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Telegram from Antony Eden, Minister for League of Nations Affairs and soon to be British Foreign Secretary, on the League's response to the crisis, October 1935
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Questions

1. According to paragraph 1, what is the League of Nations proposing to do?
2. In paragraph 2, what new policy is the League of Nations about to employ?
3. Who would this help and how?
4. What would be Mussolini's likely response to the League of Nation's decision?
5. Was there anything else the League could have done at this point to protect Abyssinia?
6. What reasons might there have been for them not taking more action?



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From SWITZERLAND.

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Following from Mr. Eden.

Following is text referred to in my immediately preceding telegram.

Begins --

Proposal number one. With a view to facilitating for the Governments of the members of the League of Nations the execution of their obligations under article 16 of the Covenant the following measures should be taken forthwith.

1. The Governments of the members of the League of Nations which are enforcing at the moment measures to prohibit or restrict the exportation, re-exportation or transit of arms, munitions and implements of war to Ethiopia will annul these measures immediately.
2. The Governments of the members of the League of Nations will prohibit immediately the exportation, re-exportation or transit to Italy or Italian possessions of arms, munitions and implements of war enumerated in the attached list.
3. The Governments of the members of the League of Nations will take such steps as may be necessary to secure that arms, munitions and implements of war enumerated in the attached list exported to countries other than Italy will not be re-exported directly or indirectly to Italy or to Italian possessions.
4. The measures provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 are to apply to contracts in process of execution.
5. Each Government is requested to inform the Committee through the Secretary-General of the League within the shortest possible time of the measures which it has taken in conformity with the above provisions.