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FTER the Allies had formally and officially committed themselves -in their masterly reply to President Wilson January 10, 1917 - to the principle of a league of nations to discourage future wars, manifestly the next important step was to find out what kind of a league they would accept. Now, the most direct way in which to attack that problem is to frame an actual Draft Convention for their consideration. With this object in view a private Study Group, composed of American jurists and publicists, examined the subject at ten meetings of the principal committee, supplemented by serious study by sub-committees, through the period of a year. It is thought useful to give out the results of their labours at this time. The Draft Convention is based on the program of the League to Enforce Peace, the principal aim of which is to compel inquiry before nations are allowed to go to war. The States of the League agree to make

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war, swift and immediate, on any nation which violates this fundamental provision.¹

¹ It will be noted that the tentative Draft Convention, which had its origin in a sketch submitted by George Grafton Wilson, has undergone considerable development and change since the author was privileged to give a description of it in his book "League of Nations."

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