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DISPUTE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND ITALY.

Communications from the Ethiopian Government.

Translation.

Addis Ababa, April 11th, 1936.

To the Secretary-General.

I.

By its resolution dated March 3rd the Committee of Thirteen sent an urgent appeal to the two belligerents for the immediate opening of negotiations. But, after having waited for more than five weeks, we note that the negotiations are still in the preliminary stage, that a further adjournment of the Committee of Thirteen has just been decided upon and that, in consequence, the question of additional sanctions has been in suspense since the beginning of March. During the whole of this period the enemy has carried on his war of aggression with impunity and has rendered it still more horrible by daily gas bombing. We protest vigorously against these constant postponements and we ask that steps be taken to prevent their further recurrence.

HAILE SELASIE I.

II.

In reply to your telegram of the 9th instant, I have the honour to state that, in her struggle against the aggressor, Ethiopia has strictly conformed to the international agreements regulating the conduct of warfare, despite flagrant and systematic acts of violation on the part of Italy. Ethiopia has even refrained from all measures of reprisal against these violations. It is possible, however, that in isolated cases individuals have reacted against the inhuman methods employed by the Italians. The Ethiopian Government has taken all steps to impose severe punishment for any such lapses.

HEROUY, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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