Geneva, February 8th, 1932.

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**PARTICULARS WITH REGARD TO THE POSITION OF ARMAMENTS IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES**

**54. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PERSIAN GOVERNMENT**

**LETTER FROM THE PERSIAN DELEGATE ACCREDITED TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.**

[Translation.]

Geneva, November 7th, 1931.

In reply to your circular letters (C.L.23 and C.L.124, 1931.IX), dated February 17th and June 13th, 1931, I have the honour to send you herewith particulars concerning the existing armaments of my country.

As we have several times informed the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, Persia has recently begun to organise its military formations and has so far only been able to get together forces which are barely sufficient to maintain order and internal security. It has not yet been possible to create an army for national defence in the proper sense of the term, and it is for this reason that Tables I, VI, VIII, X and XI have not been filled in.

Moreover, since any new formation involves unforeseen expenditure, our Parliament has merely approved a global credit (16,998,439 tomans), leaving it to the army to allocate the expenditure as and when required.

I should like to add that the figures given in the said tables must not be regarded as in any way prejudging Persia's actual requirements in the matter of national defence.

We hope to be able to submit to the Conference next February the plan of armaments required by our country both for national defence and in order to fulfil its international obligations.

(Signed) A. SEPAHBODI.

**EFFECTIVES.**

**Table I. — Land Armed Forces.**

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**Note to Table I.**

(1) It has not, so far, been possible to organise the land armed forces (for budgetary reasons) and at present no distinction is made between them and the formations organised on a military basis referred to in Table IV.

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Table II. — Land Armed Forces stationed overseas.

None.

Table III. — Total Land Armed Forces.

(See note to Table I.)

Table IV. — Formations organised on a Military Basis.

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**Note to Table IV.**

(1) The effectives contemplated for these formations organised on a military basis have not yet reached their full strength.

The plan of organisation provides for two forces:

(a) A force consisting of nine mixed divisions for the maintenance of order and internal security, calculated on the basis of one mixed battalion per 10,000 square kilometres, some 600,000 square kilometres of desert land at present regarded as uninhabitable being excluded.

(b) Twenty-eight frontier-guard battalions distributed over more than 8,000 kilometres of frontiers and coasts.

Table V. — Formations organised on a Military Basis stationed overseas.

None.

Table VI. — Naval Forces.

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Table VII. — Sea Formations organised on a Military Basis.

None.

Table VIII. — Air Armed Forces stationed in the Home Country.

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**Note to Table VIII.**

(1) The bombing and reconnaissance aeroplanes at present in commission are old models which are only used to assist the forces referred to in Table IV.
Table IX. — Air Armed Forces stationed overseas.

None.

Table X. — Total Air Armed Forces.

In process of organisation.

Table XI. — Air Formations organised on a Military Basis stationed in the Home Country

In process of organisation.

Table XII. — Air Formations organised on a Military Basis stationed overseas.

None.

TABLE ANNEXED TO CHAPTER B OF PART I.

Period of service

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Note.

Conscripts who have qualified by matriculation perform only eighteen months' service. Holders of college diplomas perform only one year's service.