

**PRESENT SITUATION AS REGARDS INTERNATIONAL  
ENGAGEMENTS REGISTERED WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF THE  
LEAGUE OF NATIONS.<sup>1</sup>**

I.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSIT.

CONVENTION AND STATUTE ON FREEDOM OF TRANSIT.

(Barcelona, April 20th, 1921.)

*Accession*

ABYSSINIA<sup>2</sup>

October 16th, 1933.

II.

OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE CIRCULATION OF AND TRAFFIC  
IN OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS.

(Geneva, September 12th, 1923.)

*Accessions.*

GUATEMALA.  
PARAGUAY

October 25th, 1933.

October 21st, 1933.

III.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSIT.

CONVENTION AND STATUTE ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME OF MARITIME PORTS,  
AND PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE.

(Geneva, December 9th, 1923.)

*Ratification*

ITALY<sup>3</sup>

October 16th, 1933.

IV

TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM CONVENTION.

(The Hague, January 23rd, 1912.)

*Signature and Ratification.*

TURKEY

September 15th, 1933.

<sup>1</sup> The present list forms a supplement to the complete list of signatures and ratifications published in the *Official Journal* of January 1933. See also March 1933, pages 389 to 394; May 1933, pages 653 to 656; June 1933 (Part I), pages 697 to 700; August 1933, pages 988 to 995; and October 1933 (Part I), pages 1105 and 1106.

For reasons of economy, it has been decided not to publish in the January 1934 number of the *Official Journal*, as has been done in the past, the complete list of ratifications of agreements and conventions concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations which was published as a separate document in September 1933 [see document A.6(a).1933.V (Annex)].

<sup>2</sup> Subject to ratification.

<sup>3</sup> This ratification is given subject to the following reservations:

(i) "Subject to the rights relating to emigration mentioned in Article 12 (twelve) of this Statute."

(ii) "(a) The said ratification does not apply to the Italian colonies or possessions;

"(b) The said ratification cannot be interpreted as implying the admission or the recognition of any reservation or declaration made with a view to limiting in any way the rights granted by Article 12 of the Statute to the High Contracting Parties."

PROTOCOL RESPECTING THE PUTTING INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION.

*Signature.*

TURKEY

September 15th, 1933.<sup>1</sup>

V

ABOLITION OF IMPORT AND EXPORT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

I. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE ABOLITION OF IMPORT AND EXPORT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, AND PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, November 8th, 1927.)

2. SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT TO THE CONVENTION OF NOVEMBER 8TH, 1927 FOR THE ABOLITION OF IMPORT AND EXPORT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, AND PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, July 11th, 1928.)

In accordance with the terms of Article 6 of the Protocol of Paris, dated December 20th, 1929, the NETHERLANDS considers itself as relieved, after June 30th, 1934, of the obligations of the above-mentioned Convention, Supplementary Agreement and Protocols.

VI.

SUPPRESSION OF COUNTERFEITING CURRENCY.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF COUNTERFEITING CURRENCY AND PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, April 20th, 1929.)

*Ratification*

GERMANY.

October 3rd, 1933.

VII.

PERMANENT COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.

I. PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE REVISION OF THE STATUTE OF THE PERMANENT COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.

(Geneva, September 14th, 1929.)

*Ratifications*

CHILE  
URUGUAY

November 20th, 1933.  
September 19th, 1933.

2. PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE ACCESSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE OF THE STATUTE OF THE PERMANENT COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.

(Geneva, September 14th, 1929.)

*Ratification*

URUGUAY

September 19th, 1933.

VIII.

UNIFICATION OF LAWS ON BILLS OF EXCHANGE, PROMISSORY NOTES AND CHEQUES.

I. CONVENTION PROVIDING A UNIFORM LAW FOR BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND PROMISSORY NOTES, WITH ANNEXES AND PROTOCOL.<sup>2</sup>

(Geneva, June 7th, 1930.)

*Ratification*

GERMANY<sup>3</sup>

October 3rd, 1933.

<sup>1</sup> Date of the entry into force of the Convention for Turkey.

<sup>2</sup> This Convention entered into force on January 1st, 1934.

