

simultaneously Ethiopian delegate said would state his views when assured Italy intended negotiate in framework and spirit of Covenant. On other hand, semi-official conversations between Chairman and Italian representative indicated Chairman should address Italian Government direct asking it appoint qualified delegate. Letter sent in this sense to Italian Government which replied second April ready send representative Geneva immediately after Easter for preliminary exchange views with Madariaga concerning procedure desired conversations, but added general preliminary discussion might well take place between Madariaga and head of Government at Rome.

Committee Thirteen had further sent Italian Government letter drawing special attention to allegations Ethiopian Government concerning use by Italian army of asphyxiating poisonous or similar gases prohibited by protocol June Seventeenth, 1925, to which Italian Ethiopian Governments parties. Italian Government had replied making reservations concerning competence Committee Thirteen deal with this question and asking if attention Ethiopian Government had also been drawn to use by Ethiopians of methods warfare prohibited by International Regulations and to atrocities committed on Italian prisoners and non-combatant civilians.

At session beginning April eighth Committee Thirteen instructed Chairman Secretary General get in touch soon as possible at Geneva with Italian Ethiopian representatives and further appointed legal sub-committee to consider various Conventions on conduct of warfare with reference to procure for examination and declaration of possible violations. Committee sent request