

vided for registration of the treaty with the Secretary General of the United Nations; even though this is not juridically necessary, it would be politically useful and might read somewhat as follows:

“This treaty shall be registered by the ... Government with the Secretary General of the United Nations.”

You will note that there are some points on which agreement has not yet been reached. The most important of these is whether or not Italy and French North Africa should be included. We feel that, while the arguments in favour of Italian inclusion are strong, the arguments against such inclusion are even stronger and that Italy might be taken care of by some guarantee outside the pact. It would, we think, be unwise for Canada to participate in any such guarantee which goes beyond the acceptance of the obligation to consult with the Italian Government in the case of a threat to the peace. Similarly, we feel that we should not support the inclusion of French North Africa in the agreement as this would give rise to possible colonial difficulties and introduce a new and complicating factor.

One difficulty that might arise if Italy and French North Africa were included would be the desire of Greece, Turkey and possibly Iran to be given the same treatment as Italy: this we certainly should not accept.

Another point not covered in the draft is the desirability or otherwise of an article permitting suspension or expulsion of signatories of the pact. We think that, on the whole, such an article would be useful and that provision should be made for suspension, to be followed in certain cases by expulsion; the decision in this regard to be taken by the Atlantic Council on the basis of rules of procedure to be established by it. This leaves open the question of whether expulsion should be by unanimous or two-thirds vote of the Council.

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Washington, January 4, 1949

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Since our conversation on the North Atlantic Treaty in New York on December 29th, I have drawn up a memorandum for my guidance and the guidance of Messrs. Stone and Rogers on the working group during the next stage of the discussions here. This is based in the main on the papers prepared by Messrs. Reid and Hopkins, of which you gave me copies, with modifications and additions arising from our own discussion. I am enclosing two copies of the paper, one for yourself and one which I shall be glad if you will pass to Mr. Reid.