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TRANSFER OF THE WORK FOR THE RUSSIAN AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES
TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION.

Adopted by the Council.

Report by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, High Commissioner for Refugees.

The resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization at its meeting on October 10th, 1924, relating to future work for the Russian and Armenian Refugees has already been communicated to the Council in Document C.680. 1924. XIII of the 18th November 1924.

Immediately after the communication to me of the decision of the Governing Body I resumed my negotiations with the Director of the International Labour Office in order to give effect to the proposal made in the concluding paragraph of my report to the Council of June 7th, 1924. That report, which was approved by the Council at its meeting on June 12th, acquainted the Council with the progress of the negotiations for the transfer of the refugee work to the International Labour Organization and intimated that I would submit concrete proposals to the Council as soon as the conclusions of the Governing Body had been communicated to me.

The resolution of the Governing Body of October 10th implies an acceptance of the transfer of the work connected with the Russian and Armenian Refugees to the International Labour Organization in accordance with the proposals adopted by the Fifth Assembly but the Director of the International Labour Organization agrees that questions of a political or legal character may arise which may not fall entirely within the sphere of that

Organization and on which he may think it necessary to have recourse to the assistance of the League. It would be understood, however, that such recourse would not derogate from the administrative and technical responsibility which would henceforth be vested in the International Labour Organization.

It was in connection with the regulation of these questions that it seemed to me possible to give effect to the requests of the Assembly and of the Council for my continued co-operation and I have proposed to the Director of the International Labour Office that I should continue, under the mandate of the Assembly and the Council, to deal at his request with such questions as may not fall entirely within the sphere of the International Labour Organization and that if the Council agrees the present practice could be continued of submitting reports to the Council from time to time, with appeals for its moral and active support as circumstances may demand.

I hope that these results of the negotiations for the future of the refugee work may meet with the approval of the Council and I venture to submit the following draft resolution for its approval :-

"The Council,

Having noted the resolution of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization of the 10th, October 1924, relating to the future work on behalf of the Armenian and Russian Refugees :

Recognising, however, that questions of a political or legal character may arise involving the intention of the League;

Bearing in mind the unanimous resolutions of the Fifth Assembly inviting Dr. Nansen's continued co-operation in this connection;

Approves the proposals contained in his report of November 24th, 1924, for the future execution of the work for the Russian and Armenian Refugees, in so far as these proposals refer to the Council."