

II

Bearing in mind the Declaration made at its Twenty-sixth Session in 1944 by the delegations of the occupied countries in Europe which intimated that "the first task, and the most urgent, will be to improve nutrition, to provide medical aid, and to distribute medicaments," the Conference—

- (a) Expresses its satisfaction that several members with relatively abundant food-supplies have decided to continue food rationing and have even curtailed food consumption, or have adopted other measures, in order to supply food to the populations of devastated countries, and especially to the children in these countries, and looks forward to the maintenance and extension of this policy as long as circumstances so require;
- (b) Renews the appeal made in 1944 in the Employment (Transition from War to Peace) Recommendation to the spirit of co-operation of members, in order that, when requested, they may supply to the liberated countries technical and material aid for the prompt re-establishment of medical care and general health services so that the populations in these countries, especially youth, may speedily recover their vitality.

III

The Conference, recognizing that other international organizations are endeavouring, within the limits of their resources, to assist liberated countries in restoring educational facilities, expresses the hope that comparable assistance will continue to be made available for these countries for the complete reconstruction of all educational and social institutions which serve the interests of childhood and youth so that educational losses may be rapidly overcome and so that the youth of these countries may soon be placed in conditions which permit vocational training and normal cultural development.

IV

For displaced children and young persons who are homeless, Stateless, orphaned, or separated from their families, measures for registration, identification, location of relatives, and repatriation are of the first importance, and it is the hope of the Conference that the members will give every possible assistance, through national and international means, to obtain for these children and young persons the necessary care and to ensure that questions relating to their nationality and citizenship should be settled in a spirit of generosity and with a view to their future welfare.

V

The Conference, realizing that reconstruction is viewed by liberated countries not only as a mere emergency task, but also in terms of lasting social progress, invites these countries, when they frame and administer their programmes of social reconstruction, to take into account the international standards which the International Labour Organization has formulated in the Resolution concerning the protection of children and young workers adopted by the Conference at its Twenty-seventh Session.