

12. They found curiously enough that while clauses which represented undertakings by the German Government met with little resistance from the German Delegation, clauses that represented undertakings by the Commission, though there was no fundamental objection to them either in principle or in detail, aroused differences of opinion as to the proper manner in which they should be expressed.
13. It therefore seemed to M. Delacroix and himself that if the German Government were content with engagements by the Commission in general rather than in precise terms from the point of view of the Commission itself there was little objection to falling in with this attitude. The German Delegates frankly stated that they were willing, subject to any form of appeal which might emerge from the London Conference to leave it to the Commission to decide the precise method by which the agreed principles should be applied. M. Delacroix and he had therefore found it possible considerably to abbreviate the first draft circulated to the Commission (annex 2133b).
14. They had succeeded in agreeing the revised draft with Dr. Ruppel, though the agreement was for the moment provisional on both sides; as regards Dr. Ruppel it was subject to ratification by the German Ministers then in London; as regards M. Delacroix and himself it was subject to formal ratification by their colleagues.
15. Sir John BRADBURY had little doubt that the draft would be ratified by the German Ministers, and for his own part he considered that it was entirely satisfactory to the Commission, and therefore recommended the Commission to ratify it.

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