

**No. 3101**

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**GREECE, TURKEY and YUGOSLAVIA**

**Agreement concerning the Constitution of the Balkan  
Consultative Assembly. Signed at Ankara, on 2 March  
1955**

*Official text: French.*

*Registered by Greece on 30 December 1955.*

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**Accord relatif à la Constitution de l'Assemblée consultative  
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*Texte officiel français.*

*Enregistré par la Grèce le 30 décembre 1955.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3101. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE KINGDOM OF GREECE, THE TURKISH REPUBLIC AND THE FEDERAL PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA CONCERNING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BALKAN CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY. SIGNED AT ANKARA, ON 2 MARCH 1955

The Contracting Parties,

Resolved to strengthen and render more efficacious the good relations already existing between them in the service of the peace and security of their area and of the prosperity and full independence of their peoples, in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Animated by the desire to develop still more actively the co-operation established by the Treaty of Friendship and Collaboration signed at Ankara on 28 February 1953<sup>2</sup> and by the Treaty of Alliance, Political Co-operation and Mutual Assistance signed at Bled on 9 August 1954;<sup>3</sup>

Having adopted the general principles regarding the constitution of the Consultative Assembly proposed by the three Ministers of Foreign Affairs at the Bled Conference on 9 August 1954;

Have resolved to establish a Balkan Consultative Assembly, and to this end have agreed as follows:

### *Article I*

The Consultative Assembly shall be a common organ of the Contracting Parties.

### *Article II*

The task of the Assembly shall be to examine all the means capable of developing collaboration between the signatory countries with a view to ensuring peace, safeguarding their common interests and realizing the well-being of the peoples of the Contracting Powers in every sphere of their mutual relations.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 30 September 1955, the date of deposit of the last instrument of ratification, in accordance with article XIV. The dates of deposit of the instruments of ratification are as follows:

Yugoslavia . . . . .	28 June 1955
Greece . . . . .	20 August 1955
Turkey . . . . .	30 September 1955

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 167, p. 21.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 211, p. 237.

It shall submit to the Governments of the Contracting Parties, through the medium of the Permanent Council of the Treaty of Bled, recommendations and proposals for the achievement of the above-mentioned aims.

It may also emit opinions and formulate suggestions on questions of a more general character.

### *Article III*

The Permanent Council may also submit to the Consultative Assembly for examination questions on which it considers it necessary to ask the Assembly's advice.

### *Article IV*

The functions of the Assembly shall be consultative.

All proposals, recommendations or resolutions of the Assembly must receive a majority of the votes of members present at the meeting from each national group.

### *Article V*

The Assembly may establish relations with similar institutions.

### *Article VI*

The Consultative Assembly shall be composed of members appointed by each of the National Assemblies of the Contracting Parties from among its respective members, to a total of twenty from each National Assembly.

The National Assemblies may at the same time appoint alternate members.

The term of office of a member of the Consultative Assembly shall lapse when his term of office as a member of his National Assembly expires. His successor shall be appointed in accordance with the first paragraph of this article.

### *Article VII*

The members of the Permanent Council may take part in the work of the Consultative Assembly and may speak without taking part in the voting.

### *Article VIII*

The members of the Assembly shall enjoy in the territory of the Contracting Parties all the immunities and privileges necessary for the exercise of their functions.

An agreement shall be concluded between the Contracting Parties on the subject of the said immunities which may be extended to other persons specifically mentioned in the statute referred to in article X of this Agreement.

*Article IX*

The life of the Assembly shall be limited to periods of two years, at the end of which new appointments shall be made in accordance with article VI above. Members shall be eligible for re-election.

The Assembly shall meet in regular session once a year in the capital or other town of each of the Contracting Parties in turn.

The President of the Assembly shall, when necessary, convoke the Assembly in special session.

*Article X*

After the entry into force of this Agreement the Governments of the Contracting Parties shall immediately appoint by agreement a Tripartite Commission to draw up, within a period of not more than one month, the Statute of the Consultative Assembly, which shall be submitted for their approval.

The said Statute shall prescribe the rules of organization and procedure, as well as those respecting the apportionment of expenses.

The first session of the Consultative Assembly shall be convoked as soon as possible after the said Statute has been approved.

The Consultative Assembly shall establish its own rules of procedure within the framework of this Agreement and of the above-mentioned Statute.

*Article XI*

The Permanent Council may, by a unanimous decision taken after consultation with or on the proposal of the Consultative Assembly, modify or amend this Agreement.

Such amendments or modifications shall enter into force, after approval by each Contracting Party in conformity with its constitutional processes, on the date on which the last approval is received.

Notification of each approval shall be communicated to the other Contracting Parties through the diplomatic channel as soon as possible.

*Article XII*

Any State which, in conformity with article IX of the Treaty of Ankara and article XII of the Treaty of Bled, accedes to those Treaties shall *ipso facto* become a member of the Consultative Assembly and to this end shall deposit instruments of accession to the present Agreement.

*Article XIII*

This Agreement shall remain in force for the duration of the Treaties of Ankara and Bled.

*Article XIV*

This Agreement shall be ratified by each Contracting Party in accordance with its constitutional processes, and shall enter into force on the date on which the last instrument of ratification is deposited.

The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece.

This Agreement is drawn up in the French language, in three original copies, one copy being delivered to each of the Contracting Parties.

DONE at Ankara, on 2 March 1955.

(Signed) S. STEPHANOPOULOS

(Signed) Prof. F. KÖPRÜLÜ

(Signed) Koca POPOVIC