

SANCTIONS - RIDDELL

Action by Canadian Government. - 1.

Statement given to the Press by Secretary of State for External Affairs, October 29, 1935.

One of the first questions to which the new Government has found it necessary to give attention is the issue raised by the conflict between Italy and Ethiopia and Canada's relation to it as a member of the League of Nations.

In the meetings of the Council and Assembly of the League in the early part of October, the Member States, through their accredited representatives, joined almost unanimously in accepting the conclusion that Italy had resorted to war in violation of its obligations Under Article XII of the Covenant, and were considered thereby to have accepted the obligation of applying against Italy sanctions as provided under Article XVI of the Covenant. Canada, under the direction of the previous Administration, participated in that action. A Co-ordinating Committee of the Council and the Assembly has submitted to the Governments of the League five specific proposals:

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