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of defence, which was working on measures of Empire defence and calculating requirements. This organisation would be willing to co-operate in any way possible with similar Organisations in the United Kingdom, the Dominions and India.

THE CHAIRMAN in asking Mr. Fourie for his remarks summarised his opening statement and indicated the lines on which the subsequent discussion had proceeded.

MR. FOURIE said that the South African Government were in agreement with the remarks made in the general statement and they had already furnished the United Kingdom Government with information on supply questions from time to time. He was not, however, anxious to give a definite commitment at this stage regarding the supply of raw materials.

THE CHAIRMAN explained that a definite commitment was not expected and he suggested that the South African Government might like to keep in touch with the Principal Supply Officers Organisation in the United Kingdom through their representative here. This arrangement was working satisfactorily in the case of several other Dominion Governments and such co-operation involved no commitment, but merely constituted an exchange of views on various subjects.

MR. FOURIE said that he would arrange to have this point considered and would communicate with the Chairman in due course.

THE CHAIRMAN said he gathered that all the Governments represented were in general agreement with his suggestion regarding supplies of raw materials to the United Kingdom in war.

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