

## VI. ANGLO-FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICT

No. 20

**Text of the Suggestions for an Agreed Settlement of the Conflict, submitted by the Governments of the United Kingdom and France to the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy on December 10th, 1935<sup>1</sup>**

LETTER, DATED DECEMBER 13TH, 1935, FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

[*Translation.*]

GENEVA, December 13th, 1935.

Since the failure of the efforts undertaken by the League of Nations to find a peaceful solution of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict, the desire has been expressed on several occasions, both in the Council and the Assembly, to see the conflict brought to an end by an agreed settlement as soon as possible.

The Governments of the United Kingdom and France have worked out together, bearing in mind the deliberations of the Committee of Five, the bases of a settlement of this nature, and instructed their representatives at Rome and Addis Ababa on December 10th to lay before the Italian and Ethiopian Governments certain suggestions in this sense.

We have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of this document, which we should be glad if you would communicate to the Members of the Council. We shall not fail to transmit to you, in the same way, the replies of the interested Governments as soon as they have been received.

(*Signed*) Anthony EDEN.

(*Signed*) Pierre LAVAL.

### *Outline of an Agreed Settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian Conflict*

PARIS, December 10, 1935.

#### I. *Exchange of Territories*

The Governments of the United Kingdom and France agree to recommend to His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia the acceptance of the following exchanges of territory between Ethiopia and Italy:

(a) Tigre: Cession to Italy of eastern Tigre, approximately limited on the south by the River Gheva and on the west by a line running from north to south, passing between Aksum (on the Ethiopian side) and Adowa (on the Italian side).

<sup>1</sup>League of Nations Official Journal January, 1936.