Recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance orders.

Reply from the German Government.

German Consulate.

(Translation from German).

Geneva, January 14th, 1931.

To the Secretary-General of the League of Nations.

The German Government agrees that the Child Welfare Committee of the League should be authorised to consider whether the mutual recognition and enforcement of maintenance orders could be ensured by international conventions or by agreements between countries. The Committee will in the first place have to enquire whether any procedure can be found whereby maintenance orders abroad can be enforced even when the law of the foreign country does not recognise claims for maintenance in similar cases. It would also be well to decide the fundamental question whether the convention should be confined to judicial decisions or whether the regulations should also apply to claims for maintenance of other kinds (notaries' acts or obligations entered into before Courts of Guardianship, Child Welfare Offices, etc.).

(Signed) VOLCKERS.

Consul-General.