

Third Committee.ARMAMENTS.RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY LORD ROBERT CECIL.

- 1) That it is desirable that the Temporary Mixed Commission should be asked to continue the work which it has begun.
- 2) That the Temporary Mixed Commission be asked to prepare a scheme for a general Limitation of armaments in the form of a draft Treaty, to be presented to the Assembly next year. It should, if possible, be published not later than the end of June next year.
- 3) That the recommendation of the First Assembly, that the Members of the League should undertake not to exceed for the next two financial years following the present year the sum total of expenditure on military, naval, and air forces provided for in the budget of that year, should be again forwarded to all Members of the League, together with a statement showing the replies already received to this recommendation.
- 4) That all rights of investigation conferred upon the Council by Article 213 of the Treaty of Versailles should be made applicable to the Members of the League, as soon as a definite scheme for the reduction of armaments under Article 8 of the Covenant has been accepted by them.
- 5) That the Assembly welcomes the summons of the Washington Conference, and expresses the hope that it may result in a substantial reduction of naval armaments.
- 6) That an appeal be made to the scientific men of the world to publish their discoveries in poison gas, and similar subjects, so as to minimise the likelihood of their being used in any future war.

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- 7) That it is desirable that propaganda in favour of the reduction of armaments should be carried out with earnestness and conviction in all nations, especially in those which are Members of the League, and the Assembly appeals to the Delegates to do their utmost to forward this object in their respective countries.
- 8) That in view of the great importance of the question of the Limitation of Armaments, the S.G. be authorised to increase temporarily the provision in the Secretariat for dealing with it.