<sup>3</sup> This ratification is given subject to the reservations provided in Articles 6, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 20 of Annex II of the Convention.

2. CONVENTION FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CONFLICTS OF LAWS IN CONNECTION WITH BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND PROMISSORY NOTES, WITH PROTOCOL. <sup>1</sup>

(Geneva, June 7th, 1930.)

*Ratification.*

GERMANY. October 3rd, 1933.

3. CONVENTION ON THE STAMP LAWS IN CONNECTION WITH BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND PROMISSORY NOTES, WITH PROTOCOL. <sup>1</sup>

(Geneva, June 7th, 1930.)

*Ratification*

GERMANY. October 3rd, 1933.

IX.

UNIFICATION OF BUOYAGE AND LIGHTING OF COASTS.

I. AGREEMENT CONCERNING MARITIME SIGNALS.

(Lisbon, October 23rd, 1930.)

*Ratifications*

FREE CITY OF DANZIG (through the intermediary of Poland)	October 2nd, 1933.
MONACO	November 3rd, 1933.
POLAND	October 2nd, 1933.
SPAIN	November 3rd, 1933.

*Accessions.*

FRENCH COLONIES AND MANDATED TERRITORIES as follows:

French West Africa	}	October 28th, 1933.
French Equatorial Africa.		
Togoland.		
Cameroons		
Madagascar		
French Settlements in India.		
Indo-China		
Réunion		
French Coast of Somaliland.		
New Caledonia		
Oceania		
Martinique		
Guadeloupe.		
Guana.		
St. Pierre and Miquelon		

2. AGREEMENT CONCERNING MANNED LIGHTSHIPS NOT ON THEIR STATIONS.

(Lisbon, October 23rd, 1930.)

*Ratifications*

FREE CITY OF DANZIG (through the intermediary of Poland)	October 2nd, 1933.
POLAND	October 2nd, 1933.
SPAIN	November 3rd, 1933.

<sup>1</sup> This Convention entered into force on January 1st, 1934.

*Accessions*

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Indo-China	
Réunion	
French Coast of Somaliland.	
New Caledonia	
Oceania	}
Martinique	
Guadeloupe.	
Guiana.	
St. Pierre and Miquelon	

## X.

UNIFICATION OF LAWS ON BILLS OF EXCHANGE, PROMISSORY NOTES  
AND CHEQUES.

- I. CONVENTION PROVIDING A UNIFORM LAW FOR CHEQUES, WITH ANNEXES AND PROTOCOL.<sup>1</sup>  
(Geneva, March 19th, 1931.)

*Ratification*

GERMANY<sup>2</sup> October 3rd, 1933.

2. CONVENTION FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CONFLICTS OF LAWS IN CONNECTION  
WITH CHEQUES, AND PROTOCOL.<sup>1</sup>  
(Geneva, March 19th, 1931.)

*Ratification.*

GERMANY. October 3rd, 1933.

3. CONVENTION ON THE STAMP LAWS IN CONNECTION WITH CHEQUES, AND PROTOCOL.<sup>3</sup>  
(Geneva, March 19th, 1931.)

*Ratification.*

GERMANY. October 3rd, 1933.

## XI.

## ROAD TRAFFIC.

- I. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE UNIFICATION OF ROAD SIGNALS.  
(Geneva, March 30th, 1931.)

*Ratification*

ITALY September 25th, 1933.

<sup>1</sup> This Convention entered into force on January 1st, 1934.

<sup>2</sup> This ratification is given subject to the reservations provided for in Articles 6, 14, 15, 16 (paragraph 2), 18, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 29 of Annex II of the Convention.

<sup>3</sup> This Convention came into force on November 29th, 1933.

2. CONVENTION ON THE TAXATION OF FOREIGN MOTOR VEHICLES, WITH PROTOCOL-ANNEX.  
(Geneva, March 30th, 1931.)

*Ratifications*

ITALY September 25th, 1933.  
SWEDEN November 9th, 1933.

*Accession.*

IRISH FREE STATE November 27th, 1933.

## XII.

## TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

I. CONVENTION FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE AND REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION  
OF NARCOTIC DRUGS.

(Geneva, July 13th, 1931.)

*Ratification.*

VENEZUELA. November 15th, 1933.

