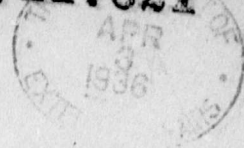


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COMMUNICATION FROM THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

London, March 21st, 1936.

To the Secretary-General.

I am directed by my Government to request you to communicate to the Members of the Council and of the League of Nations the following declaration.

At the present moment, when the whole world is pre-occupied with anxiety to maintain peace, we venture to remind the League of Nations once more that Ethiopia has been the victim of an aggression which has been condemned by the States Members of the League unanimously, and that this question is to appear on its agenda. Italy is not merely waging a war of aggression, but is also systematically destroying, notwithstanding all her international undertakings, the ambulances that have come to Ethiopia to aid our wounded, such as the British ambulance and the Swedish, Egyptian and national Red Cross ambulances, and does not spare our wounded who are under treatment there.

Although a Member of the League, Italy is ignoring all the engagements she has assumed within the League. She is making use of asphyxiating gases and raining down hyperite on inhabited centres; and over immense areas she is massacring the population of women, children and aged people. She is destroying the churches and holy places.

Resolute in the defence of the independence and integrity of Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Government and people have been fighting the invader for months past, putting their trust in justice and in the principles of the League Covenant.

The Ethiopian Government therefore requests you to be good enough to communicate this statement of the situation to all the States Members of the League. It asks them to consider what effective steps can be taken to bring to an end forthwith the atrocities committed by Italy.

I have the honour, etc.

(Signed) WOLDE MARIAM.

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