

M. MARINKOVITCH asked that an office might be set up in the Secretariat because delegates could not apply directly to the Geneva authorities. It was undesirable that they should be forced, like M. Litvinoff, to write to the Secretary-General personally about a trifling question of rooms, for instance.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL said that the Secretariat would undertake to forward to the Geneva authorities any letters received from the delegations.

2822. **Free City of Danzig Expiration of the Term of Office of the High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig.**

Mr. HENDERSON reminded his colleagues that, on September 21st, 1928,¹ Count Gravina had been appointed League High Commissioner at Danzig. His appointment had to be reconsidered a year before it expired, and Mr. Henderson was anxious to have the Council's authority to urge Count Gravina to continue his office for another three years.

M. ZALESKI warmly supported the British representative's proposal.

The PRESIDENT noted that all the members of the Council would be grateful if Count Gravina would continue in office for a further three years.

Mr Henderson's proposal was adopted.

FOURTH MEETING (PUBLIC, THEN PRIVATE).

Held on Thursday May 21st, 1931, at 10 a.m.

Present: All the representatives of the Members of the Council and the Secretary-General. M. Grandi was replaced by M. Rosso during part of the private meeting.

2823. **Presidency of the General Disarmament Conference: Message from the British Prime Minister.**

Mr. HENDERSON read the following message from the British Prime Minister

“His Majesty's Government are much gratified by the offer to you of the presidency of the Disarmament Conference and are in full agreement that you should accept the honour which has been conferred upon you.”

The PRESIDENT thanked Mr. Henderson and the British Government very warmly on behalf of the Council, which was particularly grateful to Mr. Henderson for accepting the great responsibility involved in presiding over the Disarmament Conference. He was sure that no better choice could have been made, and the election of Mr. Henderson was a guarantee that, as a result of the Conference, great progress would be made in the League's efforts to ensure the peace of the world.

2824. **Ratification and Signature of Conventions concluded under the Auspices of the League of Nations.**

M. GRANDI presented the following report: ²

“The Council having accepted my suggestion that this question should be placed on the agenda of its May session—and as, moreover, the list of ratification of agreements and conventions is to be laid before it at each session—I have the honour to submit for its consideration the eleventh list prepared by the Secretary-General (Annex 1298).”

¹ See *Official Journal*, October 1928, page 1657
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