

## League of Nations Notes

### Original Members:

USA (signed Treaty of Peace, but would not join), Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British Empire, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, China, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Serb-Croat-Slovene State, Siam, Czechoslovakia, Uruguay.

### First Secretary General

Sir James Eric Drummond

### The Covenant

#### Article 1:

- Any countries not listed could join the League if 2/3 voted to accept them
- Must give two years notice to withdraw from the League

#### Article 2:

- Assembly, Council, and Secretariat

#### Article 3:

- Meet at stated intervals
- Deal with any matter that is deemed to deal with security of the world
- Each member one vote, no more than three representatives per country

#### Article 4:

- Council=Representatives of the Allied and Associated Powers and four other members of the league (selected by the assembly)
- Meet when needed, but at very least once a year

#### Article 5:

- Decisions must have agreement by all members of league present at meeting

#### Article 6:

- Secretary General
- All expenses paid by members of league

#### Article 7:

- Seat of league at Geneva
- All positions open equally to men or women
- Diplomatic immunity for representatives of the League.

Article 8:

- Reduction of national armaments to lowest point consistent with national security
- Cannot go over specific country's limit without consent of council
- All size and scale of military must be open by all members

Article 9:

- Permanent Commission set up to advise council on articles 1 and 8

Article 10:

- League will secure the safety of all members' borders

Article 11:

- Any war or threat of it against any member is a threat to the entire League

Article 12:

- If any members have a disagreement arise between them that could lead to conflict, must bring in to arbitration or judicial settlement at the league and cannot go to war until three months after a decision

Article 13:

- Agree to no war with member of the league once arbitration has been settled

Article 14:

- Adopt plans for establishment of a Permanent Court of International Justice

Article 15:

- If a disagreement is not presented to arbitration than the council will deal with it
- If not settled council will make public what the conflict is and what has been done to settle it
- Members of council can act to settle the matter with what they believe to be right and just actions

Article 16:

- If a member decides that war only option in regards to disputes and does not follow articles 12, 13 or 15, than they effectively have declared war on all members of the league
- Council will tell members what they must contribute militarily to resolve the conflict
- Any member that goes against the covenant will no longer be a member of the league

Article 17:

- If conflict arises with a non-member or between two non-member states, they will be welcomed to join the league and settle the matter there

- If they do not accept and go to war with a member than they are at war with entire league

Article 18:

- All treaties signed by members will be sent to secretariat and published, not binding until it is published

Article 19:

- Assembly can question treaties that may no longer be beneficial

Article 20:

- This covenant takes place above all other treaties members may have signed

Article 21:

- Covenant will not interfere with treaties that deal with maintaining and securing peace

Article 22:

- Old colonies from defeated nations that are not ready to stand alone will be brought under the wings of nations who have the ability to help them to achieve self-governance
- Former Turkish states have ability to stand alone yet still need administrative advice and will therefore be Mandates.
- African colonies administration must still be run by Mandates
- All mandates must send a yearly report to the council in regards to the their development

Article 23:

- Fair and humane conditions of labour for men and women
- Just treatment of native inhabitants
- Supervision of human and drug trade
- Supervision of arms trade

Article 25:

- Encourage and promote voluntary national Red Cross associations

Article 26:

- Changes to covenant when members of council and majority of assembly agree