

FIRST MEETING (PRIVATE)

Held at Rome on Monday, December 8th, 1924, at 11 a.m.

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

1356. Adoption of the Agenda.

The Council decided to postpone until the arrival of M. Benes, Rapporteur, the examination of the request of the British Government concerning the postponement of the question of Arbitration, Security and Reduction of Armaments.

The Council adopted its agenda with this reservation.

1357 Financial Questions.

M. GUANI read the following report

“ 1. Allocation of Expenses.

“ The report of the Committee on the Allocation of Expenses, in which the Chairman summarises the action taken by the Committee to execute the decisions of the fifth Assembly as regards the allocation of the additional units available, does not give rise to any comments.

“ In accordance with the decision taken by the Council last December, the term of office of the Committee expires this year. In order to give effect to the wishes of the Assembly, which the Council will no doubt desire to do, I shall venture to propose that the term of office of the Committee be renewed so that it may be in a position to submit to the sixth Assembly a new provisional scale of allocation, which will come into force as from 1926, for a period to be decided upon.

“ 2. Transfer in the Budget for 1924.

“ I do not think that I need go over the arguments in favour of the proposals which are contained in the document which was submitted to us. If my colleagues are in agreement I shall propose a resolution to give effect to the suggestions made by the Secretary-General.

“ 3. Expenses of the Committee of Jurists appointed to prepare a Report on the Expulsion from Poland of Danzig Citizens.

“ The draft resolution which appears at the end of my report will regularise the advance which, as explained in the Secretariat document, was made with the authorisation of our President, to cover the expenditure of this Committee, which is not large.

“ 4. Place of Meeting of the Committees of the various Organisations of the League.

“ It would seem advisable to request the Secretary-General to communicate to the Chairmen of League Committees the resolution adopted by the Assembly on this question, which I am sure will meet with the approval of the members of the Council.”

The Council adopted the following resolution

“ The Council of the League of Nations

“ (1) Takes note of the report of the Committee on the Allocation of Expenses on the work of its session held after the Assembly which deals with the allocation of the additional available units

“ (2) Renews the term of office of the Committee on the Allocation of Expenses, as at present constituted, until the end of 1925

“ (3) Decides to transfer the sum of 50,000 gold francs from Item 11 (a) (Interest Charges, Bank Accounts) and to apportion it as follows

“ (a) 35,000 gold francs to be added to Item 8 (b) (*Treaty Series*),

“ (b) 15,000 gold francs to be added to Item 8 (c) (*Monthly Summary* and other publications of the Information Section)

“ (4) Decides to charge to Item 26 of the budget for 1924 (Unforeseen Expenses, subject to a special vote of the Council) the expenditure — which should in no case exceed 1,000 gold francs — of the Committee of Jurists appointed to prepare a report on the expulsion from Poland of Danzig citizens

“ (5) Requests the Secretary-General to communicate to the Chairmen of League Committees the resolution adopted by the fifth Assembly as regards the place of meeting of these Committees.”

1358. Question of the Frontier between Turkey and Iraq Expenses of the Iraq Commission.

A memorandum by the Secretary-General was read (Annex 694). In this memorandum the Secretary-General proposed that the Council should consider granting to each member of the Iraq Commission an honorarium of £175 a month.