

17th, 1921, that persons appointed by Danzig to take part in international conferences can act only with the knowledge and consent of the Polish Delegate. Unless such a person has actually been appointed as a Delegate by the Polish Government, he should be a member of the staff of the Polish Delegate, in so far as the latter acts on behalf of the Free City

“ In the list of States represented at an international conference, where both Poland and Danzig are represented, Danzig's name will be put in its alphabetical order independently of that of Poland. In the list of the Delegations and their staffs, the Danzig Delegation will be indicated as consisting of the chief Delegate to the conference for both countries, and of such Danzig members as may be present. The Polish delegation will not include the names of the Danzig members. Where both Poland and Danzig take part in an international conference, Poland will always try to secure a vote in the name of the Free City, besides the vote she possesses in her own name. The Danzig vote will be given by the Delegate.

“ It will be for the Delegate to decide whether the Danzig member shall address a meeting orally or in writing on any subject, or whether the Delegate will himself present the Danzig point of view to the conference. With a view to protecting the interests of the Free City, the Delegate must act in accordance with the terms of the decision of the High Commissioner dated December 17th, 1921, and the agreement of May 17th, 1922.

“ In cases where, by an international convention, different technical organisations of the Contracting States are entitled to direct correspondence or to meet for discussion of a technical character without diplomatic intervention, this will apply also to the respective Danzig organisations, the Polish agreement being considered as given by the conclusion of, or the adherence to, the international convention in the name of Danzig.

“ The expenses of one Danzig member of the Delegation will be borne by Poland throughout the period of the conference.

“ All disputes which may arise between the two Governments concerning the application of any of the stipulations of the present agreement may be submitted to the High Commissioner in conformity with Article 39 of the Convention of November 9th, 1920.

“ The representative of the Polish Republic and the President of the Senate of the Free City of Danzig agree to withdraw their appeals to the Council of the League of Nations against the decision of the High Commissioner dated August 24th, 1922. That decision, together with the High Commissioner's explanatory Note of October 7th, 1922, shall henceforward be regarded as supplemented by the present agreement.

“ The High Commissioner, under whose auspices the present agreement has been worked out, declares that he concurs in all its stipulations.”

I beg to suggest that the Council takes note of this agreement.

Annexe 445.

C. 118. M. 55. 1923. I.

COMPETENCE OF THE POLISH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE AT DANZIG,
INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE RIGHT OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT
TO WELCOME FOREIGN FLEETS OFFICIALLY AT DANZIG.

Report by M. Adatci submitted to the Council on January 30th, 1923.

At the request of the Danzig Government, and in accordance with the provisions of Article 39 of the Polish-Danzig Treaty of November 9th, 1920, the High Commissioner gave a decision on August 23rd, 1922, on the question of the competence of the Polish diplomatic representative at Danzig, including the right of the Polish Government to welcome foreign fleets officially at Danzig.

After setting forth the arguments presented on both sides and analysing the position under the Treaties, he decided as follows

“(1) That the competence of the diplomatic representative of the Polish Government stationed at Danzig is limited as described in Article I of the Treaty of November 9th, 1920, and that no other Article, either of the Treaty of Versailles or of the Treaty of November 9th, 1920, gives him any further powers.

“(2) That the Polish Government has not the right, either through its Diplomatic representative at Danzig or in any other way to welcome officially in Danzig waters or on Danzig soil, a foreign fleet which visits the free City

“(3) That if the Polish Government wish to welcome a foreign fleet in Danzig waters and on Danzig soil, the Danzig Government should be approached on the subject, not as a Polish right, but as a Polish request.”

The Polish Government has appealed against this decision, and, after conversations which have taken place during the last few days at Paris, the following agreement has been reached

The representative of the Polish Government and the President of the Senate of the Free City of Danzig having, under the auspices of the High Commissioner of the League and the Director of the Administrative Commissions Section of the Secretariat, considered the question of the competence of the diplomatic representative of Poland at Danzig, and especially his position in connection with the visit of foreign ships of war to Danzig, have agreed as follows, the High Commissioner concurring

“The High Commissioner’s decision, dated August 23rd, 1922, is replaced by the following provisions

[Translation].

“1. The competence of the diplomatic representative of the Polish Government stationed at Danzig is limited as described by Article 1 of the Treaty of November 9th, 1920.

“As regards the relations of the diplomatic representative with the other Polish organisations in Danzig, such as the postal service, railway administration, etc., these are purely of a domestic nature and the Polish diplomatic representative is in no way hampered from establishing any relations either he or his Government desires with such organisations.

“2. When the warships of a foreign State visit Danzig, the first official visit of the commander of the ship will be paid to the Senate of the Free City which will welcome him on behalf of the Free City

“In consideration of the rights which are accorded to Poland by the Treaty of Versailles, the Polish diplomatic representative at Danzig shall have the right to be paid an official visit by the Commander of the warship on behalf of his Government and to salute the ship in question either on board ship or at his official residence.

“It is, however, understood that Poland will conduct the diplomatic correspondence in connection with the official visits of foreign warships to Danzig and that the Polish Government will make the necessary arrangements so that foreign warships coming to Danzig will be informed of, and act in accordance with, the provisions of this agreement.”

I have the honour to propose that the Council should take note of this agreement.

Annex 446.

C. 103. M. 49. 1923. I.

FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG

First report by M. Adatci and resolution adopted by the Council on January 30th, 1923.

At its meeting on September 9th, 1922,¹ the Council approved certain resolutions concerning the financial situation of the Free City of Danzig, which had been adopted by the Financial Committee of the League on September 6th, 1922. The Financial Committee in these

¹ See *Official Journal*, November 1922 (Part II), pages 1179 and 1241.