ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CONFERENCE

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace resolves to express its deep gratitude for the brilliant work of His Excellency Dr. Carlos Saavedra Lamas who has presided so skillfully over the sessions of the Conference, and also its acknowledgment of the admirable services rendered by the Secretary General His Excellency Dr. Felipe Espil and by the Pro-Secretary Dr. Dívico A. Fürnkorn and all the gentlemen of the Secretariat; and further, resolves to express to the Government and people of the Argentine Republic the deep regard of the Conference for their constant courtesy and generous hospitality towards the Delegates throughout their sojourn in this great capital.

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VOTE OF COMMENDATION TO THE MEDIATORY NATIONS IN THE CHACO CONFLICT, AND APPEAL TO BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY.

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace, assembled in Buenos Aires at the instance of President Roosevelt and under the auspices of President Justo, after accomplishing the fruitful task of giving life to the sentiments of solidarity that animate the peoples of the New World, still feeling the impression left by the words of the eminent heads of the Delegations of Bolivia and Paraguay which sounded in the assembly as a promising assertion of the

(resolves:

1. — To express its solidarity with the action of mediation of the six American States which after obtaining the suspension of hostilities, the demobilization of the armies, the repatriation to their homes of thousands of prisoners of war and the reduction of the troops of both ex-belligerents to a maximum of five thousand men, exacting at the same time the mutual pledge to make no further acquisitions of war material excepting such as is indispensable for replacement, as well as the pledge of non-aggression, are now exercising themselves diligently to eliminate the cause of the armed conflict;

2. — To give a vote of commendation to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, United States of America, Perú and Uruguay, who are showing the world the effective value of mediation when carried out by men of good will, worthy of the mission undertaken;

3. — To reiterate the declaration of August 3, 1932, on territorial acquisitions, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol of June 12, 1935, and of the Protocolized Act of January 21, 1936, and, finally;

4. — At the moment the representatives of the 21 American Republics depart to make a supreme appeal that the Governments and peoples of Bolivia and Paraguay, giving to America the greatest example of their love for concord and their unshakeable faith in justice and law, arrive as soon as possible to a direct understanding or, failing that, arrive at an arbitral compromise in homage to that juridical structure which through signed Conventions and Treaties is being transformed into an invariable standard of international American conduct.

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace deems it an honor to assert positively that the two noble and friendly sister Republics will not fail to respond to its appeal in this hour of dangerous confusion in the world in which a whole united and solidary continent has just offered the highest example of its devotion and respect for the eternal juridical and moral principles that govern its relations.

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