

*Progressive Codification of International Law*

(1) First Codification Conference

The Assembly resolution requests the Council to call the attention of the Governments invited to the Conference to the desirability of appointing without delay their representatives at the Conference, whether plenipotentiary delegates, substitute delegates, or technical delegates, in order that the Members of the Conference may be able to make a thorough study of the documentation already assembled.

(2) Committee of Experts for the Progressive Codification of International Law

Owing to the fact that only about twelve replies had been received on the questionnaires relating to the two new questions considered ripe for codification, and to the fact that some apprehension seemed to exist as to whether the Committee of Experts was to continue its labours, it was considered necessary for the Assembly to make a definite pronouncement on this point. This it did, and called the attention of the Council to the desirability of inviting that Committee to hold further sessions after the first Codification Conference.

(3) Work of the Committee of Three Jurists

In accordance with a resolution of the preceding Assembly, the Committee of Three had drawn up a scheme for the publication of certain international conventions, and a Systematic Survey of the Subjects of International Law. As the publication of these conventions would consist of several volumes of over five hundred pages each, and as considerable overlapping with other volumes would result, the Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, was of the opinion that such a publication would not at present be achieved in a satisfactory manner, and that it would be necessary first of all to codify the various successive conventions which deal with certain particular subjects, so as to determine what precisely are the texts in force, and which States are parties thereto, the ultimate aim being a general codification.

*Draft Amendment to Article 7, Paragraph 1, Rules of Procedure of the Assembly*

The representatives of Belgium, Chile, Italy, Japan and Peru proposed that the Bureau of the Assembly be increased from fourteen members to sixteen, by increasing the number of Vice-Presidents from six to eight. M. Hambro (Norway), in the First Committee, opposed the increase on the ground that it would represent a quarter of the total number of States in the Assembly, and that the increase would in no way make for efficiency. In spite of the opposition the proposed amendment was adopted, by a majority of two votes. In the Assembly M. Hambro again objected, and stated that, in view of the fact that other amendments to Article 7 will be placed before the next Assembly, he thought it wiser to postpone consideration of any change until the next Assembly. This proposal was adopted.

*Ratification of International Conventions concluded under the Auspices of the League of Nations*

This proposal introduced by the Delegate of Denmark gave rise to considerable debate in the Committee. M. Andersen (Denmark) pointed out the striking difference between the number of Conventions adopted by Conferences held under the auspices of the League and signed by different governments, and the number of Treaties and Conventions which were ratified and put into force. He cited the statement made in the Assembly by Mr. William Graham (Great Britain), who said that since 1920 probably forty-five Conventions had been