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The Commission consisted of delegates from the following countries : Australia, Byelo-Russia, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, India, New Zealand, U.S.A., Ukraine, U.S.S.R., Union of South Africa, United Kingdom, and Yugoslavia.

The Commission was set the task of examining parts of the draft treaty between the Allied and Associated Powers and Bulgaria which had been prepared by the Council of Foreign Ministers, and of submitting recommendations to the Plenary Conference as a result. The sections of the draft treaty referred to its particular notice were :—

Preamble.

Part I : Article 1 and Annex 1.

Part II : Articles 2 to 8 inclusive.

Part IV : Article 19.

Part VIII : Articles 33 to 36 inclusive.

Eleven of the thirteen articles considered at the sixteen meetings of the Commission were adopted unanimously with little or no discussion. Thirteen amendments or proposals for new articles were examined ; of these, eight submitted by the Australian delegation related to the establishment of a Court of Human Rights, a Treaty Executive Council, and a future Conference to review the treaties. As these amendments were of general application to all treaties and had been considered by the Territorial and Political Commissions for Italy and Finland, the Bulgarian Commission considered only the amendments adopted by those Commissions, the remainder being withdrawn by the Australian delegation. The New Zealand delegation gave general support to the Australian proposals, but the only positive result achieved was the addition of a few words and a drafting alteration to the Preamble.

Main discussion in Commission centred round Article 1, concerning the delimitation of the Greco-Bulgarian frontier, the draft of which had been considered tentative by the Council of Foreign Ministers until