

*[Distributed to the Council and  
the Members of the League.]*

**C. 8. M. 5.** 1931. I.

Geneva, March 1931.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

**PROTECTION OF LINGUISTIC,  
RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS MINORITIES  
BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.**

---

**Resolutions and Extracts from the Minutes of the Council,  
Resolutions and Reports adopted by the Assembly,**

relating to the

**Procedure to be followed in Questions concerning  
the Protection of Minorities.**

---

**Second Edition**

---

Series of League of Nations Publications

I. B. MINORITIES ✓

1931 I. B. 1.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE.

This collection comprises :

- The text of the resolutions passed by the Council of the League of Nations laying down rules of procedure applicable to minority petitions ;
  - The text of the discussions, reports and notes relating to those resolutions ;
  - Extracts from the proceedings of the Council in connection with petitions on its agenda, the examination of which has raised questions of principle relating to procedure.
- The reports and resolutions adopted by the Assembly on this subject are also reproduced, with references to the records of the plenary meetings and committee meetings of the various sessions of the Assembly at which these questions have been discussed.

\* \* \*

The provisions contained in the various international instruments at present in force relating to the protection of linguistic, racial or religious minorities by the League of Nations, have been assembled in document C.L.110.1927.I. (Annex), published in August 1927. The acts by which these provisions were placed under the guarantee of the League of Nations bear the following dates :

Albania . . . . .	February 17th, 1922. <sup>1</sup>
Austria . . . . .	October 27th, 1920.
Bulgaria . . . . .	October 27th, 1920.
Czechoslovakia . . . . .	November 29th, 1920.
Estonia . . . . .	September 17th, 1923.
Finland (Aland Islands) . . . . .	June 27th, 1921.
Germany (see Upper Silesia).	
Greece . . . . .	September 26th, 1924.
Hungary . . . . .	August 30th, 1921.
Latvia . . . . .	September 1st, 1923.
Lithuania . . . . .	December 11th, 1923.
Memel <sup>2</sup>	
Poland . . . . .	February 13th, 1920.
Roumania . . . . .	August 30th, 1921.
Silesia (Upper) . . . . .	July 20th, 1922.
Turkey . . . . .	September 26th, 1924.
Yugoslavia . . . . .	November 29th, 1920.

<sup>1</sup> Albanian Declaration of October 2nd, 1921. By a resolution adopted by the Council on the same date, this Declaration was placed under the guarantee of the League as from the date of ratification by the Albanian Government. Ratification took place on February 17th, 1922.

<sup>2</sup> Article 11 of the Convention relative to Memel Territory and Articles 26 and 27 of Annex 1 (Statute of Memel Territory), signed at Paris on May 8th, 1924, which came into force, as regards Lithuania, in accordance with the transitory provision of the Convention consequent upon ratification by the Lithuanian Government. The instrument of ratification was deposited at Paris on September 27th, 1924.

TABLE OF CONTENTS.

	Page
EXPLANATORY NOTE . . . . .	2
<b>PART I. — TEXT OF THE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.</b>	
1. Report presented by M. Tittoni and adopted by the Council of the League of Nations on October 22nd, 1920 . . . . .	7
2. Resolution adopted by the Council on October 25th, 1920 . . . . .	8
3. Resolution adopted by the Council on June 27th, 1921 . . . . .	8
4. Resolution adopted by the Council on September 5th, 1923 . . . . .	9
5. Resolution adopted by the Council on June 10th, 1925 . . . . .	10
6. Resolution adopted by the Council on June 13th, 1929 . . . . .	11
<b>PART II. — EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL.</b>	
1. Discussion concerning the Resolution of October 22nd, 1920 (Tittoni Report). Extract from the Minutes of the Tenth Session of the Council, Meeting held on October 22nd, 1920 . . . . .	13
<i>Annex</i> : The Guarantee of the League of Nations in Respect of the Minorities Clauses of Certain Treaties . . . . .	13
2. Discussion concerning the Resolution of October 25th, 1920 (Committee of Three). Extract from the Minutes of the Tenth Session of the Council, Meetings held on October 23rd and 25th, 1920 . . . . .	15
3. Discussion concerning the Resolution of June 27th, 1921 (Communication of Petitions to Interested Governments). Extract from the Minutes of the Thirteenth Session of the Council, Meeting held on June 27th, 1921 . . . . .	16
<i>Annex 1</i> : Report by the Secretary General and Resolution adopted by the Council on June 27th, 1921. . . . .	16
<i>Annex 2</i> : Letter dated June 4th, 1921, from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Republic to the Secretary General . . . . .	17
<i>Annex 3</i> : Letter dated June 3rd, 1921, from the Polish Representative to the League of Nations to the Secretary General . . . . .	18
4. Discussion concerning the Resolution of September 5th, 1923 (Rio-Branco Report). Extract from the Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Council, Meeting held on September 5th, 1923 . . . . .	19
<i>Annex 1</i> : Report by M. de Rio-Branco, and Resolutions adopted by the Council on September 5th, 1923 . . . . .	24
<i>Annex 2</i> : Letter dated January 16th, 1923, from the Polish Representative to the League of Nations to the Secretary General, and Observations by the Polish Government . . . . .	31
<i>Annex 3</i> : Letter dated April 5th, 1923, from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Republic to the President of the Council. . . . .	35
<i>Annex 4</i> : Letter dated August 22nd, 1923, from the Polish Representative to the League of Nations to the Secretary General, and Supplementary Memorandum by the Polish Government. . . . .	36

