

The Government of Canada shares the view that the present is a very critical time in the affairs of the world, but, particularly and immediately, in the affairs of Europe. More than one delegate with intimate knowledge of the situation has already spoken of the growing tension throughout this Continent. With a less intimate knowledge, Canada has refrained from putting forward, in advance of this meeting, any comments or proposals. The means of solving immediate <sup>European</sup> problems are we believe best known to the nations of Europe themselves, and likely, at this juncture, to be most effective if applied by direct negotiation. Having said this, may I add that we believe the present is a time when no country should be satisfied with appearances or professions. It is a time when the reality and effectiveness of whatever is being considered should as completely as possible be known and disclosed. Undertakings are meaningless apart from the will, the intent, and the capacity to meet obligations assumed.

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