

The Sixth Committee dealt with Political Questions. It recommended the admission of the Dominican Republic into the League, approved the programme and method of work proposed by the Temporary Commission on Slavery for inquiries into the extent of that institution in backward areas, and reviewed the subject of mandates, in the light of the report of the Mandates Commission and of observations made by the representatives of Belgium, France, New Zealand, and South Africa. Recommendations of a sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Macdonald, into the situation in Georgia, were accepted by the Assembly and transmitted to the Council.

The concluding business of the Assembly was the election of members of the Council. The Council now consists of representatives of four permanent members, Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan, and of six non-permanent members. The Covenant does not prescribe any method of selecting members. In 1921 an amendment was proposed, prescribing a definite method, but its adoption has been prevented by the opposition of some states now represented on the Council. In 1922 a resolution was adopted to limit the tenure of office to three years, and to make retiring members ineligible until three years later. This resolution has not yet been acted upon. All of last year's non-permanent members were re-elected, Belgium, Brazil, Czecho-Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, and Uruguay, of whom Belgium, Brazil, and Spain have been members continuously since the first election in 1920.

In conclusion, we should like to record our impression of the high degree of efficiency of the permanent Secretariat at Geneva, the seriousness and ability of the discussions in the Committees and the Assembly, and the very evident growth of an international consciousness and of new standards of international conduct, side by side with a defence of legitimate national interests.

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