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On September 3rd, Council of the League of Nations considered the report of the Permanent Mandatory Commission (A. of June 25th). This report embodied two proposals - (i) That a new questionnaire should be adopted for the annual report on the territories under mandates B, and C; (ii) That the Council should consider the possibility of the Commission being empowered, in certain cases of petitions from mandated territory, to hear petitioners.

Sir A. Chamberlain pointed out that the questionnaire was more inquisitorial than the one hitherto employed and that presentation of petitions require careful consideration. He proposed that the report should be submitted to mandatory Governments for consideration in the first instance. The representative of New Zealand and the Union of South Africa expressed entire concurrence in this proposal, which was also supported by the French, Japanese and Belgian delegates.

The following day the Council adopted a resolution embodying Sir A. Chamberlain's proposal.

Please inform your Prime Minister.

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