

MR. BRUCE said that he wished to express his appreciation of the action of the United Kingdom in continuing the Empire Marketing Board in this manner.

THE CHAIRMAN suggested that there should be appended to this resolution a short statement regarding the temporary continuance of the Empire Marketing Board, which should express the appreciation of the Conference at the action taken by the Government of the United Kingdom. He added that it was the general understanding that the Government of Canada would be responsible for constituting the proposed Committee, which would meet in London in time to report by May 31, 1933.

IT WAS AGREED that Sir Atul Chatterjee should prepare a brief statement concerning the Empire Marketing Board for inclusion in the Report of the Conference.

IT WAS AGREED to adopt the resolution set forth above, subject to the reservations made before the Committee by MR. HAVENGA on behalf of the Union of South Africa and by MR. LEMASS on behalf of the Irish Free State, as follows:

MR. HAVENGA: "While not wishing to object to the acceptance of the report of the Committee on Methods of Economic Co-operation, I desire, in order to remove any ground for misapprehension, to record the following reservations on behalf of the Union of South Africa:

"1. While not generally adverse to the institution of ad hoc bodies for economic investigation and preparation, the Union Government will not associate itself with any scheme for the erection of any organization in the nature of a permanent secretariat or preparatory committee to Commonwealth Conferences, whether economic or otherwise.

"2. That portion of the report which introduces the draft resolutions relating to the appointment of a Committee to consider the means of facilitating economic consultation and co-operation, must not be read in the sense that the Union Government is committed in principle to give financial support to Commonwealth Economic Organizations."

MR. LEMASS: "I do not object to the adoption of this report and the accompanying resolutions, but I wish it to be made perfectly clear in the published records of the Conference that the Government of the Irish Free State are not prepared to contemplate the setting up of an Imperial Economic Secretariat or of any similar organ of centralization."