

The elimination of these imperfections from the Charter would tend to invigorate it in the light of truth and justice lest in a not too long period of time it lose definitely its efficacy, as was the case with the Covenant of the late League of Nations.

It seems likewise advisable that, if it is not possible to establish compulsory jurisdiction for the international Court of Justice over all international differences, the optional clause which leaves it to the will of the states to accept or to reject the jurisdiction of the Court in their legal disputes be stricken from the statute so that the states will be obliged to submit such disputes to that high tribunal.

In the chapter on peaceful settlement of controversies it would seem indispensable that the San Francisco Conference impart all necessary strength to the method of conciliation, because of the flexibility of its application and its psychological efficacy, and trusting the Assembly with the task of approving a statute of regional or continental commissions which, while depending from the Assembly, might exercise conciliation with ample powers in all international divergences of a political character occurring within the respective region or continent.

Such commissions would have jurisdiction over conflicts large and small, particularly those arising among the larger powers, whose might and magnitude no peace organization could otherwise resist, given the reality of things and the past experience of history.

Because of the degree of maturity reached by the regional Inter-American system, the Delegation of Ecuador would hope that in the sub-chapter on regional agreements the Conference should take cognizance of the personality and existence of such a system as a geographical, historical, and political structure ruled by custom and by written law and equipped with its own organs for the achievement of its objectives of peace, security, and international justice coincident with those sought by the world Organization.

Likewise the Delegation of Ecuador suggests the creation of a new organ which might be entitled "Educational and Cultural Council" similar to the Economic and Social Council proposed by the Dumbarton Oaks plan, whose essential mission would be to promote understanding and peace among nations within a growing process of universalization of the values of education and human culture tending to bring about in this manner an international association of mind as the root and forerunner of an international association of states.

This then, sir, is the outline of our high hopes in connection with the international organization of the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals. But it would not be sufficient to fashion its body with wisdom and skill if we neglect the question of its soul, of its inner purpose, of its vital sense, or, in other words, of the real aspirations of nations often contrary to the cold substance of text.

With this in mind, I am taking the liberty of expressing that the Republic of Ecuador, as a member of America and a staunch believer in the American system, in its broader or continental sense, would wish that the world Organization be inspired by the spiritual values as well as the positive institutions of the Inter-American regional system because we are convinced that through the immutability of destiny such a system meets the requirements of a just and free international community based on the reciprocal respect of its component states and nourished by the vigor of a progressive democracy.

If the peace that we seek is to be a just peace and the organization which we are building is to be an efficient organization, let us "Americanize" the world, so to speak, and let us "Americanize" it among other reasons in tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, peerless champion of our supreme ideals as a spiritual monument to his memory, survivor of time, for while his death has deprived us of his physical presence, burying it in the past, his immortal spirit watches over us from a lofty summit pointing the way as he says: "This time, my friend, you dare not lose the peace."

MR. EDEN: Fellow Delegates, the Fifth Plenary Session of the United Nations Conference on International Organization is hereby closed.