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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON  
FOREIGN POLICY. Resolutions (Appendix).

The Secretary handed round copies of draft

Mr CHAMBERLAIN said he understood that the Resolutions had been the subject of consultations since the last Meeting and had reached a stage at which they might form a basis for discussion. He proposed that the Resolutions should be considered in the first instance from the point of view of their substance, reserving Mr Mackenzie King's point, made at the larger Meeting, about the form.

Mr Chamberlain said that the preamble was drawn in a form which should avoid any objection by the Irish Free State Government.

Mr SAVAGE said that as there was general agreement in the desirability of the separation of the Covenant from the Treaty of Versailles he thought the point might usefully be put in this preamble.

Mr CHAMBERLAIN doubted if that was the right place.

Mr MALCOLM MACDONALD said that he had discussed the draft Resolutions with Mr Savage, who had expressed his desire to bring in this point. He himself had suggested that the right place was the preamble. By that he had not meant the actual preamble to the draft Resolutions as in the Appendix, but the introductory paragraphs in the published Summary of Proceedings, which would, be presumed, precede any Conclusions. The reason he thought the Resolutions an unsuitable place for Mr Savage's amendment was that there might be other details on which all were agreed which would also have to be introduced.

Mr SAVAGE was satisfied so long as the point was not overlooked. He recalled the circumstances in which the point had arisen.

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