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Hon. W. L. McKenzie-King,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

The World's Court League wishes to form among its members an International Council, comprising in each nation a group of its most worthy and eminent citizens. The Board of Governors of the League cordially invites you to join the League, if you have not already done so, and to become also a member of its International Council.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University and Director of the Division of Intercourse and Education in the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has already accepted the presidency of the Council.

The various agencies and societies for promoting international cooperation and peace, existing in all parts of the civilized world, have programs of widely different extent and character. All of them are practically unanimous in one point, viz: That there ought to be an International Court of Justice for the settlement of international disputes.

Since this is the one principle common to all such platforms, whether European or American, and since, furthermore, such a World Court was agreed upon by the Second Hague Conference, and was completed except in one detail, it is surely wise to concentrate all available resources and influence upon the effort to give, as soon as possible, definite form to a World Court with necessary auxiliary institutions, sustained by international agreements and by public opinion.

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