

UNIFICATION OF RAILWAYS IN CHINA

Resolution adopted by the Conference on the Limitation of Armament at Washington February 1, 1922, with declaration by China

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RESOLUTION REGARDING THE UNIFICATION OF RAILWAYS IN CHINA, AND ACCOMPANYING DECLARATION BY CHINA

The Powers represented in this Conference record their hope that to the utmost degree consistent with legitimate existing rights, the future development of railways in China shall be so conducted as to enable the Chinese Government to effect the unification of railways into a railway system under Chinese control, with such foreign financial and technical assistance as may prove necessary in the interests of that system.

[For parties, see bracketed note p. 331.]

*Declaration by China*¹

The Chinese Delegation notes with sympathetic appreciation the expression of the hope of the Powers that the existing and future railways of China may be unified under the control and operation of the Chinese Government with such foreign financial and technical assistance as may be needed. It is our intention as speedily as possible to bring about this result. It is our purpose to develop existing and future railways in accordance with a general program that will meet the economic, industrial and commercial requirements of China. It will be our policy to obtain such foreign financial and technical assistance as may be needed from the Powers in accordance with the principle of the open door or equal opportunity; and the friendly support of these Powers will be asked for the effort of the Chinese Government to bring all the railways of China, now existing or to be built, under its effective and unified control and operation.

¹ Made on Jan. 19, 1922, before the Committee on Pacific and Far Eastern Questions.