

which could be invoked in future without the consent of the two parties to a dispute. On this point, however, the Spanish representative sought to reassure him by means of the following declaration :—

“ The Spanish Government, which I have the honour to represent here, is a member of the League of Nations. As such it accepts fully and completely all the responsibilities and duties thereby involved ; but it naturally claims, equally fully and completely, the rights and privileges attaching thereto. Consequently, it would be quite impossible for the Spanish Government to accept anything which might create a situation in which the action or initiatives which it took as a member of the League of Nations, and in conformity with the Covenant, should be subject to conditions different from those which are generally applicable to initiatives or action taken by other members of the League of Nations.”

The President, speaking as the representative of Peru, explained his abstention by stating that his Government had broken off diplomatic relations with the Spanish Government.

After the resolution had been adopted the representative of the United Kingdom asked the President to put to the Council the suggestion that if a similar demand were presented to the Council from the other side in Spain the Council would welcome it in the same spirit. The President duly put this suggestion to the Council and it was adopted.

The one hundred and third session of the Council then closed.

Yours sincerely,  
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