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The Minister for Foreign Affairs of France informed the Persian Minister in Paris that representatives of neutral countries like Sweden and Spain had not been invited to the Lausanne Conference; those countries will only be heard when matters interesting them arise. You are instructed to point out that it is not fair to treat Persia on the same footing as these neutral countries.

There are many and strong reasons why the Persian Government is as interested as, and perhaps more so than other powers in the settlements being arrived at with Turkey at Lausanne. Persia has a common frontier with Turkey; a very large number of Persian subjects reside in that country, and there is considerable commerce between the two neighbors; Persia feels the vital necessity of free access to the open sea; the determination of any questions relating to Kurdistan and the suppression or modification of the capitulatory regime in Turkey particularly affect and interest Persia. It is not, on the other hand, meet that Persia be placed on the same plane with representatives of Assyro-Chaldeans and Armenians, who have been advancing unjustified pretensions at the instigation of the allied powers. It is necessary that you urge strongly Persia's case and draw attention to her indisputable right to be represented at the Conference.

(signed) Ghavam-os-Saltaneh

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