

In submitting these proposals to the Conference, the German delegation wish to make it clear that the German Government cannot accept a Convention unless its provisions are equally applicable to Germany and to other signatory countries.

## I. LAND FORCES.

### A. *Personnel.*

1. The personnel of the land forces shall generally be recruited only by means of voluntary enlistment.
2. Should this solution prove to be unacceptable to the Conference, and should, in consequence, the choice of their military system be left to the decision of the countries themselves, it will be necessary, in the case of conscript armies, to make adequate allowance for trained reserves, which are known to constitute the main part of armies in case of war and to include these trained reserves in the general reduction.
3. Due regard must be had in any case to the special circumstances of States having a militia system.
4. The number of officers should be fixed at the lowest possible figure for all countries alike in terms of a percentage of the total effective strength of the armies, and that figure must not be exceeded.
5. Police forces, gendarmerie and similar organisations must be limited and subjected to provisions excluding their utilisation for military purposes.

### B. *Material.*

6. It shall be generally and absolutely forbidden to maintain and utilise the following categories of arms:
  - (a) Outside fortresses and field works: guns of more than 77-mm. and howitzers of more than 105-mm.;
  - (b) In fortresses and field works: guns of more than 150-mm. and howitzers of more than 210-mm.;
  - (c) Mortars and trench-mortars of every kind of a calibre of more than 150-mm.;
  - (d) Tanks of every kind.
7. The armaments allowed under the above regulation shall be fixed for each State both as regards categories and quantities, together with a uniform allowance for replacements. Countries which do not possess armament factories and work-shops of their own can furthermore be authorised to retain certain reserve stocks. Armaments existing beyond the authorised limit must be destroyed.

### C. *Fortifications.*

8. The construction and maintenance of fortresses, field works and works which, owing to their proximity to the frontier constitute a direct menace to the neighbouring country and might possibly obstruct measures taken for the prevention of war, shall be prohibited. (As regards coast-defence works, see II.C.)

## II. NAVAL FORCES.

### A. *Material.*

9. The maximum tonnage of the various types of vessels shall be reduced simultaneously with a proportional reduction of the total tonnage. No vessel of war shall, in future, exceed 10,000 tons or carry guns of a calibre of more than 280-mm.
10. The maintenance of both naval and land air forces being prohibited under Chapter III, the maintenance of aircraft carriers is likewise generally forbidden.
11. Submarines shall be abolished and forbidden.
12. The following "definitions" shall apply to all vessels except special ships or vessels exempt from limitation:
  - (a) *Capital ships*: vessels of war whose displacement exceeds 6,000 tons standard displacement or which carry a gun with a calibre exceeding 150-mm.;