

eral clause in the Convention, but the French proposal was defeated by a large majority. The Convention as finally adopted does not therefore contain a federal clause.

7. When the vote was finally taken on the amended text of the draft Convention, it was adopted by 34 votes in favour, including Canada, with no opposition and 8 abstentions including the United States, the United Kingdom, and France.

8. I am attaching herewith a list of the votes taken in Committee Three indicating how Canada voted in each case.† I am enclosing also copy of a statement made by the United Kingdom representative explaining why he had to abstain from voting on the draft convention as a whole.†

I have, etc.

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*Note du secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le Cabinet*

*Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Cabinet*

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Ottawa, December 8, 1949

UNITED NATIONS PANEL FOR ENQUIRY AND CONCILIATION

On April 28, 1949, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution providing for the creation of a Panel for Enquiry and Conciliation to be available to any states involved in controversies and to the General Assembly, the Security Council and other subsidiary organs, when exercising their respective functions in relation to disputes and situations. A copy of this resolution is attached as Annex A.†

2. The Panel is to consist of persons designated by Member States who, by reason of their training, experience, character and standing are deemed to be well-fitted to serve as members of commissions of enquiry or of conciliation and who would be disposed to serve in that capacity. Each member state may designate from one to five persons, who may be either private persons or government officials. In designating any of its officials, however, a state shall agree to make every effort to make such person available if his services on a commission are requested. Two or more states may designate the same person.

3. Members of the Panel shall be designated for a term of five years and such designations shall be renewable. In the performance of their duties members of commissions shall not seek or receive instructions from any government. Member-