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No. 2111. PROTOCOL¹ CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN CUSTOMS UNION STUDY GROUP. DONE AT BRUSSELS, ON 15 DECEMBER 1950

The Governments signatory to the present Protocol,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the European Customs Union Study Group (hereinafter referred to as "the Study Group"), as stated in the declaration made by certain Governments in the Committee of European Economic Co-operation on the 12th September, 1947,

Desiring to relieve the Belgian Government of the expenses incurred in respect of the Study Group,

Having regard to the Convention² establishing a Customs Co-operation Council opened for signature in Brussels this day (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"),

Have agreed as follows :

1. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 2 below, the expenses incurred by the Study Group as from 1st January, 1951 shall be provided for in the budget of the Customs Co-operation Council established by the Convention. The Council shall make appropriate arrangements for the sharing of these expenses among its Members and, if it considers it desirable, among any other Governments concerned.
2. If the Convention does not enter into force before the 1st January, 1952, the signatory Governments undertake to make joint arrangements forthwith to meet the expenses of the Study Group as from the 1st January until the Convention enters into force.
3. The General Secretariat and the Permanent Technical Committee set up under Article V of the Convention shall be placed at the disposal of the Study Group.

¹ In accordance with article 4, the Protocol came into force in respect of the following States on the dates indicated :

Italy	30 March	1951	Ireland	23 September	1952
Denmark	30 March	1951	France	6 October	1952
Federal Republic of Germany	30 March	1951	Sweden	17 October	1952
Iceland	18 July	1951	Belgium	11 December	1952
Norway	6 August	1951	Switzerland	19 December	1952
Greece	10 December	1951	Austria	21 January	1953
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12 September	1952	Luxembourg	23 January	1953
			Netherlands	23 January	1953

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 157.

4. The present Protocol shall remain open for signature. It shall enter into force on the date of signature for all signatory Governments, except those which sign subject to ratification. It shall enter into force for Governments which sign subject to ratification on the date on which they deposit their instruments of ratification with the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
5. The present Protocol shall cease to be in force if the Study Group or the Customs Co-operation Council is liquidated or if the status of the Study Group is altered by amalgamation with any other organization or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, having been duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Protocol.

DONE at Brussels on the fifteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty (December 15th, 1950) in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic, in a single original, which shall be deposited in the archives of the Belgian Government, which shall transmit certified copies thereof to each signatory Government and to each other Government which signs or accedes to the Convention.