

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

communicated to
the Council.

C.218.1929 V.

Geneva, May 15th, 1929.

CONFERENCE

FOR THE CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

TERRITORIAL WATERS.

Resolution adopted by the Advisory and Technical
Committee on Communications and Transit.

Note by the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General has the honour to communicate herewith to the Council a letter, dated March 26th 1929 addressed to him by the President of the Advisory and Technical Committee on Communications and Transit informing him of the terms of a resolution adopted by the Advisory Committee on the subject of the codification of international law regarding Territorial Waters.

This letter has been examined by the Preparatory Committee for the Codification Conference at its session of May 1929. The Committee decided to suggest to the Council the communication of the text of this letter to the various Governments. (see document C.217, 1929.V.)

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ADVISORY AND
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSIT.

Geneva, March 26th 1929.

(Translation)

I have the honour to bring to your attention the following resolution which was adopted by the advisory and Technical Committee on Communications and Transit in the course of its 13th session, held at Geneva from March 15th to 23rd 1929:

"The Advisory and Technical Committee for Communications and Transit,

"Having taken note of the inclusion of the question of territorial waters in the draft agenda of the First Conference for the Progressive Codification of International Law, and having regard solely to the interests of communications and transit:

"Draws the Conference's attention to the following points to which it thinks consideration should be given in the codification of international law:

"(a) In exercising its sovereignty, the State must respect the limitations imposed by international law;

"(b) The ship merely passing through territorial waters should have the fullest possible freedom;

"(c) Territorial waters should be kept within as narrow limits as possible;

"(d) A State, even within territorial waters, should not interfere with the rights, duties and obligations of those on board a foreign ship, as established under the laws of the flag of that ship;

"(e) The State should be responsible for the infringement of the rights of a foreign ship under international law."

(Signed) SEELIGER,

President of the Advisory
and Technical Committee
for Communications and
Transit.