

comments thereon will be found in the report of the Rapporteur, the representative of Sweden, Document C. 288, 1938, II, A. The Rapporteur proposed, and the Council passed, the following resolution :—

“ The Council—

1. Takes note of the report of the Financial Committee on the work of its sixty-sixth session ;

2. Authorizes the Financial Committee to accept the invitation of the International Labour Organization to be represented in an advisory capacity on the International Public Works Committee.”

I draw your special attention to the second part of the Financial Committee's report entitled “ Some Observations on the General Situation.”

COMMITTEE OF STATISTICAL EXPERTS : REPORT ON THE WORK OF ITS SEVENTH SESSION.

The report to the Council of the Committee of Statistical Experts is Document C. 226, M. 128, 1938, II, A, and it was submitted under cover of the report of the Rapporteur, the representative of Sweden, Document C. 285, 1938, II, A. The Rapporteur submitted the following resolution, which was passed by the Council :—

“ The Council—

“ (a) Takes note of the report of the Committee of Statistical Experts on the work of its seventh session ;

“ (b) Requests the Secretary-General—

- “ (i) To communicate the Minimum Programme for statistics of the gainfully-occupied population to all Governments of States members of the League and of non-member States and to invite them to take the Committee's recommendations into account when preparing their next census of the gainfully-occupied population, and to prepare and publish, as part of the results of their next census, a supplementary table according to the International Minimum Programme ;
- “ (ii) To communicate the draft recommendations on housing statistics to all Governments of States members of the League and non-member States, with a view to obtaining their comments on the proposed definitions and classifications before December 31st, 1938 ;
- “ (iii) To communicate the ‘ Revised Minimum List of Commodities for International Trade Statistics ’ to all Governments of States members of the League and of non-member States, and to invite them to compile and publish supplementary statistics of their imports and exports in accordance with this revised ‘ Minimum List ’ ;
- “ (iv) To invite all Governments concerned to indicate before January 31st, 1939, the reasons which have prevented them from preparing the classification of trade statistics by stage of production and use, and to furnish any observations they may wish to formulate with regard to the abridged classification suggested as an alternative ;
- “ (v) To communicate the draft recommendations on Indices of Industrial Production to all authorities or bureaux, whether official or not, which compile such indices and to ask for their observations by January 31st, 1939 ;
- “ (vi) To communicate the minimum programme of timber statistics to all Governments of States members of the League and non-member States and to invite them to put these recommendations into effect ;
- “ (vii) To communicate the statement on statistics of capital formation to all Governments of States members of the League and non-member States and to such institutions and persons as are likely to have a special competence in this subject, with a view to obtaining comments on the principles outlined and on the definitions adopted.”

PERMANENT EXHIBITION OF GRAPHS RELATING TO CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS : OFFER BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE “ OTTO MONSTED ” FOUNDATION.

This question arose as a result of a resolution passed by the Assembly of 1937, under which the Economic and Financial Organization was requested to arrange for a permanent exhibition of graphs relating to current economic and financial conditions. Later, the “ Otto Monsted ” Foundation offered through the Danish Government, to provide an exhibition of graphs at a cost to the Foundation of 50,000 Danish crowns, and the matter came before the Council at its one hundred and first session. It was then referred, by resolution, to the Committee of Statistical Experts. The recommendations of this Committee were before the Council in the shape of a report by the Rapporteur, the representative of Sweden (Document C. 286, 1938, II, A). The Committee recommended that the exhibition should demonstrate the economic and financial interdependence of nations and that it should be situated in the building of the League of Nations, in rooms easily accessible to delegates, Committee members, journalists, and tourists visiting the building. The Committee made some comments on the cost to the League should the exhibition be provided out of League funds. As, however, the acceptance of the generous offer of the “ Otto Monsted ” Foundation will not involve any expenditure