

and cheerfully collaborate in any proposals acceptable to the other Members of the Commonwealth, provided the common status was preserved and safeguarded.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL suggested that the Meeting should consider future procedure, after which Mr. Berendsen would perhaps be in a position to say whether the New Zealand Delegation would like to have a further opportunity at another Meeting of the Committee to state in greater detail their point of view on the questions examined at the meetings up to date.

Future
Procedure.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL observed that at the previous Meeting the representatives of Australia had expressed the view that it would be undesirable to attempt to formulate any Joint Report, except perhaps on the question of Treaty procedure, and that it would be preferable, if the representatives of the various Delegations reported the proceedings of the Meeting separately to their own Delegates.

MR. KNOWLES explained that since the last Meeting the remaining Australian Delegates had arrived, and the Delegation as a whole took the same view as had been taken by the Delegates previously in London, namely, their interpretation of the arrangements which had been made was that this preparatory body was in no way a Committee of the Imperial Conference, but that it was an informal body, the purpose of which was to endeavour to clarify in advance points of view on the constitutional questions. If the Imperial Conference decided to set up a formal Committee with definite terms of reference, the Australian Delegation would, of course, be ready to take part in these proceedings.