

1st. July, 1922.

PROPOSAL BY LORD ROBERT CECIL.

1) The H.C.P. hereby agree that if any one of them is attacked all the others will forthwith take such action as may have been agreed upon under Article 4 of this Treaty, or if there is, no agreement, as may be most effective for the defence of the Party attacked, provided that this obligation shall not come into force unless the naval, military and air forces of the party attacked shall have been reduced in accordance with the terms of the Treaty.

2) In consideration of the undertaking contained in the immediately preceding article each of the H.C.P. shall forthwith reduce its naval, military and air forces in the manner and to the extent set out for each of the H.C.P. in the annex hereto.

3) It shall be the duty of the Permanent Military Commission to take into consideration any circumstances in the International situation, which may seem to it likely to disturb the peace of the world, and to advise the Council of the League as to what steps, if any, should be taken to deal with such circumstances in accordance with the general purpose and objects of this Treaty.

4) In the event of any of the H.C.P. regarding itself as menaced by the preparations or action of any other state whether party to this Treaty or not, it may so inform the Secretary General of the League of Nations who shall forthwith summon a meeting of the Council of the League, and if the Council by not less than a three-fourths majority shall be of opinion that there is reasonable ground for thinking that the said preparations or action do constitute a menace as alleged they shall make such representations to the Governments creating the menace, in respect of such preparations or action as they may think right, and shall direct the Permanent Military Commission of the League, or a.....

of a Committee thereof, to submit plans for assistance to be given by the H.C.P. to the party menaced. Such plans if approved by a three-fourths majority of the Council shall forthwith become binding on the H.C.P. Provided that neither under this nor any other article of this Treaty shall any of the H.C.P. not being a European state be bound to furnish any naval, military or air force in Europe, or not being an American state in America, or not being an Asiatic state in Asia, or not being an African state in Africa.

5) Each of the H.C.P. agrees to receive such naval, military and air representatives of the League of Nations as the Council may desire to appoint and undertakes to give to these representatives such facilities and information regarding armaments as the Council may from time to time require. If it shall at any time appear to a majority of the Council that the naval, military or air forces or preparations of any of the H.C.P. are in excess of those agreed to under the annex of this Treaty, the Council shall so inform the party in question, and if the majority of the Council is not satisfied within six months that the naval, military and air forces of the said party have been brought into accordance with this Treaty, they shall suspend the said party from all its rights under this Treaty, they shall suspend the said party from all its rights under this Treaty under such conditions as the Council shall think right, and may take any other measures including, if thought right, a recommendation to the H.C.P.'s that penalties similar to those provided in Article 16 of the Covenant shall be put in force against the said party.

6) Any Member of the League, the United States, Germany or Russia not being one of the signatories to this Treaty may adhere to it by giving notice of adherence to the Secretary-General of the League or to each of the H.C.P. Any state may with the assent of the Council of the League or the H.C.P. adhere conditionally or to part only of the provisions of this Treaty.....

Treaty. Provided always that no such adherence shall be accepted unless the power so adhering has reduced or is ready to reduce its forces in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty.

7) Nothing in this Treaty shall be deemed to diminish or affect the provisions in the Covenant for maintaining the peace of the world.

8) This Treaty shall come into force as soon as of the H.C.P. shall have deposited their ratifications of it with the Secretary-General of the League at Geneva.

9) Any question as to the meaning or effect of this Treaty, not being a question whether the naval, military or air forces or preparations of any of the H.C.P. are in excess of those agreed to under the Annex to this Treaty, shall be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice whose decision shall be final.

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