

The draft passage contained in Appendix I was then approved for inclusion in the published Report of the Work of the Conference, subject to the small amendment proposed by Mr. Lyons.

[Sir Fabian Ware then withdrew.]

The Pacific
Pact.

3. The Meeting had before them the Report of the Technical Committee on the Pacific Pact (E. (37) 33). The Report had been prepared in accordance with the arrangement arrived at at the Meeting of Principal Delegates on June 2nd (E. (P.D.) (37) 11th Conclusions, page 11).

MR. CHAMBERLAIN suggested that if it were generally agreed perhaps the best method of initiating their further consideration of this matter would be for Mr. Eden to make a statement with regard to the Report.

MR. EDEN said that as a preliminary he would like to inform the Meeting of two new developments, both connected with Japan, which had taken place within the last 48 hours.

The first was an interview which he had had on the previous day with the Japanese Ambassador in London. He would like to read the note which he had made of the interview:-

"The Japanese Ambassador asked to see me today when he said that he wished to put certain questions to me which might seem somewhat indiscreet at this stage, on the subject of the projected Pacific Pact to which Mr. Lyons had referred in his opening speech at the Imperial Conference. Had we as yet any definite proposals in mind?

I replied that we had not. So far matters had not proceeded further than an informal exchange of views on the proposal. If and when we were