

APPENDIX I.S E C R E TFOREIGN AFFAIRS.DRAFT PREPARED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE.

Note: This copy shows the various amendments accepted at a private meeting of Principal Delegates on June 8th at 4.0 p.m.. The fourth paragraph on pages 1 and 2 was reserved for further consideration.

The representatives of the Governments of the British Commonwealth of Nations gathered in the Conference, have in the course of their proceedings had an opportunity of exchanging views upon foreign affairs and the international situation as it affects their respective interests and responsibilities.

While no attempt was made to formulate commitments, which in any event could not be made effective until approved and confirmed by the respective Parliaments, the representatives of the Governments concerned found themselves in close agreement upon a number of general propositions which they thought it desirable to set out in the present statement.

Thus they agreed that for each member of the Commonwealth the first objective is the preservation of peace. In their view the settlement of differences that may arise between nations and the adjustment of national needs should be sought by methods of co-operation, joint enquiry and conciliation. It is in such methods, and not by recourse individual nations in trials of strength between te-ferre, that the surest guarantee will be found for the improvement of international relations and respect for mutual engagements.

Accepted. Paragraph reserved for further consideration) Holding these views and desiring to base their policies upon the aims and ideals of the League of Nations, they found themselves unanimous in declaring that their respective