

## ANNEX 299.

## THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE FREE CITY.

## AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SENATORS.

*Report by Viscount Ishii, and Resolution adopted by the Council on January 12th, 1922.*

On June 22nd, 1921, the Council adopted a report which included the text of a clause to be inserted as an amendment in the Constitution of the Free City of Danzig. This clause concerned the term of office of the President and of the seven other principal Senators of the Free City. As the Council has already been informed in documents circulated by the Secretary-General, a draft law to amend the Constitution with regard to this matter, which was introduced into the Danzig Popular Assembly by the Senate, has not yet been approved by the Assembly. As explained in the letter dated December 31st, 1921, from the President of the Danzig Senate, the quorum provided for by the Constitution, which must represent at least two-thirds of the elected representatives of the Assembly, could not be obtained for the vote on this amendment when it was brought up for consideration on December 31st, 1921. According to his statement, certain groups in the Assembly obstructed the passage of the amendment because they desired more far-reaching changes in the Constitution. Further statements with regard to this matter by members of the Popular Assembly, which were forwarded to the Secretariat of the League of Nations through the High Commissioner by the President of the Senate, have also been brought to my attention.

I have examined the text of the draft law for the amendment of the Constitution which was circulated in Document No C. 31. M. 6. 1922. I. I have compared it with the text adopted by the Council on June 22nd, 1921, and I believe that the Council will have no objection to raise to the draft law as submitted by the President of the Danzig Senate, and that we can therefore authorise the High Commissioner to give his final approval to the Constitution, as provided for by Article 103, paragraph 1, of the Treaty of Versailles, as soon as this draft law has been finally enacted into law as an amendment to the Constitution.

I trust, moreover, that the Free City of Danzig will take advantage of this further opportunity which is given to it to settle this question at an early date, so that the High Commissioner may be able to inform the Council at the next session that his final approval has been given to the Constitution.

I beg, therefore, to propose the following resolution

## RESOLUTION.

“The High Commissioner of the League of Nations in Danzig is authorised to give his final approval, in accordance with Article 103, paragraph 1, of the Treaty of Peace of Versailles, to the Constitution of the Free City of Danzig when the draft law concerning the term of office of the Senators which was annexed to the letter of November 14th, 1921, from the President of the Senate, shall have been enacted into law as an amendment to the Constitution.”

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## THE POLISH-DANZIG AGREEMENT OF OCTOBER 24th, 1921.

*Report by Viscount Ishii, and Resolution adopted by the Council on January 12th, 1922.*

In a letter of November 11th, 1921, the High Commissioner of the League of Nations in Danzig forwarded a copy of an Agreement signed in Warsaw on October 24th, 1921, between the Polish and Danzig Governments to execute and complete the Treaty between these two countries dated November 9th, 1920. A translation of the table