

4. In these circumstances, it appears to be the duty of the League of Nations to offer to extend to the Ethiopian Government collaboration and assistance on a collective international basis, so as to enable the latter resolutely to undertake the wide measure of constructive action necessary, not only to improve the lot of the Ethiopian people and to develop the natural resources of the country, but also to enable the Empire to live in harmony with its neighbours.

In view of the obligation of every Member of the League to respect the independence of the other Members, any plan of assistance should receive the previous consent of the Ethiopian Government.

A general outline of the form which international assistance to Ethiopia with a view to her administrative reform and economic development might take is given below.

II

1. CHARTER OF ASSISTANCE

Recalling work previously done by the League, the Charter of Assistance will take the form of a protocol recording the acceptance by the Ethiopian Government of a plan of reforms drawn up by the Council of the League.

2. PUBLIC SERVICES REQUIRING REORGANISATION

(1) *Police and Gendarmerie*

Mission of foreign specialists appointed to organise a corps of police and gendarmerie, which will be responsible for:—

A. Ensuring the application, throughout the Empire, of existing or future laws for:—

(a) Prohibiting and suppressing slavery;

(b) Strictly regulating the carrying of arms by persons not belonging to the regular army or to the police and gendarmerie forces.

B. Policing centres in which Europeans reside (Addis Ababa, Dire-dawa, Harrar).

C. Ensuring security in agricultural areas where Europeans may be numerous and where the local administration may not be sufficiently developed to provide them with adequate protection.

D. Maintaining order in the frontier territories of the Empire so as to safeguard neighbouring territories against incursions, particularly those whose objects are the slave traffic, looting and smuggling.