

Italy at the extraordinary session of the Council in London, and with the Permanent Delegate of Ethiopia, whom they had asked to proceed thither.

It appeared from the conversation with the Ethiopian Delegate that his Government's views were set out in the declaration of March 20th, 1936, addressed to the Committee of Thirteen (document C.142.M.81.1936.VII).

With regard to the method that the Chairman, assisted by the Secretary-General, proposed to follow in order to obtain information as to the views of the two parties, the Delegate of Ethiopia said that he would remain at the Chairman's disposal.

Referring to conversations to which the Chairman, in order to expedite the process of obtaining information, might think it useful to invite the representatives of both parties simultaneously, the Ethiopian Delegate said that he would state his attitude as soon as he received an assurance that Italy intended to negotiate within the framework and in the spirit of the Covenant, as he had asked in the aforesaid letter to the Committee of Thirteen dated March 20th, 1936.

Further, the Ethiopian Government forwarded on April 1st, a declaration addressed to the Council and the Committee of Thirteen and which has been distributed as document C.131.M.70.1936.VII.

It appeared from informal conversations with the representative of Italy at the extraordinary session of the Council that the proper procedure for the Chairman of the Committee of Thirteen was to communicate direct with the Italian Government and ask it to designate a delegate to get into touch with the Chairman, who would be assisted by the Secretary-General. On March 27th, the Chairman sent the Italian Government a letter, copy of which is appended to this report. The reply to this letter which reached the Chairman on April 2nd, is also appended.

The Chairman thinks it proper to send this report to his colleagues at the present stage for their information. At the same time he has requested the Secretary-General to invite the Committee to meet in Geneva on April 8th.