

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

I.

PERMANENT COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.

OPTIONAL CLAUSE RECOGNISING THE COURT'S JURISDICTION, AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 36 OF
THE STATUTE.

(Geneva, December 16th, 1920.)

Signature by HUNGARY

on May 30th, 1934, of a declaration - renewing the acceptance by the Hungarian Government of the Optional Clause provided in the Protocol of Signature of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, the previous acceptance by the Hungarian Government expiring on August 12th, 1934.

II.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

(Geneva, September 30th, 1921.)

Accession

IRISH FREE STATE

May 18th, 1934.

III.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSIT.

I. CONVENTION RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION IN TRANSIT OF ELECTRIC POWER, AND PROTOCOL
OF SIGNATURE.

(Geneva, December 9th, 1923.)

Accession

PANAMA

July 7th, 1934.

Ratification

FREE CITY OF DANZIG (through the intermediary of Poland)

May 17th, 1934.

¹ See also *Official Journal*, January 1934, pages 7 to 15; March 1934, pages 279 to 282; April 1934, pages 383 to 385; May 1934, pages 421 to 427.

² The declaration is worded as follows:

[*Translation.*]

" On behalf of the Royal Hungarian Government and subject to ratification, I recognise, in relation to any other Member or State accepting the same obligation—that is to say, on condition of reciprocity—the jurisdiction of the Court as compulsory *ipso facto* and without special convention, in conformity with Article 36, paragraph 2 of the Statute of the Court, for a further period of five years as from August 13th, 1934."

2. CONVENTION RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HYDRAULIC POWER AFFECTING MORE THAN ONE STATE, AND PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE.

(Geneva, December 9th, 1923.)

Accession

PANAMA July 7th, 1934.

Ratification

FREE CITY OF DANZIG (through the intermediary of Poland) May 17th, 1934.

IV

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF UNION.

CONVENTION AND STATUTE ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL RELIEF UNION.

(Geneva, July 12th, 1927.)

Accession

IRAQ June 12th, 1934.

Ratification

CUBA June 18th, 1934.

V.

SUPPRESSION OF COUNTERFEITING CURRENCY

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF COUNTERFEITING CURRENCY

(Geneva, April 20th, 1929.)

Accession

IRISH FREE STATE July 24th, 1934.

Ratification

POLAND June 15th, 1934.

PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, April 20th, 1929.)

Accession

IRISH FREE STATE July 24th, 1934.

Ratification

POLAND June 15th, 1934.

OPTIONAL PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, April 20th, 1929.)

Ratification

POLAND June 15th, 1934.

VI.

PROGRESSIVE CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

1. CONVENTION ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE CONFLICT OF NATIONALITY LAWS.

(The Hague, April 12th, 1930.)

Ratification

POLAND

June 15th, 1934.

2. PROTOCOL RELATING TO A CERTAIN CASE OF STATELESSNESS.

(The Hague, April 12th, 1930.)

Ratification

POLAND

June 15th, 1934.

VII.

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

1. CONVENTION PROVIDING A UNIFORM LAW FOR BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND PROMISSORY NOTES, WITH ANNEXES AND PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, June 7th, 1930.)

*Ratification*PORTUGAL ¹

June 8th, 1934.

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

(Geneva, June 7th, 1930.)

*Ratification*PORTUGAL ¹

June 8th, 1934.

3. CONVENTION ON THE STAMP LAWS IN CONNECTION WITH BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND PROMISSORY NOTES, WITH PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, June 7th, 1930.)

*Ratification*PORTUGAL ¹

June 8th, 1934.

This ratification is given by Portugal subject to the reservation that the provisions of the Convention do not apply to the colonial territory of Portugal.

VIII.

UNIFICATION OF BUOYAGE AND LIGHTING OF COASTS.

AGREEMENT CONCERNING MANNED LIGHTSHIPS NOT ON THEIR STATIONS.

(Lisbon, October 23rd, 1930.)

Ratification

FINLAND

May 23rd, 1934.

IX.

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

I. CONVENTION PROVIDING A UNIFORM LAW FOR CHEQUES, WITH ANNEXES AND PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, March 19th, 1931.)

*Ratifications*GREECE ¹
PORTUGAL ²June 1st, 1934.
June 8th, 1934.¹ The ratification by the Hellenic Republic of this Convention is given subject to the following conditions:

"A.

The Hellenic Government does not avail itself of the reservations provided in Articles 1, 2, 5-8, 10-14, 16 (paragraph 1 (a) and (b)), 18 (paragraph 1), 19-22, 24 and 26 (paragraph 2) of Annex II.

B.

The Hellenic Government avails itself of the following reservations provided in Annex II.

