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By the Resolution I have just signed the operation of the August Resolution is extended ^{And to time thereof} until May 1, 1937. ~~By the Resolution~~ ^{A new and} definite step is taken by providing in substance that, when an embargo becomes effective, obligations of any belligerent government issued after the date of the proclamation shall not be purchased or sold in this country, and no loan or credit extended to such government, but with authority to the Executive, if our interests require, to except from the prohibition commercial credits and short time loans in aid of legal transactions. In ^{in general} addition, it ~~exempts~~ ^{exempts} the other Republics of this hemisphere from the operation of the law.

Following the August enactment promptly on October 5, 1935, I issued a proclamation which made effective the embargo with respect to exportations to Italy and Ethiopia, and I have now issued a new proclamation in order to meet the requirements of the new enactment.

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the duty I have urged on our people of restricting their exports of essential war materials to either belligerent to *approximately* the normal peace time basis has not been the subject of legislation. Nevertheless, it is clear to me that *greatly* to exceed that basis, with the result of earning profits not possible during peace, *and especially with the result of giving actual assistance to the* would serve to ~~increase~~ magnify the very evils *that*

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neutrality legislation is apparent from the fact that without *the* such consideration there would be no law in force after May 1, *aid* 1937. With this purpose I am in thorough accord. Upon our Government rests the plain obligation to respond to the desire *to the* of the peace loving people of this country that it shall not become a participant in any war. In order to accomplish an *even-* objective of such vast importance, the subject, which must *tements* *of war* ~~be~~ again dealt with by Congress prior to May 1, 1937, deserves the earnest attention and thought of all of those who believe that effective neutrality legislation can and should be enacted.

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The policies announced by the Secretary of State and myself at the time of and subsequent to the date of the original proclamation will hereafter be maintained in effect except the policy respecting the matter of abnormal shipments of essential war materials.

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The policies announced by the Secretary of State and myself at the time of and subsequent to the issuance of the original proclamation will be maintained in effect. It is true that the high moral duty I have urged on our people of restricting their exports of essential war materials to either belligerent to approximately the normal peace time basis has not been the subject of legislation. Nevertheless, it is clear to me that greatly to exceed that basis, with the result of earning profits not possible during peace, and especially with the result of giving actual assistance to the carrying on of war, would serve to magnify the very evil of war which we seek to prevent. This being my view, I renew the appeal made last October to the American people that they so conduct their trade with belligerent nations that it cannot be said that they are seizing new opportunities for profit or that by changing their peace time trade they give aid to the continuation of war.

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