hope. We treated them as friends and comrades, and we will never forget the sacrifices they made to protect us from our enemies. We trust that the friendships then engendered will be continued, and that they will further express themselves in the joint effort now being made in the International Labour Organization and the United Nations to bring a happy and generous life to the peoples of the world.

I am pleased to convey to the Director-General the New Zealand delegation's warm congratulations on the report which we are now discussing. This report is in keeping with the high standards of the pronouncements made by the International Labour Organization since its inception. It is factual and objective, yet it is informed with the spirit of economic and social progress. No one can read its survey of world conditions without gaining a deep knowledge of the problems with which the world is faced, without being encouraged by the advance made, and without realizing how essential are patient work and co-operation if our difficulties are to be overcome.