	Page
5. Discussion concerning the Resolution of June 10th, 1925 (Composition of Committees of Three). Extract from the Minutes of the Thirty-fourth Session of the Council, Meeting held on June 10th, 1925 . . . . .	38
6. Discussion concerning the Resolution adopted by the Assembly at its Sixth Ordinary Session. Extract from the Minutes of the Thirty-seventh Session of the Council, Meeting held on December 9th, 1925 . . . . .	39
<i>Annex 1</i> : Paragraph VI of Chapter 7 of the Supplementary Report of the Council to the Assembly at its Sixth Ordinary Session . . . . .	48
<i>Annex 2</i> : Resolution adopted by the Assembly at its Sixth Ordinary Session : Extract from the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Sixth Committee of the Assembly (Sixth Ordinary Session) . . . . .	52
Extract from the Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Sixth Committee of the Assembly (Sixth Ordinary Session) . . . . .	60
Extract from the Verbatim Record of the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly . . . . .	62
Extract from the Verbatim Record of the Fourteenth Plenary Meeting of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly . . . . .	64
7. Discussion concerning the Procedure to be adopted in replying to Petitions. Extract from the Minutes of the Fortieth Session of the Council, Meeting held on June 10th, 1926 . . . . .	68
<i>Annex</i> : Note by the Secretary General concerning the Present Practice with regard to Replies sent to Private Petitioners in the Matter of Protection of Minorities . . . . .	68
8. Receivability of Petitions concerning Persons resident in a State, but not belonging to a Minority of Race, Language or Religion : Extract from the Minutes of the Fiftieth Session of the Council, Meetings held on June 6th and 9th, 1928 . . . . .	70
Extract from the Minutes of the Fifty-first Session of the Council, Meeting held on September 8th, 1928 . . . . .	78
9. Request by the Albanian Government under Article 11 of the Covenant concerning Questions of the Properties of the Albanians in Greece and of the Albanian Minority in Greece. Extract from the Minutes of the Fiftieth Session of the Council, Meeting held on June 9th, 1928 . . . . .	78
10. Discussion concerning the Resolution of June 13th, 1929 (Resolution of Madrid) : Extract from the Minutes of the Fifty-third Session of the Council, Meeting held on December 15th, 1928 . . . . .	82
Extract from the Minutes of the Fifty-fourth Session of the Council, Meetings held on March 6th and 7th, 1929 . . . . .	83
Extract from the Minutes of the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council, Meeting held on June 13th, 1929 . . . . .	106
Minutes of the Meetings of the Council sitting in Committee to examine the Report to the Council prepared by the Representative of Japan (Rapporteur) with the Collaboration of the Representatives of the British Empire and Spain (Committee instituted by the Council Resolution of March 7th, 1929) . . . . .	115
Appendix 1: Summary of the Conclusions of the Report of the Committee instituted by the Council Resolution of March 7th, 1929 . . . . .	150
Appendix 2: Statement and Draft Resolution by His Excellency M. Adatci . . . . .	153
<i>Annex</i> : Report of the Committee instituted by the Council Resolution of March 7th, 1929 . . . . .	156
Appendix : List of Changes to be made in the Report of the Committee instituted by the Council Resolution of March 7th, 1929 . . . . .	215

	Page
11. Question of the Representation of the Lithuanian Government at the Discussion of the Question of Minorities. Extract from the Minutes of the Fifty-fourth Session of the Council, Meetings held on March 4th and 6th, 1929 . . . . .	215
12. Insertion on the Council Agenda of a Petition from Thirty-four Persons, of Russian Origin, living in Lithuania, concerning the Confiscation of their Lands under the Lithuanian Agrarian Reform Law of February 15th, 1922 :	
Extract from the Minutes of the Fifty-sixth Session of the Council, Meeting held on September 6th, 1929 . . . . .	222
Extract from the Minutes of the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council, Meeting held on January 15th, 1930 . . . . .	224
<i>Annex</i> : Extract from the Report by the Representative of Japan . . . . .	224

APPENDIX

Application of Part III, Division III (Right of Petition and Methods of Appeal) of the Germano-Polish Convention of May 15th, 1922, relating to Upper Silesia :

1. Extract from the Minutes of the Fifty-first Session of the Council, Meeting held on September 8th, 1928 . . . . .	229
2. Extract from the Minutes of the Fifty-fifth Session of the Council, Meeting held on June 12th, 1929 . . . . .	232
<i>Annex</i> : German-Polish Conversations concerning the Application of Certain Clauses of the Convention of May 15th, 1922, relating to Upper Silesia (Paris Agreements of April 6th, 1929) . . . . .	233
Meeting held on June 13th, 1929 . . . . .	236

PART III. — RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

1. Report adopted by the Assembly at its Second Ordinary Session on October 4th, 1921 . . . . .	239
References to the Records of the Second Ordinary Session . . . . .	239
2. Report adopted by the Assembly at its Third Ordinary Session on September 21st, 1922 . . . . .	240
References to the Records of the Third Ordinary Session . . . . .	242
3. Report submitted to the Assembly at its Fourth Ordinary Session by the Sixth Committee, and Resolution adopted by the Assembly on September 26th, 1923 . . . . .	243
References to the Records of the Fourth Ordinary Session . . . . .	243
4. Report submitted to the Assembly at its Sixth Ordinary Session by the Sixth Committee, and Resolution adopted by the Assembly on September 22nd, 1925 . . . . .	244
References to the Records of the Sixth Ordinary Session . . . . .	245
5. Report submitted to the Assembly at its Eleventh Ordinary Session by the Sixth Committee, adopted by the Assembly on September 30th, 1930 . . . . .	245
References to the Records of the Eleventh Ordinary Session . . . . .	246

APPENDIX

References to the Records of the Fifth, the Eighth, the Ninth and the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly . . . . .	247
--	-----