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A document summarising the resolutions of the Indian National Congress in 1885  
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### RESOLUTION I.

**Resolved.**—That this Congress earnestly recommends that the promised inquiry into the working of Indian Administration, here and in England, should be entrusted to a Royal Commission, the people of India being adequately represented thereon, and evidence taken both in India and in England.

[Proposed by Mr. G. Subramania Iyer, (*Madras*); seconded by Mr. P. M. Mehta, (*Bombay*); and supported by Mr. Narendronath Sen, (*Calcutta*).]

### RESOLUTION II.

**Resolved.**—That this Congress considers the abolition of the Council of the Secretary of State for India, as at present constituted, the necessary preliminary to all other reforms.

[Proposed by Mr. S. H. Chiplonkar, (*Poona*); seconded by Mr. P. Ananda Charlu, (*Madras*); and supported by Mr. J. Ghosal, (*Allahabad*).]

### RESOLUTION III.

**Resolved.**—That this Congress considers the reform and expansion of the Supreme and existing Local Legislative Councils, by the admission of a considerable proportion of elected members (and the creation of similar Councils for the N.-W. Provinces and Oudh, and also for the Punjab) essential; and holds that all Budgets should be referred to these Councils for consideration, their members being moreover empowered to interpellate the Executive in regard to all branches of the administration; and that a Standing Committee of the House of Commons should be constituted to receive and consider any formal protests that may be recorded by majorities of such Councils against the exercise by the Executive of the power, which would be vested in it, of over-ruling the decisions of such majorities.

[Proposed by the Hon. K. T. Telang, C.L.E., (*Bombay*); seconded by the Hon. S. Subramania Iyer, (*Madras*); and supported by the Hon. Dadabhai Naoroji, (*Bombay*).]

### RESOLUTION IV.

**Resolved.**—That in the opinion of this Congress the competitive examinations now held in England, for first appointments in various civil departments of the public service, should henceforth, in accordance with the views of the India Office Committee of 1860, be held simultaneously, one in England and one in India, both being as far as practicable identical in their nature, and those who compete in both countries being finally classified in one list according to merit.

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