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Article 1

The High Contracting Parties agree that, in the event of their not being already Parties to the Agreement of May 18, 1904,⁴ and the Convention of May 4, 1910,⁵ mentioned above, they will transmit with the least possible

¹ Came into force on 24 April 1950, the date on which the amendments to the Convention, as set forth in the annex to the Protocol of 12 November 1947, entered into force in accordance with paragraph 2 of article V of the said Protocol.

States Parties to the Convention as amended by the said Protocol:

Afghanistan	Italy
Albania	Lebanon
Australia	Mexico
Belgium	Netherlands
Brazil	Nicaragua
Burma	Norway
Canada	Pakistan
China	Sweden
Czechoslovakia	Syria
Denmark	Turkey
Egypt	Union of South Africa
Finland	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Hungary	Yugoslavia
India	

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume IX, page 415; Volume XV, page 311, Volume XIX, page 283; Volume XXIV, page 163; Volume XXVII, page 419; Volume XXXV, page 301; Volume XXXIX, page 167; Volume XLV, page 99; Volume L, page 160; Volume LIV, page 388; Volume LXIII, page 378; Volume LXXXIII, page 373; Volume XCII, page 367; Volume C, page 156; Volume CVII, page 462; Volume CXI, page 403; Volume CXVII, page 49; Volume CXXII, page 322; Volume CXXXIV, page 399; Volume CXXXVIII, page 417; Volume CXLVII, page 319; Volume CLVI, page 182; Volume CLX, page 330; Volume CLXXII, page 391; Volume CLXXVII, page 384 and Volume CXCVI, page 404; and United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 11, page 424; and Volume 15, page 450.

³ See page 13 of this Volume.

⁴ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume I, page 84; Volume III, page 254; Volume XI, page 354; Volume CVII, page 456; Volume CXI, page 402; Volume CXVII, page 42; Volume CLXXII, page 388; Volume CXCVII, page 282 and United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 31, page 493. See also Protocol amending the above Agreement: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 30, page 23.

⁵ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume III, page 278; Volume XI, page 429; Volume XXIV, page 207; Volume XXXV, page 335; Volume CIV, page 545; Volume CVII, page 556; Volume CXI, page 419; Volume CXVII, page 334; Volume CLX, page 453; Volume CLXIV, page 445; Volume CLXXII, page 437 and Volume CXCVII, page 426. See also Protocol amending the above Convention: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 30, page 23.

delay, their ratifications of, or adhesions to, those instruments in the manner laid down therein.

Article 2

The High Contracting Parties agree to take all measures to discover and prosecute persons who are engaged in the traffic in children of both sexes and who commit offences within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention of May 4, 1910.

Article 3

The High Contracting Parties agree to take the necessary steps to secure punishment of attempts to commit, and, within legal limits, of acts preparatory to the commission of the offences specified in Articles 1 and 2 of the Convention of May 4, 1910.

Article 4

The High Contracting Parties agree that, in cases where there are no extradition Conventions in force between them, they will take all measures within their power to extradite or provide for the extradition of persons accused or convicted of the offences specified in Articles 1 and 2 of the Convention of May 4, 1910.

Article 5

In paragraph B of the Final Protocol of the Convention of 1910, the words "twenty completed years of age" shall be replaced by the words "twenty-one completed years of age".

Article 6

The High Contracting Parties agree, in case they have not already taken legislative or administrative measures regarding licensing and supervision of employment agencies and offices, to prescribe such regulations as are required to ensure the protection of women and children seeking employment in another country.

Article 7

The High Contracting Parties undertake in connection with immigration and emigration to adopt such administrative and legislative measures as are required to check the traffic in women and children. In particular, they undertake to make such regulations as are required for the protection of women and children travelling on emigrant ships, not only at the points of

departure and arrival, but also during the journey and to arrange for the exhibition, in railway stations and in ports, of notices warning women and children of the danger of the traffic and indicating the places where they can obtain accommodation and assistance.

Article 8

The present Convention, of which the French and the English texts are both authentic, shall bear this day's date, and shall be open for signature until March 31st, 1922.

Article 9

The present Convention is subject to ratification. As from 1 January 1948 instruments of ratification shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who will notify the receipt of them to Members of the United Nations and to non-member States to which the Secretary-General has communicated a copy of the Convention. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited in the archives of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

In order to comply with the provisions of Article 18 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Secretary-General will register the present Convention upon the deposit of the first ratification.

Article 10

Members of the United Nations may accede to the present Convention.

The same applies to non-member States to which the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations may decide officially to communicate the present Convention.

Accession will be notified to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who will notify all Members of the United Nations and the non-member States to which the Secretary-General has communicated a copy of the Convention.

Article 11

The present Convention shall come into force in respect of each Party on the date of the deposit of its ratification or act of accession.

Article 12

The present Convention may be denounced by any State which is a Party thereto, on giving twelve months' notice of its intention to denounce.

Denunciation shall be effected by notification in writing addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Copies of such notification shall be transmitted forthwith by him to all Members of the United Nations and to non-member States to which the Secretary-General has communicated a copy of the Convention. The denunciation shall take effect one year after the date on which it was notified to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and shall operate only in respect of the notifying Power.

Article 13

A special record shall be kept by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, showing which of the parties have signed, ratified, acceded to or denounced the present Convention. This record shall be open at all times to any Member of the United Nations or any non-member State to which the Secretary-General has communicated a copy of the Convention; it shall be published as often as possible, in accordance with the directions of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.
