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ÉTAT SERBE-CROATE-SLOVÈNE ET TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE

Convention d'alliance signée à Belgrade le 14 août 1920.

SERB-CROAT-SLOVENE STATE AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Convention of Alliance signed at Belgrade, August 14, 1920.

¹ Traduction — Translation.

No. 154. — CONVENTION OF ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES AND THE CZECHO-SLOVAK REPUBLIC ², SIGNED AT BELGRADE, AUGUST 14, 1920.

French official text communicated by the Minister of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Groats and Slovenes at Berne, and by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Republic. The registration of this Convention took place on August 30, 1921.

Firmly resolved to maintain the Peace obtained by so many sacrifices, and provided for by the Covenant of the League of Nations, as well as the situation created by the Treaty concluded at Trianon on June 4, 1920 between the Allied and Associated Powers on the one hand, and Hungary on the other, the President of the Czechoslovak Republic and His Majesty the King of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes have agreed to conclude a defensive Convention.

For this purpose, they have nominated as their Plenipotentiary Delegates:

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC:

M. Edouard Benes, the Minister for Foreign Affairs;

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES:

M. Momtchilo Nintchitch, Doctor of Law, Minister of Commerce and Industry, and acting Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Who, having exchanged their full powers and found them to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article 1.

In case of an unprovoked attack on the part of Hungary against one of the High Contracting Parties, the other Party agrees to assist in the defence of the Party attacked, in the manner laid down by the arrangement provided for in Article 2 of the present Convention.

Article 2.

The competent Technical Authorities of the Czecho-Slovak Republic and the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes shall decide, by mutual agreement, upon the provisions necessary for the execution of the present Convention.

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

² The Ratifications were exchanged at Belgrade, February 10, 1921.

Article 3.

Neither of the High Contracting Parties shall conclude an alliance with a third Power without preliminary notice to the other.

Article 4.

The present Convention shall be valid for two years from the date of the exchange of ratifications. On the expiration of this period, each of the Contracting Parties shall have the option of denouncing the present Convention. It shall, however, remain in force for six months after the date of denunciation.

Article 5.

The present Convention shall be communicated to the League of Nations (Covenant of the League of Nations).

Article 6.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Belgrade, as soon as possible.

In witness whereof, the Plenipotentiaries named have signed and have affixed their seals thereto.

Done at Belgrade. in duplicate, August 14 1920.

(Signed) Mom. NINTCHITCH.

(Signed) Dr EDOUARD BENES.