## 2. PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE.

(Geneva, July 13th, 1931.)

*Ratification.*

CHILE November 20th, 1933.

## XIII.

## WHALING.

## CONVENTION FOR THE REGULATION OF WHALING.

(Geneva, September 24th, 1931.)

*Ratifications.*

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. October 20th, 1933.  
POLAND September 27th, 1933.

## XIV

## AUSTRIA.

## AUSTRIAN PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, July 15th, 1932.)

*Ratification.*

BELGIUM September 23rd, 1933.

## XV

## WHEAT.

FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE OF WHEAT EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES, WITH  
APPENDICES AND MINUTES OF FINAL MEETING.<sup>1</sup>

(London, August 25th, 1933.)

*Definitive Signatures*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.  
AUSTRALIA.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force August 25th, 1933.

The signatures are to be regarded as affixed in the light of the statements made during the discussions by the representatives of the various countries; these statements are contained in the Minutes of the Conference, and are to be interpreted in the sense of paragraph IV of Article 6 of the Final Act.

*Definitive Signatures* (continued)

AUSTRIA.  
 BELGIUM.  
 UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.  
 BULGARIA.  
 CANADA.  
 CZECHOSLOVAKIA. <sup>1</sup>  
 FRANCE.  
 GERMANY.  
 GREECE.  
 HUNGARY.  
 ITALY.  
 POLAND.  
 ROUMANIA.  
 UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.  
 SPAIN.  
 SWEDEN.  
 SWITZERLAND.  
 YUGOSLAVIA.

*Signature "ad referendum"*

IRISH FREE STATE. <sup>2</sup>

## XVI.

## FILMS OF AN EDUCATIONAL CHARACTER.

CONVENTION FOR FACILITATING THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION OF FILMS OF AN EDUCATIONAL CHARACTER. <sup>3</sup>

(Geneva, October 11th, 1933.)

*Signatures*

ALBANIA.  
 GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,  
 and all parts of the British Empire which are not separate Members of the League of Nations.  
 INDIA.

This signature is not binding as regards the enforcement of provisions of the Convention in the territories in India of any Prince or Chief under the suzerainty of His Majesty.

FINLAND.  
 GREECE.  
 ITALY.  
 NICARAGUA.  
 PANAMA.  
 SWITZERLAND.  
 URUGUAY.

<sup>1</sup> The Czechoslovak Government informed the Secretariat that it is unable to take a decision as regards its signature given *ad referendum* before September 22nd, 1933.

The Czechoslovak Government further informed the Secretariat, on September 21st, 1933, of its acceptance of the Act, calling attention at the same time to the declaration made by the Czechoslovak delegate at the Wheat Conference, by which the Czechoslovak Government reserved the right to make further reservations on approval of its signature, and added that it agrees to the reduction of Customs duties, provided that such reduction shall not affect the maintenance of remunerative prices for home-grown cereals. A decision regarding the remunerative level of prices can only be taken with due consideration of the conditions prevailing in Czechoslovakia.

<sup>2</sup> The Government of the Irish Free State has informed the Secretariat that it regrets not to be in a position to accept this Act which it had signed *ad referendum*.

<sup>3</sup> The Secretary-General of the League of Nations will draw up a procès-verbal when the ratifications or accessions of five Members of the League of Nations or non-member States have been received (Article XVII).

The present Convention shall be registered by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations ninety days after the date of the procès-verbal mentioned in Article XVII. It will come into force on that date (Article XVIII).

This Convention remains open for signature until April 11th, 1934.

## XVII.

## TRAFFIC IN WOMEN OF FULL AGE.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN OF FULL AGE.<sup>1</sup>

(Geneva, October 11th, 1933.)

*Signatures*

ALBANIA.  
AUSTRIA.  
BELGIUM.

With reservation as regards Article 10.

GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,  
and all parts of the British Empire which are not separate Members of the League of Nations.

AUSTRALIA.  
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

CHINA.  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.  
FREE CITY OF DANZIG.

FRANCE.

GERMANY.

GREECE.

LITHUANIA.

THE NETHERLANDS, including the Netherlands Indies, Surinam and Curaçao.

NORWAY.

