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*To the Council of the League of Nations.*

The Commission of Enquiry into Traffic in Women and Children in the East has the honour to submit to the Council of the League of Nations the report on its findings.

With a view to utilising the vast material collected during the enquiry in a way that would best suit the purpose of their task, the Commissioners have chosen a plan for the structure of the report which, together with the manner of distribution of the drafting work amongst themselves, is described in the Introduction to the Report (page 18).

As a token of cordial appreciation of valuable and helpful interest shown in their work, the Commissioners have invited M. E. E. Ekstrand, Director of the Social Section of the League of Nations Secretariat, to sign the report together with them.

Geneva, December 10th, 1932.

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The Commission of Enquiry into Traffic in Women and Children in the East sat from December 5th to 10th, 1932 (the complete list of members of the Committee is appended), to examine, with the Travelling Commission, the latter's report on its enquiry in the countries visited.

In the first place, the Commission noted with satisfaction that the Travelling Commission had visited nearly all the territories of which the Council had made a list after consulting the Governments concerned. Only the French establishments in India and the Portuguese colonies of Goa and Timor had to be omitted from the Commission's extensive itinerary.

The Commission then examined the report country by country, taking into account the observations of the official representatives appointed by the respective Governments to receive the investigators. The representatives of the following Governments were also, at their own request, heard by the Commission, that they might have an opportunity of submitting their observations on the part of the report relating to their respective countries: China, the Netherlands, Persia, Portugal.

During the examination of the report, interesting exchanges of views took place, and certain amendments were made in the texts relating to the various countries and to the considerations in the general part. The Commission adopted the Travelling Commission's report as a whole, and desires to pay a tribute to the authors of that excellent work. It wishes to emphasise the abundance and interest of the information supplied and the objectivity and impartiality of the conclusions.

The Commission decided to endorse the conclusions submitted in Chapter II, "Considerations and Suggestions submitted to the Council of the League of Nations". It hopes that the Council will specially recommend to the attention of Governments the excellent suggestions regarding "international co-operation", "the rôle of the brothel in international traffic in the East", and "collaboration of authorities with missions and private organisations". In the Commission's opinion, the report could be usefully followed up by instructing the Advisory Commission for the Protection and Welfare of Children and Young People to make a careful study of the various parts and see what practical action they involve.

If the Council is prepared to carry out this suggestion, it might also recommend the Advisory Commission to obtain additional opinions and information by securing the temporary co-operation, on Eastern questions, of persons connected with institutions (missions, private organisations) which are not represented upon it.

In the struggle against the traffic in women and children, it is desirable, in addition to the co-operation of the Advisory Commission, to have the support of public opinion.

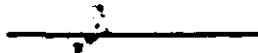
To that end, it would be well to secure the widest possible circulation for the report, both in the East and in the West. Free distribution to the missions, institutions and associations of most value to the cause, and to organs of publicity anxious to enlighten public opinion, should be arranged for.

In concluding its work, the Commission of Enquiry into Traffic in Women and Children in the East desires to express once again its deep gratitude to the New York Bureau of Social Hygiene, which has so generously supplied the funds for the enquiry, and to the Travelling Commission, whose devotion and zeal are beyond all praise.

Geneva, December 10th, 1932.

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