

and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of China, invites the government of Canada to send representatives to a conference of the united nations to be held on April 25, 1945, at San Francisco in the United States of America to prepare a charter for a general international organization for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The above named governments suggest that the conference consider as affording a basis for such a charter the proposals for the establishment of a general international organization, which were made public last October as a result of the Dumbarton Oaks conference and which have now been supplemented by the following provisions for section C of chapter 6.

C. Voting

1. Each member of the security council should have one vote.
2. Decisions of the security council on procedural matters should be made by an affirmative vote of seven members.
3. Decisions of the security council on all other matters should be made by an affirmative vote of seven members including the concurring votes of the permanent members; provided that, in decisions under chapter 8, section A and under the second sentence of paragraph one of chapter 8, section C, a party to a dispute should abstain from voting.

Further information as to arrangements will be transmitted subsequently. In the event that the government of Canada desires in advance of the conference to present views or comments concerning the proposals, the government of the United States of America will be pleased to transmit such views and comments to the other participating governments.

Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Ray Atherton.

The Right Honourable
the Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa.

The invitation was accepted in the following terms:

Office of the Secretary of State
for External Affairs

Ottawa, March 5, 1945.

Sir,—The government of Canada is pleased to accept the invitation conveyed in your Note No. 293 of March 5, on behalf of the governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of China to send representatives to a conference of the united nations to be held on April 25, 1945, at San Francisco to prepare a charter for a general international organization for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The government of Canada agrees that the conference should accept as a basis for its discussions the proposals for the establishment of a general international organization, which were made public in October, 1944, and have now been supplemented by the addition set forth in your Note of provisions regarding voting procedure in the security council.

Note has been taken of the offer of the government of the United States of America to transmit to other participating governments such views or comments concerning the proposals as the government of Canada may desire to present in advance of the conference. I shall communicate with you again if the government of Canada decides to take advantage of this offer.

Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

W. L. Mackenzie King,
Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

His Excellency
The Hon. Ray Atherton,
Ambassador of the United States
of America,
United States Embassy,
Ottawa.

I do not think there is any question that this house will be prepared to endorse the acceptance by the government of the invitation to Canada to send representatives to the world security conference at San Francisco.

At yesterday's sitting, I gave notice of the resolution which appears on to-day's order paper. In accordance with the understanding reached at the time, I now move, seconded by Mr. St. Laurent:

That it is expedient that the Houses of Parliament do approve the following resolution:

Whereas the government of Canada has been invited by the government of the United States of America, on behalf of itself and of the governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of China, to send representatives to a conference of the united nations to be held on April 25, 1945, at San Francisco in the United States of America to prepare a charter for a general international organization for the maintenance of international peace and security, and

Whereas the invitation suggests that the conference consider as affording a basis for such a charter the proposals for the establishment of a general international organization which have been made public by the four governments which participated in the discussions at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, and

Whereas the government of Canada has accepted the invitation to send representatives to this conference,

Therefore be it resolved—

1. That this house endorses the acceptance by the government of Canada of the invitation to send representatives to the conference;

2. that this house recognizes that the establishment of an effective international organization for the maintenance of international peace and security is of vital importance to Canada, and, indeed, to the future well-being of mankind; and that it is in the interests of Canada that Canada should become a member of such an organization;

3. that this house approves the purposes and principles set forth in the proposals of the four governments, and considers that these proposals