At its meeting on January 17th, 1939 (104th session), the Council decided to ask the President of the Health Committee and the Chairman of the Committee on Social Questions each to invite one or two of their colleagues on those Committees to proceed with me to an examination of the question of the co-ordination between the Advisory Committee on Social Questions and the Health Organisation. The Committee thus constituted met on June 16th and 17th, 1939, and its report* has been distributed to the Members of the Council.

The Committee first emphasised the two points that appear to me essential, namely that the proposed co-ordination should fully safeguard the autonomy of the two Committees, which have quite separate functions, and that the proposed re-organisation of the Social, Health and Traffic in Opium Sections would make possible that regular and continuous liaison which is always necessary to effect any measure of co-ordination; this re-organisation will, moreover, enable closer cooperation to be achieved between these two Committees and the Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and other Dangerous Drugs, whose work has certain social and health aspects.


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In its report, the Special Committee suggests certain arrangements which would enable the system of liaison officers appointed by each Committee to work with the other to be expanded and reorganised on more methodical lines; in addition, the Special Committee proposes to set up a Committee of Coordination consisting of the Chairman and two members of each Committee and instructed, like the Coordination Committee on Financial and Economic Questions, to take such action as may be required for the harmonious allocation of work between the two bodies concerned, and to present a general report each year to the Assembly.

The proposals of the Special Committee should make it possible to plan the details of the system of permanent co-ordination between the two Committees, which the Assembly instructed the Council to establish. If the Council agrees, I would propose the following draft resolution:

"The Council, endorses the conclusions of the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider coordination between the Advisory Committee on Social Questions and the Health Organisation."