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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE DISARMAMENT
CONFERENCE.

Report by M. Benes.

Adopted by the C Council on December 8th 1926.

The Assembly resolution referred to in the Secretary-General's Memorandum (C. 613) embodies the result of the Third Committee's discussions on the proceedings of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference. In this resolution the Assembly expresses its desire that the work should be brought to a conclusion as soon as possible so as to enable the Council to convene an International Conference before the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly, unless material difficulties render this impossible.

The Council will unquestionably endorse this point of view, as well as the opinion implied in the Assembly's resolution, that the progress of the work of the Preparatory Commission itself should be regarded as a primary consideration in coming to any decision on the subject.

Brief as it is, the Secretariat's memorandum gives signal proof of the heavy and persistent work of the Preparatory Commission and its technical organisations. The Council takes this opportunity of endorsing the satisfaction expressed in the Assembly's resolution with the work of the Commission and of its technical organisations, for which it tenders them its thanks.

If my colleagues share my views, I will venture to submit the following resolution:

"The Council

Having regard to the resolution adopted by the Assembly on September 24th 1926, relating to the work of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference, and sharing the Assembly's desire to see the preparatory work result in a programme which will make it possible to summon an international Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments at the earliest possible moment, forwards the Assembly resolution to the Preparatory Commission and requests it to submit proposals with regard to the period at which it would be possible to convene the Conference, due allowance being made for the probable progress of its work, and to draw up the agenda of the Conference."