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The Commission, which consisted of the delegates from all the twenty-one Allied and Associated Powers, and held thirty-eight meetings, was given the task of examining parts of the draft treaties between the Allied and Associated Powers and the ex-enemy States of Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Finland which had been prepared by the Council of Foreign Ministers and, as a result of such examination, submitting recommendations to the Plenary Conference.

The sections of the draft treaties referred to the notice of the Commission were—

Italy: Articles 39 to 62, with Annexes 4 and 5.

Roumania: Articles 11 to 20, with Annexes 2 and 3.

Bulgaria: Articles 9 to 18 with Annexes 2 and 3.

Hungary: Articles 10 to 19, with Annexes 2 and 3.

Finland: Articles 13 to 21, with Annexes 2 and 3.

Notwithstanding long preliminary discussions on procedure, the work of the Commission was throughout continually subject to lengthy interruptions in order to discuss points of procedure evoked by members of Eastern States to delay consideration of proposals to which they took objection.

The procedure to be adopted in hearing the representatives of ex-enemy States and non-member States was only accepted after a long discussion and amplified that suggested by the Secretary-General. It was decided that, as regards ex-enemy States, any suggestions submitted would be considered in Commission only if they were presented in the form of amendments by a member of the Commission; in the case of non-member States any suggestions submitted would be studied on the initiative of one of the members, but were only to be voted upon if presented as an amendment by a full member of the Commission.

The various Articles of the five treaties are dealt with separately below.

ITALY

The following articles were unanimously adopted, after discussion, without change: 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 52 para. 1, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, and Annexes 4 and 5.