

of foreign relations, particularly those with foreign countries on their borders The governing consideration underlying all discussions of this problem must be that neither Great Britain nor the Dominions could be committed to the acceptance of active obligations except with the definite assent of their own governments."

The principles that have emerged from various Imperial Conferences are as follows:

1. Each self-governing portion of the Empire is primarily responsible for its own local defence.
2. The security of the Empire is a matter of concern to all its governments.
3. The military action taken at any time in peace or war is a matter for individual decision on the part of each Empire Government.

In Canada it is most definitely a matter for decision by the Canadian Parliament.

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