

forty-eight hours before the election which shall not be held before the seventh day of the Assembly's session;

The notice of the candidature shall be given in writing to the Secretary-General, who shall forthwith bring it to the attention of the Assembly. The Secretary-General shall at the time of the election place before the Assembly a list of the Members which have been duly put forward as candidates."

In the administration of these rules, however, certain conventions have already been more or less accepted. Of the ten non-permanent seats on the Council two have become quasi-permanent. Poland and Spain have regularly secured the two-thirds majority required under paragraph 2bis of Article 4 of the Covenant to establish their re-eligibility and are now to all intents and purposes "permanent" Members of the Council. There remain eight seats nominally "free" - two of which are to be filled in 1934.

However, the development of blocs of States united by common political, economic, or geographical interests, coupled with the general recognition of various gentlemen's agreements that certain groups of States will always be represented on the Council, has reached a stage in which all the non-permanent seats are, in practice, allocated in advance to one or other of the several blocs.