

the employment of other means of reaching agreement, the parties may, by mutual consent, submit the dispute, with a view to an amicable settlement, to the Committee of Experts referred to in Article 8.

In such circumstances, this Committee may request the parties to submit their observations either orally or in writing, and shall give an advisory opinion on the question at issue.

#### ARTICLE 11.

Any High Contracting Party may, at the time of signature, ratification or accession, declare that, in accepting the present Convention, he does not assume any obligations in respect of all or any of his colonies, protectorates, overseas territories or territories under suzerainty or mandate; and the present Convention shall not apply to any territories named in such declaration.

Any High Contracting Party may give notice to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations at any time subsequently that he desires that the Convention shall apply to all or any of his territories which have been made the subject of a declaration under the preceding paragraph, and the Convention shall apply to all the territories named in such notice one year after its receipt by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations.

Any High Contracting Party may, at any time after the expiration of the five years' period mentioned in Article 16, declare that he desires that the present Convention shall cease to apply to all or any of his colonies, protectorates, overseas territories or territories under suzerainty or mandate, and the Convention shall cease to apply to the territories named in such declaration six months after its receipt by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations.

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations shall communicate to all the Members of the League of Nations and non-member States mentioned in Article 12, all declarations and notices received in virtue of this article.

#### ARTICLE 12.

The present Convention, of which the French and English texts shall both be authentic, shall bear this day's date; it may, until the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, be signed on behalf of any Member of the League of Nations, or of any non-member State which was represented at the Conference of Geneva, or to which the Council of the League of Nations shall have communicated a copy of the Convention for this purpose.

The present Convention shall be ratified. The instruments of ratification shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, who shall notify their receipt to all Members of the League and to the non-member States referred to in the preceding paragraph.

#### ARTICLE 13.

As from the first day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, the present Convention may be acceded to on behalf of any Member of the League of Nations or any non-member State mentioned in Article 12.

The instruments of accession shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, who shall notify their receipt to all the Members of the League and to the non-member States mentioned in Article 12.