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Mr. Luxford

Mr. Brenner

There is attached a draft Resolution in accordance with your suggestion for the solution of the USSR-India problem.

It is possible that this matter could be handled informally by an arrangement between India and the countries which elect one of the Directors at Savannah. For the purpose of explaining how the arrangement would operate, it is assumed that Canada alone will be able to elect a Director. Canada and India agree if the USSR becomes a member and ousts India from its appointed seat, the Canadian Director will resign. As the By-Laws are now drafted, a new election would have to be held but only Canada would participate in the election. There does not appear to be anything in the Articles of Agreement, however, which would prevent modification of the present By-Laws to provide that India as well as Canada could participate in the election.

If this procedure were followed and the matter were left to a vote, India could outvote Canada and elect its own Director. The Canadians could preserve their position, however, by agreeing to resign their seat provided that India would vote for the same man at the new election and the result would be that the Canadian Director would then cast the Indian vote at meetings. India would not have its own representative on the Executive Directors but at least it would be in the position of having its votes counted and of having a Director of a different nationality represent it.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

If one or more countries not listed in Schedule A of the Articles of Agreement is admitted to membership between the first and second elections of Executive Directors, there shall be one additional director until the second election. Those members whose votes have not been counted in the election of an Executive Director holding office at the time the additional Director is elected shall participate in the election. Each Governor participating shall cast for one person all of the votes to which he is entitled and a simple majority of the votes shall constitute election but the Director elected shall be deemed to have been elected by all of the members eligible to participate. If no one receives a majority of the votes on the first ballot, additional ballots shall be held and the candidate who received the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be ineligible for election.