ESTONIE, LETTONIE, POLOGNE, ROUMANIE ET UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOVIÉTISTES SOCIALISTES

Protocole pour la mise en vigueur, sans délai, du Traité de Paris du 27 août 1928, relatif à la renonciation à la guerre, en tant qu’instrument de politique nationale. Signé à Moscou, le 9 février 1929.

ESTONIA, LATVIA, POLAND, ROUMANIA AND UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

1 Traduction. — Translation.

No. 2028. — Protocol, signed at Moscow, February 9, 1929, between Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Roumania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, for the immediate entry into force of the Treaty of Paris of August 27, 1928, regarding renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy.

French official text communicated by the Polish Delegade accredited to the League of Nations and the Estonian Minister for Foreign Affairs. The registration of this Protocol took place June 3, 1929.

The Government of the Estonian Republic, the President of the Latvian Republic, the President of the Polish Republic, His Majesty the King of Roumania and the Central Executive Committee of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, being desirous of promoting the maintenance of peace between their respective countries and for this purpose of putting into force without delay, between the peoples of those countries, the Treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy, signed at Paris on August 27, 1928, have decided to achieve this purpose by means of the present Protocol and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The Government of the Estonian Republic:
M. Julius Seljamaa, Estonian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Moscow;

The President of the Latvian Republic:
M. Charles Ozols, Latvian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Moscow;

The President of the Polish Republic:
M. Stanislav Patek, Polish Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Moscow;

His Majesty the King of Roumania:
M. Charles A. Davila, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Warsaw and

The Central Executive Committee of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:
M. Maxime Litvinoff, Member of the Central Executive Committee, People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs ad interim.

1 Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations, for information.
2 Deposited ratifications:
   Latvia, March 5, 1929.
   Estonia, March 16, 1929.
   Poland, March 30, 1929.
   Roumania, March 30, 1929.
Who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article I.

The Treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy, signed at Paris on August 27, 1928, a copy of which is attached to the present Protocol as an integral part of that instrument, shall come into force between the Contracting Parties after the ratification of the said Treaty of Paris of 1928 by the competent legislative bodies of the respective Contracting Parties.

Article II.

The entry into force in virtue of the present Protocol, of the Treaty of Paris of 1928 in reciprocal relations between the Parties to the present Protocol shall be valid independently of the entry into force of the Treaty of Paris of 1928 as provided in Article III of the last named Treaty.

Article III.

1. The present Protocol shall be ratified by the competent legislative bodies of the Contracting Parties, in conformity with the requirements of their respective constitutions.
2. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited by each of the Contracting Parties with the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics within one week of the ratification of the present Protocol by the respective Parties.
3. As from the date of the deposit of the instruments of ratification by two of the Contracting Parties, the present Protocol shall come into force between those two Parties. In reciprocal relations between the other Contracting Parties and the States for which it has already come into force, the Protocol shall come into force as and when their instruments of ratification are deposited.
4. The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall immediately notify the deposit of the several ratifications to all the signatories to the present Protocol.

Article IV.

In order to give effect to Article I of the present Protocol, each of the High Contracting Parties, after ratification by its legislative bodies of the Treaty of Paris of 1928, shall immediately notify the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and all the other Parties to the present Protocol, through the diplomatic channel.

Article V.

The present Protocol shall be open for the accession of the Governments of all countries. Notification of final accession shall be made in the name of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which shall duly notify all the other Parties to the present Protocol. Immediately on receipt of such notification of accession, the present Protocol shall be put into force in reciprocal relations between the acceding State and all the other Parties to the present Protocol.

Article VI.

The entry into force, in virtue of the present Protocol, of the Treaty of Paris of 1928, in reciprocal relations between the acceding State and all the other Parties to the said Protocol, shall, be effected in the way laid down in Article IV of the Protocol.

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Article VII.

The present Protocol has been drawn up in a single copy, an authentic copy of which shall be communicated by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to each of the signatory or acceding States.

In faith whereof the above-mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Protocol and have affixed their seals thereto.

Done at Moscow, February 9, 1929.

(L. S.) (Signed) Jul. Selmamaa.
(L. S.) (Signed) C. Ozols.
(L. S.) (Signed) St. Patek.
(L. S.) (Signed) Davila.
(L. S.) (Signed) Maxime Litvinoff.

