

FIRST MEETING
of the
ORGANISATION COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

1. Press Communiqué.

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Upon the motion of Colonel House, M. Pichon, French Minister for Foreign Affairs, was elected Chairman and Sir Eric Drummond was invited to occupy his seat as Acting Secretary-General.

The following were present:-

M. Pichon	(France)	Chairman
Colonel House	(U.S.A.)	
Lord Robert Cecil	(Great Britain)	
Marquis Imperiali	(Italy)	
Viscount Chinda	(Japan)	
M. Rolin Jacquemyns	(Belgium)	
M. Venizelos	(Greece)	
M. Magalhaes	(Brazil)	
M. Guinones de Leon	(Spain)	

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2 a. That a credit of £100,000 shall be opened immediately, subject to the necessary constitutional authorisation.

b. That the Acting Secretary General or such persons as he may designate in writing shall be entitled to

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3. That the Acting Secretary General be authorised to engage a temporary staff and offices, and incur such other expenditure as he considers necessary for carrying out the instructions of the Committee.

4. That the Acting Secretary General's salary shall be at the rate of £4,000 a year, with an allowance for "frais de representation" of £6,000 a year. A house shall be provided for the Secretary General at the permanent seat of the League.

5. That the meeting be adjourned sine die, the Secretary General being instructed to call the next meeting at such time and place as he shall think most suitable having regard to the business to be done and the convenience of the Members of the Committee.

3. Minutes.

Colonel House suggested that Monsieur Pichon should take the Chair, and that Sir Eric Drummond should act as Secretary to the Committee. This was agreed to.

Viscount Chinda stated that he attended the meeting in the absence of Baron Makino, who was unwell.

Colonel House said that at an informal meeting held a few days before, a number of resolutions had been prepared which he suggested should be the Agenda of the meeting.

The Chairman then proposed that the resolutions given above should be considered.

Resolution 1.

Resolution 1. Adopted without comment.

Resolution 2 a. Adopted as it now stands.

The representatives of several States remarked that their countries would need parliamentary ratification before the expenditure could be sanctioned.

Resolution 2 b. Adopted without comment.

Resolution 3 and 4. Adopted without comment.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

23, Manchester Square, W.1

12th May, 1919.

Sir,

The Organisation Committee of the League of Nations which was appointed by resolution of the Plenary Conference on April 28th, held its first meeting on April 28th. Among other resolutions agreed to for the provisional organisation of the League, it was provided

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b. That the Acting Secretary General or such persons as he may designate in writing shall be entitled to draw on this credit.

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As the provisional organisation of the League is to be established in London, I have the honour to enquire whether arrangements could immediately be made by His Majesty's Treasury for an advance of the £100,000 referred to in resolution 2a. This sum will, I understand, be ultimately divided among the members of the League according to Article 6 of the Covenant.

It might be convenient if a sum, say of £15,000, were immediately placed at my disposal for the office and other expenditure which will require to be met during the next month or six weeks, the remainder being provided as soon as the necessary authority can be obtained.

For convenience of reference, I enclose a copy of the minutes signed by the Chairman, of the meeting of the Organisation Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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(Acting Secretary General,)
LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
Downing Street,
S.W. 1.

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THE CHAIRMAN (M. Pichon) then proposed that the resolutions given above should be considered.

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RESOLUTIONS
to be moved at the First
MEETING OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ORGANISATION COMMITTEE,
5th May, 1919.

1. That the Acting Secretary General be instructed to prepare plans of organisation of the League and submit them to the Committee.
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Duplicata

1. Que le Secrétaire Général ad interim soit chargé d'élaborer des plans pour l'organisation de la Ligue et de les soumettre au Comité.
2. Qu'un crédit de £ 100 000 soit ouvert à la Ligue immédiatement ~~[avec la garantie solidaire de ceux des Etats représentés au Comité qui, constitutionnellement, sont qualifiés pour fournir cette garantie]~~
- 2b. Que le Secrétaire Général ad interim, ou telles personnes qu'il désignera par écrit, soient autorisés à tirer sur ces fonds.
3. Que le Secrétaire Général ad interim soit autorisé à engager un personnel temporaire, à installer des bureaux provisoires et à engager telles autres dépenses qu'il considérera nécessaires pour assurer l'exécution des instructions du Comité.
4. Que les émoluments du Secrétaire Général ad interim soient fixés sur la base de £ 4000 par an, auxquels viendra s'ajouter une attribution de £ 6000- pour frais de représentation, un hotel particulier ^{seul} étant mis à la disposition du Secrétaire Général au siège permanent de la Ligue.
5. Que la séance soit ajournée sine die, le Secrétaire Général ad interim étant chargé de convoquer la prochaine réunion à la date et à l'endroit qui lui paraîtront le plus favorables en tenant compte des questions à traiter et de la convenance des membres du Comité.

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