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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WHEAT AND RICE

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 February 1946, considered the request for inclusion on the Agenda of the Draft Resolution on Wheat and Rice submitted by the Delegations of China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

The General Committee recommends that the Draft Resolution be placed on the Agenda of the General Assembly as follows, and that the General Assembly decide, in harmony with Rule 15 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure, to discuss the Draft Resolution in plenary meeting without reference to Committee:

The damage caused by war and the dislocation of agricultural production resulting from the shortage and dislocation of labour, the removal of draught animals, the shortage of fertilizers and other circumstances connected with the war have caused a serious fall in world production of wheat. In addition a large number of countries, including some of those which are normally the largest producers of grain, have suffered serious droughts and have therefore reaped abnormally small crops. The supply of rice is also so short as to threaten a famine in certain areas. There is, moreover, a serious risk of grain production in the coming season being insufficient to prevent continuing hunger. For these reasons the world is faced with conditions which may cause widespread suffering and death and consequently set back all plans for reconstruction.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE,

1. Urges all governments and peoples to take immediate and drastic action, both directly and through the international organizations concerned, to conserve supplies, by securing adequate collection of crops from the producers, by saving food and avoiding waste, and to ensure the maximum production of grain in the coming season;
2. Notes that several of the United Nations have recently announced measures to reserve grain supplies for direct human consumption and to secure increased production;
3. Urges all governments to publish as full information as possible regarding their own supplies and requirements of cereals and the steps they have taken or are prepared to take to achieve the objectives expressed in paragraph 1;
4. Requests the international organizations concerned with food and agriculture to publish full information in their possession on the world food position and the future outlook, and to intensify efforts to obtain as full information as possible on this subject, in order to assist governments in determining their short term and long term agricultural policy.

The General Committee also transmits to the General Assembly for information, the letter addressed by the Director-General of UNRRA to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, giving additional details on the world food shortage.
