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LETTONIE ET SAINT-SIÈGE

Convention additionnelle au Concordat conclu le 30 mai 1922, et protocole final. Signés au Vatican, le 25 janvier 1938.

**LATVIA
AND THE HOLY SEE**

Additional Convention to the Concordat concluded on May 30th, 1922, and Final Protocol. Signed at the Vatican, January 25th, 1938.

¹ TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.

No. 4320. — ADDITIONAL CONVENTION² TO THE CONCORDAT CONCLUDED ON MAY 30TH, 1922, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF LATVIA AND THE HOLY SEE. SIGNED AT THE VATICAN, JANUARY 25TH, 1938.

French official text communicated by the Latvian Minister for Foreign Affairs. The registration of this Convention took place April 5th, 1938.

THE HOLY SEE and THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA have decided to make certain changes in the Concordat³ signed on May 30th, 1922.

His Holiness Pope Pius XI and His Excellency the President of the Republic of Latvia, Monsieur Karlis Ulmanis, have accordingly appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries :

HIS HOLINESS :

His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Eugène PACELLI, His Secretary of State ;

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA :

His Excellency Monsieur Vilhelms MUNTERS, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The above-named Plenipotentiaries, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following provisions :

I.

In view of the creation in Latvia of an ecclesiastical province comprising the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Riga and the Diocese of Liepaja, the new situation shall be duly taken into account in applying the provisions of the Concordat.

II.

The following new paragraph shall be interpolated between the two paragraphs of Article XI :

For the purpose of advanced ecclesiastical studies, a Faculty of Catholic Theology shall be set up at the University of Latvia.

III.

Article XII of the Concordat shall be modified as follows :

Should the Archbishop desire, as an exception, to bring ecclesiastics from abroad to Latvia, he shall duly communicate the names of these ecclesiastics to the Government

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 Riga, March 26th, 1938.

³ Vol. XVII, page 365, of this Series.

of the Republic in order that he may be informed if the Government has any objection, from a political point of view, to their appointment. The members of the Chapter, the Deans and the titular Vicars must be Latvian nationals.

IV.

The present Additional Convention shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Riga. It shall come into force on the date of the exchange of ratifications, and shall be subject to the same conditions as regards its duration as the Concordat.

In faith whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Additional Convention.

Done in duplicate at the Vatican, the 25th day of January, 1938.

Eugenio Card. PACELLI.

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FINAL PROTOCOL.

On proceeding to sign the Additional Convention to the Concordat between the Holy See and the Government of Latvia, concluded on this day's date, the undersigned duly authorised Plenipotentiaries have jointly made the following declarations, which shall form an integral part of the aforesaid Additional Convention.

Ad II.

The Faculty of Catholic Theology shall be administered in conformity with its Statutes, which shall form the subject of an exchange of notes between the Holy See and the Government of Latvia.

Done at the Vatican, the 25th day of January, 1938.

Eugenio Card. PACELLI.

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