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Acte additionnel au Protocole du
29 septembre 1923 concernant
l'établissement des réfugiés grecs,
signé à Genève, le 19 septembre
1924.

GREECE

Additional Act to the Protocol of
September 29, 1923, relating to
the Settlement of Greek Refugees,
signed at Geneva, September 19,
1924.

No. 776. — ADDITIONAL ACT¹ TO THE PROTOCOL² OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1923, RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF GREEK REFUGEES, SIGNED AT GENEVA, SEPTEMBER 19, 1924.

Official English and French texts. This Additional Act was registered on the date of its entry into force, i.e., December 4, 1924.

1. Articles 1, 2, 4, 5 (No. 1) and 6 of the Protocol shall be replaced by the following articles :

Article 1.

The Hellenic Government undertakes to establish a Refugees Settlement Commission to possess the constitution, capacity and functions set out in the Organic Statutes which form an annex to the present Protocol and are considered as being an integral part thereof. The ratification of this Protocol and of the Annex by Greece shall constitute an assurance that the Hellenic Government has taken the measures required by the internal law of the country to establish the Commission and to ensure to it during the period of its existence the prescribed capacity and powers. Particulars concerning these measures shall forthwith be communicated to the Council of the League, and no alterations shall be made without the consent of the Settlement Commission. Any alterations which may be made shall be immediately communicated to the Council.

Article 2.

The Hellenic Government undertakes to assign to the Refugees Settlement Commission, to be held by it as its absolute property for the purposes contemplated by its Statutes, an amount of land of not less than 500,000 hectares approved by the Commission as suitable for the said purposes in regard to both its character and situation.

Nevertheless, the land shall continue to be subject to ordinary servitudes, whether servitudes in favour of adjacent land or servitudes of user, and to obligations arising out of rights acquired by metayer tenants and similar holders ; furthermore, the settlement of the refugees on the land shall not preclude the settlement of metayer tenants. But it is understood that land used in this way shall not be included in the 500,000 hectares and that the settlement of metayer tenants shall not be at the expense of the Settlement Commission which may, however, at the request of the Hellenic Government, co-operate with the latter for the purposes of such settlement.

Article 4.

The Hellenic Government will, as soon as possible, raise a loan or loans up to a net total not exceeding ten million sterling, and will arrange for the subscription by Greek banks or financial groups of a block equivalent to at least 25 % of such loan or loans.

¹ The instruments of ratification were deposited with the Secretariat of the League of Nations, December 4, 1924.

² Vol. XX, page 29 of this Series.

The issuing houses shall place the whole proceeds of the loan or loans directly under the disposal of the Refugees Settlement Commission for the purposes specified in its Organic Statutes, and for the repayment, if necessary, of any advances.

Article 5.

No. 1.

instead of (for example, those indicated in Schedule 1) read (for example those indicated in the annexed schedule).

Article 6.

The Greek Government undertakes not to create any charges on its revenues by way of security for any loans not intended either for productive purposes or for carrying out its obligations under the Treaties of Peace. Should the case arise of a loan for one of these objects, then :

- (a) The Greek Government may create a charge of inferior rank upon the revenues or surplus revenues assigned to the refugees' loan in conformity with Article 5, paragraph 2.
- (b) As regards revenues other than those assigned to the refugees' loan in conformity with Article 5, paragraph 2, the Hellenic Government undertakes not to create charges thereon unless the International Financial Commission shall have recognised that the nature of the revenues on which it is proposed to create a charge is such as not to compromise the yield of the revenues assigned to the refugees' loan.

The Greek Government further undertakes immediately to make and to persist in making every effort to secure as soon as possible a complete equilibrium between the ordinary receipts and the expenses of the State.

Annexed Schedule, replacing Schedule I annexed to the Protocol. The revenues specially referred to in Article 5 of the Protocol under the number 1 are the following :

- (1) The monopolies of New Greece, i.e., Salt, Matches, Playing Cards and Cigarette paper ;
- (2) The Customs receipts received at the Customs of Canea, Candia, Samos, Chios, Mitylene, Syra ;
- (3) The tobacco duty in New Greece ;
- (4) The stamp duty in New Greece ;
- (5) The duty on alcohol in the whole of Greece ;
- (6) Any surplus of the revenues already assigned to the International Financial

Commission subject always to existing charges on such surplus.
(Schedule II of the Protocol of September 29, 1923, is cancelled.)

- (2) Articles 12 and 15 of the Statutes shall be replaced by the following articles :

Article 12.

The functions of the Refugees Settlement Commission shall be, by means of the lands assigned to it, the funds placed at its disposal and its own income, to promote the establishment of refugees in productive work either upon the land or otherwise in Greece.

Nevertheless, the Refugees Settlement Commission may settle refugees on land of Turks subject to exchange which may be assigned to it as soon as it shall enter into actual possession of this land, and even before it has become the *de jure* owner thereof. As soon as it is free to dispose of this land and is in a position to transfer the rights of ownership, the Hellenic Government solemnly undertakes to give *de jure* ownership to the Settlement Commission.

The Settlement Commission may also proceed to settle refugees on land requisitioned, or in process of expropriation, before the formalities required by law have been fully complied with, provided that the Hellenic Government solemnly undertakes to place the Commission immediately in actual possession and to give it *de jure* ownership under the conditions laid down in Article 2 of the Protocol as soon as the formalities have been fully complied with. The Settlement Commission is also authorised to settle refugees on land taken on lease by the Hellenic Government when the lease is a perpetual one and has been transferred to the Commission. Lastly, in exceptional circumstances the Commission may settle refugees on land of which it does not possess the ownership, but which is suitable for the settlement of refugees, and in respect of which the Commission considers that it has acquired sufficient rights to ensure a permanent settlement of the refugees and adequate security for the sums which it proposes to spend on this land.

Article 15.

The income and funds of the Refugees Settlement Commission may not be expended on the relief of distress or for charitable purposes as distinct from the settlement in productive work of the persons assisted.

Nevertheless, when the Commission establishes settlements on a large scale, e.g., when it creates suburbs or villages, it may make such disbursements of a general or social nature as may serve to promote the development of these settlements and improve the health conditions of the population.

All assistance given shall be given on terms involving ultimate repayment.

The present Act shall be ratified and the instrument of ratification shall be deposited at the Secretariat of the League of Nations as soon as possible. It shall come into force on the date of deposit of the ratification.

In faith whereof, the undersigned, duly authorised for this purpose, has signed the present Act.

Done at Geneva, on the 19th day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, in a single copy, which shall remain deposited with the Secretariat of the League of Nations and shall be registered without delay.

(Signed) EM. J. TSOUDEROS.
Minister of Finance.
