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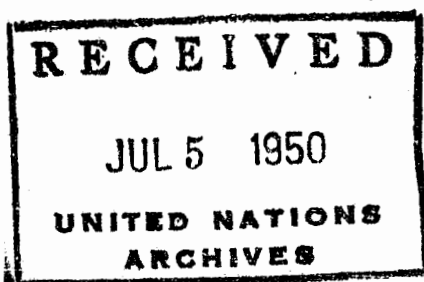
Item 22 of the provisional agenda

SURVEY OF FORCED LABOUR AND MEASURES FOR ITS ABOLITION

Note by the Secretary-General

Since the Secretary-General's Report dated 13 January 1950 (document E/1588), replies and information have been received from Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Egypt, Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Thailand, Turkey, Union of South Africa and Yugoslavia. The texts of these will be found in document E/1337/Add.22 to 32. The replies from the Governments of Czechoslovakia (E/1337/Add.22) and Yugoslavia (E/1337/Add.24) reiterate positions taken by those countries in replies to earlier communications. Argentina (E/1337/Add.31), Belgium (E/1337/Add.26), Bolivia (E/1337/Add.29), Cuba (E/1337/Add.30), Egypt (E/1337/Add.32), Federal Republic of Germany (E/1337/Add.27), Japan (E/1337/Add.28), Thailand (E/1337/Add.22) and Turkey (E/1337/Add.23) are prepared to cooperate in an impartial inquiry or to render assistance in some manner. The Government of the Union of South Africa (E/1337/Add.25) does not make any comment on the question of an inquiry. Therefore, the situation at present is as follows:

1. Thirty-one Member States (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark,



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Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Iceland, India, Iran (E/SR.366, paragraph 35), Israel, Lebanon, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America), and six non-Member States (Austria, Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, Nepal and Switzerland) are prepared to co-operate in an impartial enquiry or to render assistance in some manner.

2. Five countries (Member States of Chile, Saudi Arabia, and Union of South Africa, and the non-Member States of Ceylon and Finland), do not make any comments on the question of an enquiry.

3. The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reiterates its views as embodied in its proposals submitted to the eighth session of the Council. The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic supports the proposals made by the USSR to the Council.

4. The Yugoslav Government submits its own proposals on the matter.

5. The Governments of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Iraq are unable to co-operate.

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