

AMB EINAUDI'S COMMENT ON AMB KNIPPING'S ELECTION
AS CHAIRMAN OF OAS COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL AFFAIRS

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I join the consensus out of respect for the intelligence, legal ability, and experience of Eladio Knipping Victoria, and out of respect for the views of my colleagues who have reached this consensus.

But I do wish to express an explicit reservation.

Ambassador Knipping mentioned earlier today in the Permanent Council that he would like to have been able to pay the \$9 million plus that I was able to transmit to the Secretary General as part of the U.S. quota payment. I understand the sentiment. But I want to add that I hope to be able to keep making such payments.

In naming Ambassador Knipping as Chairman of what is perhaps the key Committee of this Permanent Council, we recognize a distinguished fellow ambassador. However, in naming the representative of a country that has not for many years paid even part of its quota, we are also signalling that this body believes quota payments are not as important as I have repeatedly informed my government.