

seem desirable that Canada should formally withdraw its recognition of Italian sovereignty over this country and recognize Haile Selassie as its rightful sovereign.

If this action is approved, recognition could be most appropriately effected by a note from our High Commissioner in London to the Ethiopian Minister there. I enclose a draft[†], for your approval, which we might authorize Mr. Massey to send.³¹

N. A. R[OBERTSON]

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Extrait du procès-verbal du Comité de guerre du Cabinet
Extract from Minutes of Cabinet War Committee

SECRET

Ottawa, February 18, 1943

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RECOGNITION OF ETHIOPIA

39. THE PRIME MINISTER said that the freeing of Ethiopia from Italian rule and the restoration of an Ethiopian government under Emperor Haile Selassie had raised the question of Canadian recognition.

It was recommended that recognition be accorded in an appropriate manner.

40. THE WAR COMMITTEE approved the Prime Minister's recommendation.

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne
Secretary of State for External Affairs
to High Commissioner in Great Britain

DESPATCH 140

Ottawa, February 23, 1943

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your exchange of letters with the Ethiopian Minister of December 12th[†] and 15th last[†], and to request you to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Government of Canada, to express to the Ethiopian Minister the gratification which is felt in Canada at the declaration by the

³¹ Les notes suivantes étaient écrites sur ce mémorandum:

³¹ The following notes were written on the memorandum:

O.K. See note on draft. W. L. M[ACKENZIE] K[ING]

I think it would be well to have this approved by Council or by the War Committee or members of Gov[ernment] will wish to know as declaration is made in their name. K[ING]