

matters submitted to it by the Council, and may also of its own motion, make recommendations to the Council respecting any of the matters set forth in the Preamble.

Reasons for Amendment: (a) Unnecessary words are omitted; (b) the order of expression is changed so as to conform with Article III; (c) the Body of Delegates is established by language corresponding to that employed in Article III; (d) the general powers and duties of the Body of Delegates should be expressed.

Article III is as follows:

The Executive Council shall consist of representatives of the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, together with representatives of four other States, members of the League. The selection of these four States shall be made by the Body of Delegates on such principles and in such manner as they think fit. Pending the appointment of these representatives of the other States, representatives of . . . shall be members of the Executive Council. Meetings of the Council shall be held from time to time as occasion may require and at least once a year at whatever place may be decided on, or failing any such decision, at the Seat of the League, and any matter within the sphere of action of the League or affecting the peace of the world may be dealt with at such meetings.

Invitations shall be sent to any Power to attend a meeting of the Council at which matters directly affecting its interests are to be discussed and no decision taken at any meeting will be binding on such Power unless so invited.

Proposed Amendment:

The Council shall consist of representatives of the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, together with representatives of four other States members of the League to be selected by the Body of Delegates. Pending such selection representatives of . . . shall be members of the Council.

Meetings of the Council shall be held at least once a year and also as occasion may require, at the Seat of the League or elsewhere as may be determined from time to time.

The powers and duties of the Council shall extend to all matters within the sphere of the League as defined in this Covenant and generally to all matters affecting the peace of the world.

If the direct interests of any State are to be considered at any meeting of the Council, such State shall be requested to send representatives to such meeting; otherwise no such State shall be affected in respect of such interests by the conclusions reached at such meeting.