PANAMA.

POLAND.

PORTUGAL.

SPAIN.

SWEDEN.

Subject to ratification by His Majesty the King of Sweden with the approval of the Riksdag.

SWITZERLAND.

YUGOSLAVIA.

## XVIII.

## REFUGEES.

CONVENTION RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF REFUGEES.<sup>2</sup>

(Geneva, October 28th, 1933.)

*Signatures.*

BELGIUM.

Subject to the following reservations:

(1) Article 2, paragraph 3, relating to the right conferred on consuls to extend Nansen certificates, cannot be accepted by the Belgian Government;

(2) Article 9, in so far as it concerns the application of the provisions of the domestic legislation relating to "unemployment insurance" cannot be accepted;

(3) Article 10, concerning social insurance laws, cannot be favourably received;

(4) Article 14, which concerns the enjoyment of the rights and favours accorded to foreigners, subject to reciprocity, cannot be admitted;

(5) The Belgian Government, in accepting the present Convention, is not assuming any obligation as regards the colony of the Congo or the mandated territories of Ruanda-Urundi.

FRANCE.

Subject to the following reservations:

(1) Article 7 shall not preclude the application of the laws and regulations fixing the proportion of wage-earning foreigners that employers are authorised to employ in France;

(2) The organisation, in France, of Committees such as are provided for in Article 15 shall not, if it takes place, confer on them powers incompatible with the existing laws in the matter of finding employment;

(3) The French Government, by its acceptance of the present Convention, is not assuming any obligation in regard to the whole of its colonies, protectorates, overseas territories, territories placed under its suzerainty or territories in respect of which a mandate has been confided to it.

<sup>1</sup> The present Convention shall come into force sixty days after the Secretary-General of the League of Nations has received two ratifications or accessions (Article 8).

This Convention remains open for signature until March 31st, 1934.

<sup>2</sup> The present Convention shall enter into force thirty days after the receipt by the Secretary-General of ratifications or accessions of not less than two Members of the League of Nations or non-member States (Article 20).

This Convention remains open for signature until April 15th, 1934.

## XIX.

## INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS.

1. CONVENTION LIMITING THE HOURS OF WORK IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO EIGHT IN THE DAY AND FORTY-EIGHT IN THE WEEK, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS FIRST SESSION, ON NOVEMBER 28TH, 1919.

*Ratification*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC November 30th, 1933.

2. CONVENTION CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS FIRST SESSION, ON NOVEMBER 28TH, 1919.

*Ratification*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC November 30th, 1933.

3. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN BEFORE AND AFTER CHILDBIRTH, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS FIRST SESSION, ON NOVEMBER 29TH, 1919.

*Ratification*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC November 30th, 1933.

4. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN DURING THE NIGHT, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS FIRST SESSION, ON NOVEMBER 28TH, 1919.

*Ratification*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC November 30th, 1933.

5. CONVENTION FIXING THE MINIMUM AGE FOR ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS FIRST SESSION, ON NOVEMBER 28TH, 1919.

*Ratification*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC November 30th, 1933.

6. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE NIGHT WORK OF YOUNG PERSONS EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRY ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS FIRST SESSION, ON NOVEMBER 28TH, 1919.

*Ratification*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC November 30th, 1933.

7. CONVENTION FIXING THE MINIMUM AGE FOR ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO EMPLOYMENT AT SEA, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS SECOND SESSION, ON JULY 9TH, 1920.

*Ratification*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC November 30th, 1933.

8. CONVENTION CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT INDEMNITY IN CASE OF LOSS OR FOUNDERING OF THE SHIP ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS SECOND SESSION, ON JULY 9TH, 1920.

*Ratification*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC November 30th, 1933.

9. CONVENTION FOR ESTABLISHING FACILITIES FOR FINDING EMPLOYMENT FOR SEAMEN, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS SECOND SESSION, ON JULY 10TH, 1920.

*Ratification.*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

November 30th, 1933.

10. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION AGAINST ACCIDENT OF WORKERS EMPLOYED IN LOADING OR UNLOADING SHIPS (REVISED 1932), ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION, ON APRIL 27TH, 1932.

*Ratification*

ITALY

October 30th, 1933.