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COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSIT.

Composition of the Committee.

REPORT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNION
OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

The Council will remember that in application of an Assembly resolution of October 10th, 1936, it approved, on the latter's behalf, on January 29th, 1938 (100th Session), the new Statute of the Organisation for Communications and Transit, which came into force on that date. In accordance with Article 4 of that Statute, the Assembly is called upon every three years to elect the Members of the Organisation whose nationals shall, to the number of one for each Member of the Organisation, form the Committee for Communications and Transit; Members of the League permanently represented on the Council shall be entitled as of right to provide one member of the Committee. The Statute also stipulates that the Council shall appoint the members in agreement with the Governments concerned.

2. At the request of the Council (100th Session), the Assembly, at its ordinary session of 1938, proceeded to the elections in question. It fixed at eighteen the number of seats on the new Committee for Communications and Transit, which is appointed for three years, and elected the following fourteen States: Belgium, Bolivia, China, Colombia, Egypt, Estonia, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Roumania, Spain, Turkey, Uruguay.

3. To enable the Council to appoint the members of the Committee at its present session, the Secretary-General requested the Governments of the States concerned to be good enough to let him know the names, etc., of nationals of their countries competent to serve on the Committee, from whom the Council will select the members.

4. Replies have so far been received from the Governments of the following countries: Belgium, Bolivia, United Kingdom, China, Colombia, Egypt, Estonia, France, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Roumania, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay. The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics intimated that for the time being it did not propose to avail itself of the right to provide a member. On the basis of the candidatures submitted, I have the honour to propose that the Council appoint the following as members of the Committee for Communications and Transit:

M. J. de RUELLE, Legal Adviser to the Belgian Ministry of
Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

H.E. M. Adolfo COSTA DU RELS, Permanent Delegate of Bolivia
to the League of Nations, Ambassador.

- Mr. D.W. KEANE, Representative of the United Kingdom on the International River Commissions.
- M. Hsiou Hsien NIU, Engineer, former Deputy-Director of the Technical Department of the Chinese Ministry of Railways; delegate of the Chinese Ministry for Communications, Paris.
- M. Fernando SALAZAR, Counsellor at the Colombian Legation, London,
- M. TARAF ALY BEY, Under-Secretary of State at the Egyptian Ministry for Communications.
- M. Edouard JOERUUT, Director of the Financial Department of the Administration of Estonian State Railway
- M. C.M. GRIMPRET, Vice-President of the General Council of Roads and Bridges; Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the French National Railway Company.
- Dr. Charles de SZECHY, Doctor of Laws, Engineer, Technical Adviser to the Royal Hungarian Ministry of Commerce and Communications.
- M. Erling BRYN, Director of the Maritime Division of the Norwegian Ministry of Commerce and Navigation.
- M. F.L. SCHLINGEMANN, Chief Engineer, Director of the "Rijkswaterstaat" (Netherlands).
- M. Wlodzomierz MODEROW, Vice-Chairman of the Polish Delegation to the Danzig Harbour Board.
- M. Ion VARDALA, Inspector-General, Engineer, former Director of Ports and Maritime and Waterway Communications of Roumania.
- M. Ali RIZA AKAT, Acting Head of the Communications Department at the Turkish Ministry of Public Works.
- H.E. M. Benjamin FERNANDEZ Y MEDINA, former Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary (Uruguay).

5. The Governments of Spain and Italy have not submitted names of candidates. I suggest that the Council authorise its President and the rapporteur to proceed, in agreement with the Governments concerned, to make these appointments in its name.

6. I feel sure that the Council will wish to thank all the members of the Committee whose term of office has just expired, for the services they have rendered to the cause of international co-operation.
