

The report concludes as follows:

It appears that the mandate entrusted by the Council on December 11th, 1924, to the Council's mandatories for the protection of the Moslem minority of Albanian origin in Greece is now drawing to a close. The mandatories will no doubt inform us when they consider that the Council can relieve them of their mandate.

In accordance with this suggestion, the mandatories sent a letter to the Secretary-General on May 5th, 1926 (Annex 879), and this letter has been communicated to us. They stated that the compulsory emigration provided for by the Convention of Lausanne was almost finished throughout Greece. In Macedonia the local representatives of the mandatories had been withdrawn. Some twenty special cases, however, which had been submitted to the Mixed Commission for settlement were still in suspense.

In regard to Epirus, the Commission had decided not to discharge the members of the Sub-Committee until it was in possession of all information necessary for deciding upon certain outstanding cases of exchangeability. The mandatories also mentioned the question of 110 Albanian families in certain villages in the Sub-Prefecture of Kastoria. This question was submitted to the Mixed Commission for decision.

In two telegrams dated June 6th, the mandatories informed the Council that they had withdrawn their representatives in Epirus, although two cases were still unsettled.

The situation therefore seems to be that the mandatories have withdrawn all their local representatives. There remain only a few cases, submitted to the Mixed Commission for settlement. Under these circumstances, I suggest that the Council might instruct the Secretary-General to despatch the attached letter to the mandatories (Annex 879 a).

*The Council approved the draft letter submitted to it by Viscount Ishii.*

### THIRD MEETING (PRIVATE)

*Held at Geneva on Wednesday, June 9th, 1926, at 4 p.m.*

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

#### 1734. Saar Basin Confirmation of the Nomination of a Provisional Substitute on the Governing Commission.

M. SCIALOJA presented the following draft resolution.

The Council confirms the appointment made by Mr. Stephens, Chairman of the Saar Basin Governing Commission, of M. KOSSMANN, Saar Member of the Commission, to act as substitute for the period of Mr. Stephen's absence in June 1926.

*The draft resolution was adopted.*

#### 1735. Erection of a Conference Hall and of Annexes for the Use of the Secretariat. Participation of Danzig, German and Saar Architects in the Competition.

M. GUANI read the following report:

The Secretary-General distributed to the Council a letter dated March 29th, 1926, from the High Commissioner of the League at Danzig concerning a request from the Senate of the Free City that Danzig architects should be allowed to take part in the Architects' Competition for the League of Nations Building at Geneva.

My colleagues will remember that the Council decided, at its meeting on October 28th, 1924, that the competition should be limited to architects of countries Members of the League. I think, however, in view of the special situation of the Free City of Danzig *vis-à-vis* the League of Nations, that it is only natural to allow Danzig architects to take part in the competition. Further, if the Council authorises the Danzig architects to take part, it will perhaps think it advisable to grant the same right to architects of the Saar Basin, which is also in a special situation *vis-à-vis* the League.

I beg to propose, therefore, that the Council should extend the right to take part in the architects' competition opened by the League of Nations to architects who are citizens of the Free City of Danzig and of the Saar Basin.

*The Council adopted M. Guani's proposal.*

*After having considered a memorandum by the Secretary-General, the Council also decided that German architects could take part in the competition.*