

other document. The action of the Council consisted in approving its Rapporteur's report and in passing the draft resolution with which it concludes. For convenience of reference I quote the resolution :—

“ The Council—

“ Approving the conclusions contained in the Rapporteur's report :—

- “ (a) Notes the report of the Advisory Committee of Experts on Slavery on the work of its fifth (extraordinary) session ;
- “ (b) Reiterates the hope (1) that the Slavery Convention of September 25th, 1926, may be ratified without further delay by those States which, having signed or acceded to it, subject to ratification, have not yet ratified, and (2) that such States as have been invited to accede to the Convention and are not yet parties thereto will consider the possibility of acceding thereto ;
- “ (c) Expresses the hope that the Governments will continue to supply information as full and as accurate as possible in accordance with Article 7 of the 1926 Convention and the various resolutions of the Assembly ;
- “ (d) Requests the Governments concerned to be good enough to note the suggestions put forward in the Advisory Committee's report, in conformity with Article 16, paragraph 1, of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, for obtaining such further light as the Committee has deemed desirable on points arising in documents supplied by those Governments ;
- “ (e) Directs the attention of the Governments concerned for any action they may think fit to take, to the wishes and recommendations, both general and specific, which the Advisory Committee has thought expedient to formulate in its report ;
- “ (f) Requests the Secretary-General to communicate the present resolution, together with the Rapporteur's report, to all the members of the League and to such of the non-member States as are parties to the Slavery Convention of 1926.”

HEALTH COMMITTEE : REPORT ON THE WORK OF ITS TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION.

As Rapporteur on Health Questions, I brought to the Council's notice the report on the work of the twenty-seventh session of the Health Organization (Document C. 82, M. 37, 1938, III). My own report to the Council is Document C. 160, 1938, III. These documents deal with various subjects, mostly of a specialized nature, on which comment here is perhaps unnecessary. The preparatory work for the European Conference on Rural Life, to be held in 1939, is proceeding and will receive further impetus by the formation of a group of experts, who will, in association with the President of the Health Organization, consider matters relating to the Conference. The proposed collaboration between the Belgian Ministry of Public Health and the Health Organization of the League, referred to on page 3 of my report, should prove of value, and initiates a policy which might be extended to other health administrations. The opportunities afforded by the Health Organization of the League as a clearing-house cannot be too strongly emphasized.

ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT FOREIGNERS.

The Committee of Experts met in Geneva in February last and presented a report to the Council, which is Document C. 105, M. 57, 1938, IV. It contains as an annex a Model Convention on Assistance to Indigent Foreigners, which it is felt may be of help to countries in enabling them to draw up multilateral or bilateral conventions.

On another question—*i.e.*, the Execution of Maintenance Obligations Abroad—the examination of which had been entrusted to the Committee of Experts, the Committee preferred to adopt a waiting policy as the subject is also being studied by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law. The Rapporteur, the representative of Peru, proposed the resolution which follows, and this was adopted (see Document C. 157, 1938, IV).

“ The Council takes note of the report of the Committee of Experts on Assistance to Indigent Foreigners on the work of its third session, and adopts the present report and its conclusions.”

NUTRITION.

In January last the Council passed a resolution providing that the Secretary-General inquire of all States members whether they had set up National Nutrition Committees. Action was taken by him, and the replies so far received, or the information already at the disposal of the Secretariat, show that National Committees have been set up in eighteen States. Representatives of these National Committees are to meet at Geneva late in 1938 for an informal conference and interchange of views. The Council agreed to the recommended convening of the Conference. The report of the Rapporteur, the representative of Belgium, is Document C. 168, 1938, II, A.

PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY.

At the Conference for the Protection of Industrial Property held in London in 1934 provision was made for collaboration in certain circumstances with organs of the League of Nations. The point before the Council was the scope of the action to be taken by the Secretary-General in support