

No. 7698

**BELGIUM
and
NETHERLANDS**

Agreement for settlement of the Belgian-Netherlands financial disputes arising out of mutual claims originating from the Second World War and the German occupation. Signed at Brussels, on 6 January 1964

Official texts: French and Dutch.

Registered by Belgium on 19 April 1965.

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Accord ayant pour but de régler le contentieux financier belgo-néerlandais provenant des créances réciproques nées de la deuxième guerre mondiale et de l'occupation allemande. Signé à Bruxelles, le 6 janvier 1964

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 7698. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE BELGIAN-NETHERLANDS FINANCIAL DISPUTES ARISING OUT OF MUTUAL CLAIMS ORIGINATING FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND THE GERMAN OCCUPATION. SIGNED AT BRUSSELS, ON 6 JANUARY 1964

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium and

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands,

Desiring to settle the various mutual claims originating from the Second World War and the German occupation,

Have agreed on the following provisions :

Article I

The Belgian State shall pay to the Netherlands State a lump sum of B.fr. 1,200,000 (one million two hundred thousand Belgian francs) as reimbursement for the compensation which the Netherlands State has paid to persons resident in Belgium for damage caused in Belgium by Netherlands troops or military personnel under British command.

Article II

The Belgian State shall pay to the Netherlands State a lump sum of B.fr. 1,800,000 (one million eight hundred thousand Belgian francs) for damage caused in Belgium by troops or military personnel under allied command to Netherlands nationals not resident in Belgium.

In accepting this lump-sum settlement, the Netherlands State undertakes to pay out of the said sum compensation for the damage referred to in the preceding paragraph.

The payment referred to above shall be made by the Belgian State on the basis of reciprocity, the Netherlands State, for its part, undertaking to bear the cost of compensation for the damage caused in the Netherlands by troops or military personnel under allied command to Belgian nationals not resident in the Netherlands, almost the entire amount of such compensation having already been paid by the Netherlands State.

¹ Came into force on 4 March 1965, fifteen days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification which took place at The Hague on 17 February 1965, in accordance with the provisions of article VII.

Article III

The Netherlands State shall pay to the Belgian State the balance of B.fr. 7,729,574 (seven million seven hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and seventy-four Belgian francs) standing to the credit of the latter as money owed for goods supplied and services rendered under the Mutual Aid Agreements.

Here follows a statement of this balance :

A. Works on the Merksem-Rosendael high-voltage electric-power line	B.fr. 4,986,198
B. Agreed payment at the rate of 50 per cent towards :	
(a) Belgian goods supplied and services rendered to the Netherlands army	B.fr. 4,206,985
(b) Belgian goods supplied under the Military Civil Program	B.fr. 1,279,767
	B.fr. 5,486,752
	Of which 50 per cent = B.fr. 2,743,376
	TOTAL B.fr. 7,729,574

Article IV

In virtue of the arrangements made in articles I to III above, the Netherlands State shall pay to the Belgian State in settlement of all accounts the sum of B.fr. 4,729,574 (four million seven hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and seventy-four Belgian francs).

Article V

As soon as the obligations imposed by this Agreement have been fulfilled, the two Contracting Parties shall consider all financial disputes between the two States arising out of the war or the German occupation, whether or not covered by this Agreement, to be at an end, with the exception of intercustodial disputes, which shall be the subject of a separate arrangement on the basis of the Agreement on the settlement of disputes concerning German enemy assets, signed at Brussels on 5 December 1947.

Article VI

As regard the Kingdom of the Netherlands, this Agreement shall apply only to the territory in Europe.

Article VII

This Agreement shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at The Hague as soon as possible.

It shall enter into force fifteen days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized for the purpose by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Brussels on 6 January 1964 in duplicate in the French and Dutch languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For Belgium :
P. H. SPAAK

For the Netherlands :
E. TEIXEIRA DE MATTOS