ANNEXE 1.

The President of the German Reich, the President of the United States of America, His Majesty the King of the Belgians, the President of the French Republic, His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the seas, Emperor of India, His Majesty the King of Italy, His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, the President of the Republic of Poland, the President of the Czechoslovak Republic, deeply sensible of their solemn duty to promote the welfare of mankind;

Persuaded that the time has come when a frank renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy should be made to the end that the peaceful and friendly relations now existing between their peoples may be perpetuated;

Convinced that all changes in their relations with one another should be sought only by pacific means and be the result of a peaceful and orderly process, and that any signatory Power which shall hereafter seek to promote its national interests by resort to war should be denied the benefits furnished by this Treaty;

Hopeful that, encouraged by their example, all the other nations of the world will join in this humane endeavour and by adhering to the present Treaty as soon as it comes into force bring their peoples within the scope of its beneficent provisions, thus uniting the civilized nations of the world in a common renunciation of war as an instrument of their national policy;

Have decided to conclude a Treaty and for that purpose have appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the German Reich:
Dr. Gustav Stresemann, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

The President of the United States of America:
The Honorable Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State;

His Majesty the King of the Belgians:
Mr. Paul Hymans, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of State;

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1 English Official text.

No. 2028
THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC:
Mr. Aristide Briand, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND AND THE BRITISH DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS, EMPEROR OF INDIA:

FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND ALL PARTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE WHICH ARE NOT SEPARATE MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS:
The Right Honourable Lord Cushendun, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Acting Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

FOR THE DOMINION OF CANADA:
The Right Honourable William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs;

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA:
The Honourable Alexander John McLachlan, Member of the Executive Federal Council;

FOR THE DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND:
The Honourable Sir Christopher James Parr, High Commissioner for New Zealand in Great Britain;

FOR THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA:
The Honourable Jacobus Stephanus Smit, High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa in Great Britain;

FOR THE IRISH FREE STATE:
Mr. William Thomas Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council;

FOR INDIA
The Right Honourable Lord Cushendun, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Acting Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY:
Count Gaetano Manzoni, His Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Paris;

HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN:
Count Uchida, Privy Councillor;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
Mr. A. Zaleski, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC:
Dr. Eduard Beneš, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Who, having communicated to one another their full powers found in good and due form have agreed upon the following articles:

Article II.

The High Contracting Parties solemnly declare in the names of their respective peoples that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies, and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another.
Article II.

The High Contracting Parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means.

Article III.

The present Treaty shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties named in the Preamble in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements, and shall take effect as between them as soon as all their several instruments of ratification shall have been deposited at Washington.

This Treaty shall, when it has come into effect as prescribed in the preceding paragraph, remain open as long as may be necessary for adherence by all the other Powers of the world. Every instrument evidencing the adherence of a Power shall be deposited at Washington and the Treaty shall immediately upon such deposit become effective as between the Power thus adhering and the other Powers parties hereto.

It shall be the duty of the Government of the United States to furnish each Government named in the Preamble and every Government subsequently adhering to this Treaty with a certified copy of the Treaty and of every instrument of ratification or adherence. It shall also be the duty of the Government of the United States telegraphically to notify such Governments immediately upon the deposit with it of each instrument of ratification or adherence.

In faith whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this Treaty in the French and English languages both texts having equal force, and hereunto affix their seals.

Done at Paris, the twenty-seventh day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

(L. S.) (Signed) Gustav Stresemann.
(L. S.) (Signed) Frank B. Kellogg.
(L. S.) (Signed) Paul Hymans.
(L. S.) (Signed) Aristide Briand.
(L. S.) (Signed) Cushman.
(L. S.) (Signed) W. L. Mackenzie King.
(L. S.) (Signed) A. J. McLachlan.
(L. S.) (Signed) C. J. Parr.
(L. S.) (Signed) J. S. Smit.
(L. S.) (Signed) William Thomas Cosgrave.
(L. S.) (Signed) Cushman.
(L. S.) (Signed) G. Manzoni.
(L. S.) (Signed) Uchida.
(L. S.) (Signed) Auguste Zaleski.
(L. S.) (Signed) Dr. Eduard Beneš.