General Statement on Difficulties Relating to Primary Commodities

Members recognize that disturbances in the relationship between the production and consumption of some primary commodities may cause special difficulties. These special difficulties are different in character from those of a nature generally not applying to manufactured goods. They arise out of such conditions as the disequilibrium between production and consumption. These difficulties, which are reflected in the accumulation of burdensome stocks and in pronounced fluctuations in prices, may have a seriously adverse effect on the interests of both producers and consumers. Moreover they may have as well as widespread repercussions which would jeopardize the general policies of economic expansion.