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the railways of China, now existing or to be built, under its effective and unified control and operation.

NO. 10. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REDUCTION OF CHINESE MILITARY FORCES.

Whereas the Powers attending this Conference have been deeply impressed with the severe drain on the public revenue of China through the maintenance in various parts of the country, of military forces, excessive in number and controlled by the military chiefs of the provinces without coordination,

And whereas the continued maintenance of these forces appears to be mainly responsible for China's present unsettled political conditions,

And whereas it is felt that large and prompt reductions of these forces will not only advance the cause of China's political unity and economic development but will hasten her financial rehabilitation;

Therefore, without any intention to interfere in the internal problems of China, but animated by the sincere desire to see China develop and maintain for herself an effective and stable government alike in her own interest and in the general interest of trade;

And being inspired by the spirit of this Conference whose aim is to reduce, through the limitation of armament, the enormous disbursements which
manifestly constitute the greater part of the encumbrance upon entrepise and national prosperity;

It is resolved: That this Conference express to China the earnest hope that immediate and effective steps may be taken by the Chinese Government to reduce the aforesaid military forces and expenditures.

Adopted by the Conference on the Limitation of Armament at the Fifth Plenary Session, February 1st, 1922.

NO. 11. RESOLUTION REGARDING EXISTING COMMITMENTS OF CHINA OR WITH RESPECT TO CHINA.

The Powers represented in this Conference, considering it desirable that there should hereafter be full publicity with respect to all matters affecting the political and other international obligations of China and of the several Powers in relation to China, are agreed as follows:

I. The several Powers other than China will at their earliest convenience file with the Secretariat General of the Conference for transmission to the participating Powers, a list of all treaties, conventions, exchange of notes, or other international agreements which they may have with China, or with any other Power or Powers in relation to China, which they deem to be still in force and upon which they may desire to rely. In each case, citations will be given to any official or other publication in which an authoritative text of the docu-

Il est décidé: Que la Conférence exprime à la Chine son vif désir de voir prendre par le Gouvernement chinois des mesures effectives pour réduire lesdites forces militaires et par là même les dépenses qui en résultent.

Adoptée par la Conférence de la Limitation des Armements à la cinquième séance plénière, le 1er février 1922.

NO. 11. RÉSOLUTION CONCERNANT LES ENGAGEMENTS EXISTANT DE LA CHINE OU AU SUJET DE LA CHINE.

Les Puissances représentées à la présente Conférence, considérant qu’il est désirable de donner dorénavant publicité entière à toutes questions affectant les obligations politiques ainsi qu’à tous engagements internationaux contractés par la Chine ou par les différentes Puissances avec la Chine, ont décidé ce qui suit:

I. Les différentes Puissances autres que la Chine, déposeront le plus tôt possible, au Secrétariat Général de la Conférence, pour être transmise aux Puissances participantes, une liste de tous traités, conventions, échanges de notes ou autres accords internationaux qu’elles peuvent avoir avec la Chine ou avec une ou plusieurs autres Puissances au sujet de la Chine, et qu’elles considèrent comme étant encore en vigueur ou sur lesquelles pourraient désira-