

RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1923

With reference to the previous resolutions relating to the procedure to be followed with regard to the protection of minorities, dated October 22nd and 25th, 1920, and June 27th, 1921, the Council of the League of Nations decides that:

1. In order that they may be submitted to the procedure established by the Council resolutions, dated October 22nd and 25th, 1920, and June 27th, 1921, petitions addressed to the League of Nations concerning the protection of minorities:

(a) Must have in view the protection of minorities in accordance with the Treaties;

(b) In particular, must not be submitted in the form of a request for the severance of political relations between the minority in question and State of which it forms a part;

(c) Must not emanate from an anonymous or unauthenticated source;

(d) Must abstain from violent language;

(e) Must contain information or refer to facts which have not recently been the subject of a petition submitted to the ordinary procedure.

If the interested State raises for any reason an objection against the acceptance of a petition, the Secretary-General shall submit the question of acceptance to the President of the Council, who may invite two other Members of the Council to assist him in the consideration of this question. If the State concerned so requests, this question of procedure shall be included in the agenda of the Council.

2. The extension of the period of two months, fixed by the resolution of June 27th, 1921, for observations by the Government concerned on the subject of the petitions may be authorized by the President of the Council if the State concerned so requests and if the circumstances appear to make such a course necessary and feasible.

3. The communication, in accordance with the resolution of June 27th, 1921, to the Members of the League of petitions and of observations (should there be any) by the Government concerned shall be restricted to the Members of the Council. Communications may be made to other Members of the League or to the general public at the request of the State concerned, or by virtue of a resolution to this effect passed by the Council after the matter has been duly submitted to it.

4. The consideration of petitions and observations (should there be any) of the Governments concerned by the President and two other Members of the Council, in accordance with the resolution of October 25th, 1920, shall be undertaken with the sole object of determining whether one or more Members of the Council should draw the attention of the Council to an infraction, or danger of an infraction, of the clauses of the Treaties for the protection of minorities. The right reserved to all Members of the Council of drawing its attention to an infraction, or danger of infraction, remains unaffected.

5. The present resolution shall be communicated to the Governments which have signed treaties or made declarations concerning the protection of minorities.

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