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But, as it already maintained in a statement of September 28, 1944, it desires that France be included in the category of big members of the Council not subject to election by the Assembly, as a tribute to her role as champion of liberty, to her moral significance, to her sorrow and sacrifices in the trials of war and to her permanent collaboration in the processes and destinies of universal culture.

It is also of the opinion that the Latin American nations should be considered for membership in the Council in view of their proven ideals of international peace and harmony.

With respect to the constitution of the International Court of Justice, Uruguay believes that all differences and controversies between countries which cannot be settled by friendly means or arbitral procedures, should without any exception be submitted to its jurisdiction and decision. It maintains this, because it has the conviction that all international conflicts are susceptible of solution by law; and because it entertains the fear that, if distinctions are made between political and juridical disputes, and if the former should be eliminated from the scope of the International Court of Justice, the situation might tend to strengthen the intervention of force in disputes or controversies between states.

In its opinion, the Court should be universal and the only one, as is due the very attributes of justice, precluding, consequently, courts of special jurisdiction or for specific zones of the world.

Uruguay also favors the establishment of the Economic and Social Council directly elected by the Assembly, which would be free, in social and economic matters, to make recommendations to its member states.

In this Organization and in its wise future action, my country has great interests and hopes, since it previously had the honor of declaring that "peace should not be considered an end in itself but rather a starting point, a means and an instrument to effect the improvement of economic and spiritual living conditions of peoples."

It would not be possible to attain the international peace longed for by all, if social peace is not attained. For this purpose, it is indispensable that the economic life of the world be laid on more equitable foundations, that co-operation between countries respond to active principles