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OBSERVATIONS OF GOVERNMENTS.

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CHINA.

September 21st, 1936, the following observations have been received:

(Translation)

November 27th, 1936.

My Government is in agreement with the principles of the Draft Convention for the Creation of an International Criminal Court; on the other hand, it regrets that the Draft Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of Terrorism does not embody the suggestions submitted by the Chinese Government in reply to your letter C.L. 219.1934.V. on December 27th, 1934.

In my letter of April 26th, 1935, I conveyed to you two suggestions which my Government would have wished the Committee of Experts to adopt, namely:

(1) That, in countries where extra-territoriality is in force, foreigners entitled to the régime of consular courts should forfeit the benefit of this régime and become amenable to local jurisdiction whenever they are accused of any of the acts constituting terrorist action for political ends;

(2) That, in the case of countries in whose territory are situated "concessions, settlements or leased territories", every facility should be afforded to the authorities of such countries with a view to the repression, in the above-mentioned territories, which are removed from their administration, of crimes committed for purposes of political terrorism.

As I informed you in that letter, my Government attaches particular importance to the embodiment in the Convention of these two provisions, which would greatly facilitate the prosecution of accused persons who are in China.

I should be glad if you would be good enough to communicate my present letter to the Committee of Experts, whose members, knowing how greatly the prevention and punishment of crime is complicated by the existence of the system of extra-territoriality and of "concessions, settlements, and leased territories", will certainly be able to appreciate the utility of my Government's suggestions. My Government will, moreover, explain its views in detail when the draft convention in question is discussed.

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