- IV. To complete the evidence contained in its report, the Ethiopian Government has instructed its delegation at Geneva to lay before the Committee of Thirteen two new items of information.
- 1) The Ethiopian Government urgently requests the Committee of Thirteen to hear the evidence of Dr. BELAU, a Polish doctor, who was made prisoner by the Italian troops and, under threat of death, was compelled to sign a false statement regarding the bombing of the American Red Cross hospital at Dessie in December 1935. Dr. BELAU is now at Geneva, and that Ethiopian delegation is able to inform the Committee of his address.
- 2) A telegram in clear just received, from its Government by the Ethiopian delegation, states as follows: "Please inform the League of Nations immediately that the Italians have also begun to use asphyxiating gases on the Ogaden front. On April 8th they discharged gas on DAGABUR and SASSABANEH. Eighty persons were affected; they are suffering horribly in the eyes and lungs and from skin burns. Protest energetically against these inhuman and forbidden acts."
- V. The Ethiopian delegation cannot believe that, in view of these systematic terrorising practices, the League of Nations will continue to preserve the impassiveness that has allowed the aggressor to reduce to despair a people that is being doomed to extermination.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) WCLDE MARIAM, Ethiopian Minister.

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