

APPEAL OF THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT UNDER
ARTICLES 10 and 11 OF THE COVENANT

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL ON THE 26TH OCTOBER,
1925.

The Council has approved the initiative taken by its acting President in reminding the Bulgarian and Greek Governments of the solemn obligations undertaken by them as members of the League of Nations under Article 12 of the Covenant not to resort to war and of the grave consequences which the Covenant lays down for breaches thereof, and exhorting them therefore to give immediate instructions that pending consideration of the dispute by the Council not only no further military commitments should be undertaken but that all troops should at once be withdrawn behind the respective frontiers.

The Council has enquired of the parties as to whether these two conditions have been fulfilled as it considers them to be of vital importance and an essential preliminary to any subsequent action by the Council on any other aspects of the dispute.

The Council is not satisfied that military operations have ceased and that the troops have been withdrawn behind the national frontiers.

It therefore requests the representatives of the two States to inform it within twenty-four hours that the Bulgarian and Greek Governments have given unconditional orders to their troops to withdraw behind their respective national frontiers and within 60 hours that all troops have been withdrawn within the national frontiers;

that all hostilities have ceased and that all troops have been warned that the resumption of firing will be visited with severe punishment.

The representatives of the two Governments are requested to arrange that instructions shall be immediately given to ensure the execution of these measures by the dates fixed for them.

In order to assist the Council and the two States the Council requests the Governments of France, Great Britain and Italy to direct officers who are within reach to repair immediately to the region where the conflict has broken out and report direct to the Council as soon as the troops of both States have been withdrawn behind their respective frontiers, and as soon as all hostilities have ceased, and in any case at the expiration of the time limit referred to above. The two Governments are requested to accord to the said officers all facilities that may be required for the execution of this mission.