

The Assembly adopted the amendment to Article XVI of the Covenant proposed by the British Government. This amendment does away with the words "in such case" to be found in the second paragraph of the original text, which have become useless and meaningless as a result of the amendments adopted by the Second Assembly.

The following were elected by the Assembly non-permanent members of the Council for the coming year: Belgium, Brazil, Spain, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, and Uruguay.

The question of the international status of China was raised by the Chinese delegation, who claimed the moral support of the League in connection with the Customs Conference of interested States soon to be held in China. The Assembly expressed the desire that a satisfactory solution may attend the questions raised by the Chinese Delegation.

The delegates of Hungary, Lithuania and Bulgaria have put forward their claims with regard to minorities. The Sixth Committee rejected a proposal by the Lithuanian delegate advocating the creation of a special committee charged with the drafting of a convention to determine the rights and obligations of all States members in respect to minorities. The Assembly approved of the procedure heretofore followed by the Council respecting the protection of minorities.

The Sixth Committee briefly entered upon the question of mandates and decided to leave the responsibility thereof to the mandatory Powers, to the permanent Commission on Mandates and to the Council of the League. The Assembly declared its appreciation of the work done by the mandatory Powers in pursuance of obligations devolving upon them under Article XXII of the Covenant and also expressed the hope that every member of the League will enforce in the mandated territories international undertakings to which it has become a party, particularly on questions of labour, arms traffic and slavery.

#### BUDGET AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS:

On the subject of contributions in arrears, the Assembly approved the settlement of the Argentine Republic's debt and pressed the members whose contributions have not yet been paid to settle their debts to the League.

The report of the Fourth Committee on the erection of the Assembly Hall and Annexes for the Secretariat was approved. A credit of 11,700,000 francs was voted and made up as follows: eight millions for the erection of an Assembly Hall, two millions for the purchase of the site and 1,700,000 for the Annex to the present Secretariat building. The Council will appoint a committee to report, should the building at present occupied by the Secretariat be sold, whether any changes as regards the selection of the site and the arrangement of the various buildings should be made.

For the financial year 1926, the general budget of the League, of the Secretariat, of the Special Organizations, of the International Labour Organization and of the Permanent Court of International Justice, was approved, the total amount of which is 22,930,633 gold francs.

The Assembly adopted the new provisional scale of allocation of expenses as drawn up by the Committee on Allocation of Expenses and approved by the Fourth Committee. This scale will be put into force for the years 1926, 1927, 1928. Canada's allotment was maintained as 35 units out of 937, while Great Britain's share was raised from 88 to 105. Canada will pay \$165,271.06, 3.735 per cent of the total amount, a reduction from previous years as regards the percentage allotted.

The Agenda being exhausted, the president (Mr. Dandurand) delivered the closing address, which is published in the appendix.