NON-JUDICIAL MEANS OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (I)

NEGOTIATION
The oldest and most used method. It is a direct understanding between the parties in order to come to an agreement. It is carried out by ordinary diplomatic services or within an international conference convened for that purpose. It is characterized by its immediacy and discretion. It comes to an end with joint declarations and agreements between the parties that notify the understanding.

GOOD OFFICES AND MEDIATION
A third international subject intervenes between them, this could be a State, an international organization or a group of them. Distinguishing characteristic: through good offices the third subject acts as an intermediary, but it does not propose a solution.

INQUIRY
The commissions of inquiry were first adopted in The Hague Conference in 1899 and regulated at the second conference held in 1907. Its task is to make inquiries, clarify the facts and provide a solution for the conflict, in the form of a report, even if it does not have a binding character. It is constituted by agreement between the parties in dispute.