

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

St. James's Palace, London, S. W. 1.
July 18th, 1922.

SIR,

By direction of the Council of the League of Nations, and in virtue of the decision taken by the Council to-day, I have the honour to present herewith, for submission to the Permanent Court of International Justice, the request by the Council that the Court, in addition to the advisory opinion on the competence of the International Labour Organisation asked for by its decision of May 12th, 1922, may also give an advisory opinion on the following question :

„Does examination of proposals for the organisation and development of methods of agricultural production, and of other questions of a like character, fall within the competence of the International Labour Organisation ?”

„L'examen de propositions tendant à organiser et à développer les moyens de production agricole et l'examen de toutes autres questions de même nature, rentrent-ils dans la compétence de l'Organisation internationale du Travail ?”

As documents which may throw light upon this question are submitted with this request :

- 1) Letter, dated June 14th, 1922, from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, containing a Memorandum. (C. 412. 1922. V.)

- 2) Memorandum of the International Labour Office, concerning the request formulated by the French Government for a further opinion upon the competence of the International Labour Organisation in questions relating to agriculture. (C. 440. 1922. V.)

I have the honour to add that, in accordance with the instructions of the Council, the Secretariat of the League will be happy to render the Court all assistance in its power. A copy of this letter has been communicated to the Director of the International Labour Office, which is requested by the Council to give the Court any assistance it may require.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

(signed.) ERIC DRUMMOND,

Secretary General.

To the Registrar,
Permanent Court of International Justice
Peace Palace, the HAGUE.