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nations, would certainly require reference of the dispute to the General Assembly, which is, as I repeat, the most representative body in the proposed machinery of peace of the United Nations.

I do not know if such an important step is likely to be taken at this time by the Conference. My real purpose is only to point out the need of dealing properly with possible deadlocks in the Council, because if they really happen, and if they, as a result, paralyze the activities of the Council, the whole world will be utterly discouraged.

In regard to the Permanent Court of International Justice, the Delegation of El Salvador hopes that the jurisdiction of the Court may be made compulsory for all the United Nations. It is clear to the Delegation that most of the nations of the world are willing to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court. The smaller nations, in particular, cannot but feel that the future Permanent Court of International Justice is their greatest asset in the whole machinery of peace. But this agency will certainly be deprived of a great part of its importance if the larger nations do not all accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court, at least for those disputes which are regarded as justiciable.

The Salvadoran Delegation remembers with pride the fact that the first permanent court of international justice which has ever existed in the world was the Central American Court of Justice, which was organized by El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica.

The Court existed from 1907 to 1917 and it had compulsory jurisdiction over all international controversies between the republics of Central America.

The members of the Delegation of El Salvador place their full confidence in the divine guidance of God in our deliberations. We, therefore, rely fully on the satisfactory results of this Conference. We do not aim at complete perfection of our common work, but we have a definite share in the hopes of all mankind that the machinery of peace which we have the responsibility to produce here may answer effectively the expectations of the whole world.

I thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen.

MR. MOLOTOV (translation): I now recognize the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the Delegation of Greece.