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PRESS STATEMENT.

The general position of Canada in relation to the conflict between Italy and Ethiopia and in relation to the action which is being taken by the League of Nations in respect thereto has already been stated in a communication given to the Press by the Prime Minister of Canada on the 29th October of this year.

In the meetings of the Council and Assembly of the League in the early part of October, the Member States joined almost unanimously in accepting the conclusion that Italy had resorted to war in violation of its obligations under Article 12 of the Covenant and were considered thereby to have accepted the obligation of applying against Italy sanctions as provided under Article 16 of the Covenant. Canada under the direction of the previous Administration had participated in that action. A Coordinating Committee of the Council and Assembly submitted to the Government of the League five specific proposals (1) prohibition of the export of arms and munitions to Italy; (2) prohibition of loans and credits to Italy; (3) prohibition of all imports from Italy; (4) prohibition of export to Italy of certain key-commodities useful for military operations; (5) provision for mutual assistance in contingencies arising out of the application of economic sanctions.

The Government's position was then stated in the following terms:

"The Government has no doubt it expressed the overwhelming conviction of the people of Canada in declaring its continued and firm adherence to the fundamental aims and ideals of the League of Nations,

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