

N° 2311.

AUTRICHE ET GRÈCE

Accord concernant le paiement des réclamations des ressortissants hellènes relatives aux dommages subis pendant la période de neutralité de la Grèce, avec annexe et protocole de signature. Signés à Vienne, le 27 décembre 1929.

AUSTRIA AND GREECE

Agreement concerning the Payment of Claims of Greek Nationals for Damage suffered during the Period of Neutrality of Greece, with Annex and Protocol of Signature. Signed at Vienna, December 27, 1929.

¹ TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.

No. 2311. — AGREEMENT² BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND GREECE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF GREEK NATIONALS FOR DAMAGE SUFFERED DURING THE PERIOD OF NEUTRALITY OF GREECE. SIGNED AT VIENNA, DECEMBER 27, 1929.

French official text communicated by the Federal Chancellor of the Austrian Republic. The registration of this Agreement took place April 14, 1930.

THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC and THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC, being desirous of finally settling, as far as Austria and Greece are concerned, the questions forming the subject of the Agreement signed at Athens on May 8, 1929, concerning damage suffered by Greek nationals during the period of Greek neutrality, have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries :

THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC :

Dr. Richard SCHÜLLER, Head of Department at the Federal Chancellery.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC :

M. Jean G. POLITIS, Minister of Greece.

Who, after communicating to each other their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows :

Article I.

The Austrian Government shall pay the Hellenic Government a lump sum of 8 million gold francs, according to the scheme of payments indicated below, in discharge of its share of the compensation for damage suffered by Greek nationals during the period of Greek neutrality, which the said nationals have claimed or may hereafter claim from the arbitrator appointed under the terms of paragraph 4 of the Annex to Section IV of Part X of the Treaty of Saint-Germain, it being understood that where such compensation relates to acts committed by the former Austro-Hungarian Government it shall be borne by Austria in the proportion of 63.6 %.

The above-mentioned lump sum shall include, in the same proportion of 63.6 %, compensation for damage caused by German submarines under the Austro-Hungarian flag, in as far as such compensation has not been or may not hereafter be made a charge on Germany in virtue of past or future awards of the Mixed Greco-German Arbitral Tribunal.

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations, à titre d'information.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations, for information.

² The exchange of ratifications took place at Vienna, March 31, 1930.

By the payment of the above sum, Austria shall be fully and finally exonerated from all claims in respect of damage suffered by Greek nationals during the period of Greek neutrality.

Article II.

The sum referred to above shall be distributed among Greek nationals according to internal regulations issued in Greece.

Article III.

The payment of the sum of 8 million gold francs shall be effected in annual instalments as follows :

Two million gold francs on January 15, 1931.

One million gold francs on January 15, 1932.

One million gold francs on January 15, 1933.

One million gold francs on January 15, 1934.

One million gold francs on January 15, 1935.

One million gold francs on January 15, 1936.

One million gold francs on January 15, 1937.

Payments shall be made in U. S. A. dollars at the rate of 0.19295 U. S. A. dollars for one gold franc.

In respect of each of these annual payments the Austrian Government shall remit to the Hellenic Government, not later than three months after the coming into force of the present Agreement, Treasury bonds, drawn in conformity with the annexed model.

Should it be impossible to effect the payments in question through the Bank for International Settlements, they shall be effected through the Bank of England, and the Austrian Government shall agree in that case to replace the bonds issued by other bonds drawn in appropriate form.

Article IV.

The functions of the arbitrator appointed under the terms of paragraph 4 of the Annex to Section IV of Part X of the Treaty of Saint-Germain shall terminate as soon as the present Agreement has been ratified.

Article V.

Should any dispute arise concerning the interpretation or application of the present Agreement, and should no amicable settlement be arrived at within a period of three months from the receipt of a notification of such dispute by one of the High Contracting Parties to the other, it shall be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice at the request of one of the High Contracting Parties.

Article VI.

The High Contracting Parties agree that in the event of the present Agreement not being carried out in its entirety, they will revert, in regard to the matters dealt with therein, to their previous positions, as derived from the terms of the Treaty of Saint-Germain.

Article VII.

The present Agreement shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Vienna as soon as possible,

It shall enter into force on the day of the exchange of ratifications.

Done at Vienna, on December 27, 1929, in two copies, one of which shall be transmitted to the Austrian Government and the other to the Hellenic Government.

For the Austrian Federal Republic :

(Signed) SCHÜLLER.

For the Hellenic Republic :

(Signed) POLITIS.

ANNEX.

AUSTRIAN TREASURY BOND.

The present bond confers upon the Hellenic Government, or any person to whose order it is endorsed the right to draw on January 15th..... from the Bank for International Settlements the sum of :

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Vienna, date

Countersigned on behalf of the Board of Auditors. *Signed on behalf of the Austrian Government.*

The President :

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The Federal Minister of Finance :

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PROTOCOL FOR SIGNATURE.

When proceeding to sign the present Agreement, the Austrian delegate declared that the Austrian Government undertakes to come to an immediate agreement with the Committee of Creditor Powers in respect of Relief Debts in London.

The Greek delegate takes note of this declaration, without prejudice however to the legal stand-point of his own Government.

VIENNA, *December 27, 1929.*

For the Austrian Federal Republic :
(Signed) SCHÜLLER.

For the Hellenic Republic:
(Signed) POLITIS.