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APPEAL OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

Draft Resolution.

The Council

Referring to its report adopted on September 30th, 1938, relating to the appeal of the Chinese Government;

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Assembly on October 6th, 1937, and by the Council on February 2nd, and on May 14th, 1938;

Recalling in particular the terms of the Assembly Resolution of October 6th, 1937, which expresses its moral support for China, and recommends that Members of the League should refrain from taking any action which might have the effect of weakening China's power of resistance and thus of increasing her difficulties in the present conflict, and should also consider how far they can individually extend aid to China; and the terms of the Resolution of February 2nd, 1938, which expresses the Council's confidence that those States represented on the Council for whom the situation is of special interest will lose no opportunity of examining in consultation with other similarly interested Powers, the feasibility of any further steps which may contribute to a just settlement of the conflict in the Far East;

Having heard the statement of the Chinese Representative in regard to the present situation in the Far East, in which he rejected the claim of Japan to establish a new order in the Far East and outlined certain proposals of the Chinese Government;

Taking note of the fact that a number of States have been taking individual action in aiding China;

Invites the Members of the League, particularly those directly concerned in the Far East, to examine in consultation, should this appear appropriate, with other similarly interested Powers the proposals made in the statement of the representative of China before the Council on January 17th, 1939, for the taking of effective measures, especially measures of aid to China.