

The PRESIDENT, on behalf of the Council, thanked Colonel de Reynier for his services.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN said that he desired to recommend that the Polish Government and the President of the Senate of Danzig should endeavour, by amicable conversations between themselves, to reach an understanding. He thanked M. Colban and his assistants for all the help he had received from them.

M. SKRZYNSKI desired to state how much his Government regretted that Colonel de Reynier would be unable to continue his work as President of the Harbour Board and how grateful the Polish Government was to him for the competence and impartiality which he had always shown.

He also desired to thank the Rapporteur for the great diplomatic talent he had shown in his difficult work. He also thanked the officials of the Secretariat who, by their zeal and devotion, helped so largely in the settlement of the disputes.

M. SAHM thanked Colonel de Reynier for the zeal which he had shown in his very delicate duties and for the ability which he had displayed in solving the various difficulties which had arisen.

In regard to the recommendation made by the Rapporteur, he desired to say in the name of his Government, that it would do its utmost to carry on direct negotiations with the Polish Government.

He also desired to thank the High Commissioner and the Council for the time that they had devoted to Danzig questions.

The PRESIDENT, on behalf of the Council, offered his thanks to the High Commissioner. The number of questions which the Council had had to deal with at one sitting had given the members an opportunity of judging what were the difficulties inherent in the task imposed upon him.

In fulfilment of the desire of his colleagues, he also offered the thanks of the Council to the Rapporteur for the assistance which he had given in the many questions which had arisen between Poland and Danzig. These questions had been of great difficulty and delicacy and the Council was much indebted to M. Quiñones de León for the time, labour and judgment he had given to their solution and which had greatly facilitated the task of the Council.

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#### TENTH MEETING (PRIVATE)

*Held at Geneva on Saturday March 14th, 1925, at 10 a.m.*

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

#### 1468. Traffic in Opium and other Dangerous Drugs: Signature by the Soudan of the Convention adopted by the Second Opium Conference.

The PRESIDENT said that the letter of the Secretary-General relative to the signature of the Convention adopted by the Second Opium Conference by the Soudan should be addressed to the Governor-General, who would decide whether the Soudan should sign or accede to the Convention and by whose duly authorised representatives such signature or accession would be effected.

*The Secretary-General took note of the President's statement.*

#### 1469. Free City of Danzig. Appointment of the President of the Harbour Board.

M. Sahn, representative of the Free City and M. Strasburger, representative of the Polish Government, came to the Council table.

*The Council adopted the following resolution*

"1. Colonel HUGUES DE LOËS (Swiss) is appointed President of the Danzig Port and Waterways Board for a period of three years dating from the day when he assumes his duties.

"2. The President of the Port and Waterways Board shall be entitled to receive from the Board a salary of 60,000 gold francs per annum.

"3. Colonel de Reynier will continue to occupy the post of President until the new President takes up his duties."

M. Sahn withdrew.

#### 1470. Transfer by the German Government to the Polish Government of the Social Insurance Fund in the Upper Silesian Territory ceded by Germany to Poland.

A note on this question from the Polish Government, dated March 8th, 1925 (Annex 754), was laid before the Council.