

"2. The Ethiopian Government observes that it has asked for financial assistance, 'invoking the recent work and discussions of the Assembly.' The Convention for Financial Assistance, to which the Ethiopian Government refers, has not come into force, and there appears to be no possibility of providing for the organisation of financial assistance at the present moment.

"3. In its note of January 3rd, the Ethiopian Government demanded an impartial enquiry into the way in which hostilities were being conducted by the two belligerent armies in Ethiopian territory. Such an enquiry now appears to it 'of less value.' The Ethiopian Government therefore does not press its request and the Committee, for its part, does not think that it is for it to comply with the request in the present circumstances.

"4. When, on December 19th, the Council instructed the Committee to examine the situation as a whole, it had primarily in view the necessity of putting an end to the war, a question which has been the constant preoccupation of the Members of the League since last October. In accordance with their international undertakings, they have concerted economic and financial measures, being animated by an earnest desire to re-establish a just peace as speedily as possible. They have always been resolved to neglect no opportunity of facilitating and hastening the settlement of the dispute through an agreement between the parties within the framework of the Covenant. The Committee of Thirteen, for its part, declares that, if such an opportunity had existed to-day, it would have at once submitted suggestions to the Council. It will not fail to do so, should more favourable circumstances arise. At present, it can only decide to watch the situation carefully, in accordance with the mandate which it received from the Council on December 19th.

"5. The Committee will meet whenever its Chairman deems this to be necessary. It will also be convened at the request of one of its members or one of the parties."

This is the unanimous report of the Committee of Thirteen—that is to say, the Council without the parties to the dispute. To that report, I have nothing to add.

Baron ALOISI.—The Chairman of the Committee of Thirteen has just submitted a report on the mandate entrusted to it. There is no need for me to discuss the various points in that report. I shall therefore abstain from voting.

*The conclusions of the report were adopted, the representative of Italy abstaining.*