

for the Sub-Committee on Customs Statistics, together with the memorandum prepared by Sir Malcolm Delevingne on the position of bonded warehouses in regard to the traffic in narcotics.

" 9. The Council requests the Secretary-General to communicate Resolution 7 of the Advisory Committee, which deals with increased penalties for persons engaged in the illicit traffic in narcotics, to the Governments, requesting them to give to it their earnest consideration.

" 10. The Council, recognising the necessity for the prompt ratification and application of the Convention by such Governments as have so far not ratified it, instructs the Secretary-General to repeat its request to these Governments to take all possible steps for the prompt ratification and application of the Opium Convention.

" 11. The Council is in agreement with the Assembly in taking note with regret of the fact that a number of countries have not yet adopted the Import Certificate System as recommended by the Assembly in 1921 and 1922. It reiterates the opinion expressed by the Assembly in 1922 and in 1923 that this system is the most practical method yet suggested for controlling the traffic in the drugs in accordance with the provisions of the International Opium Convention, and concurs with the view of the Assembly that its success depends on its adoption by all countries engaged in importing or exporting the drugs. In view of the serious difficulties created by the non-adoption of the system up to the present by several important countries, the Council instructs the Secretary-General to request the Advisory Committee to proceed with the consideration of the suggestion contained in the second resolution adopted by the third Assembly in 1922 and to report specially to the next Assembly on the whole situation."

#### SEVENTH MEETING (PUBLIC)

*Held at Paris on Friday, December 14th, 1923, at 11 a.m.*

Present. All the representatives of the Members of the Council and the Secretary-General.

#### 1129. Free City of Danzig Site of a Depot for Polish War Material (including Explosives) in Transit through Danzig.

M. SKIRMUNT, representative of Poland, and M. SAHM, representative of the Free City of Danzig, came to the Council table.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEON read his report (Annex 590a) and submitted the following resolution

" 1. The Council asks the Chairmen of the Technical Committee on Communications and Transit and of the Permanent Advisory Commission on Military Naval and Air Questions each to appoint two experts to form a Committee of Enquiry<sup>1</sup> This Committee will report to the Council through the member of the Council, Rapporteur for this question, as to what site would fulfil the conditions laid down in the agreements presented to and the decision adopted by the Council on June 22nd and 23rd, 1921, with regard to the guarding, the storage and the depot destined for Polish war material in transit. It is understood that the costs of this investigation will be borne in equal parts by the Polish and Danzig Governments.

" 2. The Secretary-General will place at the disposal of the Committee, for their information, such Council documents as already exist with regard to this matter

" 3. The Council, on receipt of the report of this Committee, will be free to consider whether or not and, if so, in what manner, the provisions of the High Commissioner's Decision of April 7th, 1922, should be reconsidered."

M. SKIRMUNT, representative of Poland, had no objections to raise to the Rapporteur's proposal. As, however, the question was somewhat complicated, it would perhaps be better for the two commissions which would eventually choose the experts to carry out the enquiry on the spot to study the question.

M. SAHM, representative of the Free City was of opinion that an enquiry could only take place on the spot. He approved the Rapporteur's resolution.

Lord Robert CECIL did not think that it would be of much practical utility to take the advice of a body composed of thirty members regarding so technical a question as that before the Council. Further, the matter was urgent, and if an explosion occurred before the Council had taken a decision it would be involved in responsibility

<sup>1</sup> This Committee of Enquiry has since been appointed and is constituted as follows  
M. BORG (Danish), Director of the Port of Copenhagen, and  
M. P. G. HÆRNEIL (Swedish), Engineer Adviser and member of the Royal Academy for Technical Sciences at Stockholm, appointed by the Chairman of the Advisory and Technical Committee on Communication and Transit  
Colonel RÉMOND (French) and  
Admiral Aubrey SAITH (British), appointed by the Chairman of the Permanent Advisory Commission on Military, Naval and Air Questions.  
The first meeting of the Committee was held in Danzig on January 31st, 1924.

He therefore approved of the Rapporteur's proposal and added that it would be of advantage for the two experts of the Permanent Advisory Commission to be one a soldier and the other a sailor.

*The resolution was adopted.*

M. Sahn withdrew.

#### 1130. Acquisition of Polish Nationality.

M. de SOUZA DANTAS read his report (Annex 596) and submitted the following resolution

“ The Council of the League of Nations

“ (1) Takes note of the declaration by the Polish Government contained in the memorandum from its representative dated December 10th, 1923

“ (2) Approves, as far as the League of Nations is concerned, the programme of negotiations proposed therein

“ (3) Invites its Rapporteur to submit to it at its next session a report on the result of the Geneva negotiations which are proposed.”

*The resolution was adopted.*

#### 1131. Question of the German Colonists in Poland.

M. de SOUZA DANTAS read his report (Annex 597) and submitted the following draft resolution

“ The Council invites the representatives of Brazil, Great Britain and Italy to examine this question with a view to submitting a report to the Council before the end of the present session.”

*This resolution was adopted.*

M. Skirmunt withdrew.

#### 1132. Request of the International Association for the Promotion of Child Welfare.

M. HYMANS informed the Council that, as a result of an interview which he had had with the representative of Great Britain, in order to reach an agreement, he would propose the adjournment of the question to the next session.

*This proposal was adopted.*

#### 1133. Allocation of the Expenses of the League Ratification of Amendment to Article 6 of the Covenant.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN informed the Council that the Spanish Government had authorised him to sign the Protocol of Amendment to Article 6 of the Covenant regarding the allocation of the expenses of the League.

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### EIGHTH MEETING (PRIVATE)

*Held at Paris on Saturday, December 15th, 1923, at 10 a.m.*

Present. All the representatives of the Members of the Council and the Secretary-General.

#### 1134. Saar Basin Appointment of the Members of the Governing Commission.

M. TANG TSAI-FOU read his report (Annex 598) containing the following resolution

“ 1.	M. LAMBERT	Belgian
	M. LAND	Saar
	Count de MOLTKE-HUITFELDT	Dane
	M. V RAULT	French
	Mr. G. W STEPHENS	Canadian

are appointed to continue in office as members of the Saar Basin Governing Commission from February 13th, 1924, to March 31st, 1924.

“ 2. M. V Rault

is appointed to continue in office as Chairman of the Commission from February 13th, 1924, to March 31st, 1924.”

*The resolution was adopted.*