

## FIRST MEETING (PRIVATE).

*Held at Geneva on Monday, June 8th, 1925, at 11 a.m.*

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

## 1483. Adoption of the Agenda.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL submitted the two following questions, which might be added to the agenda of the present session.

1. *Delimitation of the Polish Munitions Depot in the Danzig Harbour*

The High Commissioner, in a telegram which had been distributed to the Council, had suggested that this question should be put on the agenda of the present session with a view to enabling the Council to examine the case and hear the views of the parties.

The Secretary-General suggested that the Rapporteur for Danzig questions might examine the matter and decide whether he considered it possible for the Council to deal with it at the present session.

2. *Expenses of the Mandatories of the Council for the Protection of the Albanian Minority in Greece.*

The Secretary-General explained that the question concerned the salary of the Albanian assistant appointed by the mandatories and the reimbursement of travelling expenses for a journey which they thought it advisable to take in Epirus. The Council had already adopted resolutions in regard to the expenses of these mandatories and it would accordingly merely be invited to vote a definite credit. He asked the Council to consider whether it would be prepared to discuss the matter towards the end of the present session.

Viscount ISHII proposed that the request submitted during the previous year by the International Parliamentary Trade Conference be placed on the agenda of the session. The members of the Council would recollect that a letter on this question from M. de Vasconcellos, Portuguese delegate at the last Assembly had been communicated to them.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL said that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which would be distributed to the Council, in the event of the question being put on the agenda.

*The Council decided to add to the agenda of the session the two questions proposed by the Secretary-General, as well as the question proposed by Viscount Ishii.*

*The agenda was adopted.*

## 1484. Financial and Administrative Questions.

M. GUANI read the following report, together with the accompanying resolution, *which was adopted by the Council*

(a) *Final Balance-Sheet and Accounts of the Provident Fund for 1924.*

The final balance-sheet of the Provident Fund for the financial year 1924 has been submitted to us in accordance with the regulations of the Fund. As the regulations do not indicate the person who is to be responsible for auditing it, my colleagues will perhaps agree with me that we should ask our auditor to be good enough to undertake this work during his next visit to Geneva.

(b) *Transfer in the Budget for 1925.*

If the Council approves the proposals made in the Secretary-General's report, I propose to submit a resolution for giving effect to those proposals.

(c) *Expenses of the Iraq Commission.*

In view of the obligations undertaken towards the members of the Iraq Commission and the fact that they should be allowed full liberty of action in the carrying out of their work, the proposals made to us by the Secretary-General seem to me eminently reasonable.

I would add, as a matter of form, that I have been informed that the Secretary-General was obliged, on his own authority to anticipate our decision in so far as the honoraria for the month of May were concerned.

(d) *Report of the Supervisory Commission on the Appeal addressed to the Council by M. Monod.*

I think that we might consider this question at another meeting of the session.

I have, therefore, the honour to propose the following resolutions:

" The Council of the League of Nations:

" (a) Takes note of the balance-sheet; of the Staff Provident Fund of the League of Nations, and requests the auditor to be so good as to verify it during his next visit to Geneva,

" (b) Decides to transfer from Item 15 of the 1925 budget (Unforeseen Expenses of the Secretariat) the sum of 12,000 francs and to distribute it in the following manner: