

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION.

Resolutions to be put forward by the Chinese Delegation.

1. That the Commission recognising the earnest desire of the Government and people of China to eradicate the production and consumption of opium throughout the Empire and acknowledging that certain progress has already been made in this direction, agrees to recommend, that, in order to assist China to solve the great task she is attempting as expeditiously and as effectively as possible, all the Delegates who are assembled in this Commission should urge their respective Governments to promise their co-operation and readiness to reduce the importation of opium into China pari passu with the reduction of the cultivation of the poppy within her own borders.
2. That the International Opium Commission strongly urges all Governments possessing Concessions or Settlements in China to order the immediate closing of all opium Dens and Opium Shops in the said Concessions or Settlements.
3. That the International Opium Commission strongly urges all Governments possessing Concessions or Settlements in China to take the necessary steps to prohibit the sale in the said Concessions or Settlements of any form of Anti-Opium medicine containing either Opium or Morphia or any of their derivatives.
4. That the International Opium Commission recognizes the immense harm now being done to the people of China by the use of morphia for injecting purposes and recommends ^{to} the various Governments taking part in this Commission the urgent need of the immediate enactment of laws prohibiting the importation of, and sale of, morphia and its ^{or} derivatives, or Hypodermic Syringes, by any of their subjects or citizens in China, except the sale to duly qualified Medical Practitioners for medical purposes only. The Commission also recommends that the laws enacted shall provide for the adequate punishment of such subjects or citizens contravening their stipulation^s, and that it be distinctly understood that the unauthorised possession of morphia and its derivatives or Hypodermic Syringes, is to be considered prima facie evidence of guilt.