- (1) The reservation in Article 3, paragraph 3, of Article 2 of the Uniform Law being replaced by the words: A cheque which does not specify the place of payment shall be regarded as payable at the place where it was drawn
- (2) The reservation in Article 4, the following paragraph being added to Article 3. A cheque issued and payable in Greece shall not be valid as a cheque unless it is drawn on a banking company or Greek legal person having the status of an institution of public law, engaging in banking business
- (3) The reservation in Article 9, the following provision being added to paragraph 3 of Article 6 of the Uniform Law. But in such exceptional case the issue of the cheque to bearer is prohibited
- (4) The reservation in Article 15, the following paragraph being added to Article 31 of the Uniform Law. By presidential decree, promulgated at the instance of the Ministers of Justice and National Economy it may be decided what institutions in Greece are to be regarded as clearing-houses
- (5) The reservation in the second paragraph of Article 16, it being laid down that provisions with regard to the loss or theft of cheques shall be embodied in Greek law
- (6) The reservation in Article 17, the following paragraph being added at the end of Article 35. In exceptional circumstances connected with the rate of exchange of Greek currency, the effects of the stipulation contained in paragraph 3 of the present article may be abrogated in each case by special legislation as regards cheques payable in Greece. The above provision may also be applied as regards cheques issued in Greece
- (7) The reservation in Article 23, the following being added to No. 2 in Article 45 of the Uniform Law. which, however, in the case of cheques issued and payable in Greece, shall be calculated in each case at the legal rate of interest in force in Greece. Similarly, the following is added to No. 2 of Article 46 of the Uniform Law. except in the special case dealt with in No. 2 of the preceding article
- (8) The reservation in Article 25, the following article being added to the National Law. In the event of forfeiture of the bearer's rights or limitation of the right of action, proceedings may be taken against the drawer or endorser on the ground of his having made an inequitable gain. The right to take such proceedings lapses after three years from the date of the issue of the cheque
- (9) The reservation in the first paragraph of Article 26, a provision being enacted to the following effect: The causes of interruption or suspension of limitation of actions enacted in the present law shall be governed by the rules regarding limitation and short-term limitation of actions
- (10) The reservation in Article 27, a separate article being appended in the following terms: Legal holidays within the meaning of the present law shall be all Sundays and all full days of rest observed by public offices
- (11) The reservation in Article 28 and the reservation in Article 29.
- (12) The reservation in Article 30.

² This ratification is given by Portugal subject to the reservation that the provisions of the Convention do not apply to the colonial territory of Portugal.

2. CONVENTION FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CONFLICTS OF LAWS IN CONNECTION WITH
CHEQUES, AND PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, March 19th, 1931.)

Ratifications

GREECE
PORTUGAL ¹

June 1st, 1934.
June 8th, 1934.

3. CONVENTION ON THE STAMP LAWS IN CONNECTION WITH CHEQUES, AND PROTOCOL.

(Geneva, March 19th, 1931.)

Ratifications

GREECE
PORTUGAL ¹

June 1st, 1934.
June 8th, 1934.

X.

ROAD TRAFFIC.

CONVENTION ON THE TAXATION OF FOREIGN MOTOR VEHICLES, WITH PROTOCOL-ANNEX.

(Geneva, March 30th, 1931.)

Accession

FINLAND

May 23rd, 1934.

Ratification

POLAND

June 15th, 1934.

XI.

TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS.

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

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(Geneva, July 13th, 1931.)

Accession

IRAQ

May 30th, 1934.

Ratification

AUSTRIA

July 3rd, 1934.

PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE.

(Geneva, July 13th, 1931.)

Ratification

AUSTRIA

July 3rd, 1934.

¹ This ratification is given by Portugal subject to the reservation that the provisions of the Convention do not apply to the colonial territory of Portugal.

XII.

WHALING.

CONVENTION FOR THE REGULATION OF WHALING.

(Geneva, September 24th, 1931.)

*Ratifications*DENMARK ¹
TURKEYJune 26th, 1934.
May 28th, 1934.

XIII.

FILMS OF AN EDUCATIONAL CHARACTER.

CONVENTION FOR FACILITATING THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION OF FILMS OF AN EDUCATIONAL CHARACTER.

(Geneva, October 11th, 1933.)

*Accessions*BULGARIA
IRISH FREE STATEJuly 10th, 1934.
July 24th, 1934.

XIV

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN OF FULL AGE.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN OF FULL AGE.²

(Geneva, October 11th, 1933.)

Accession

SUDAN

June 13th, 1934.

*Ratifications*SWEDEN
SWITZERLANDJune 25th, 1934.
July 17th, 1934.

XV

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS.

I. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE WEEKLY REST IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS THIRD SESSION ON NOVEMBER 17TH, 1921.

*Ratification.*CHINA ³

May 17th, 1934.

¹ When proceeding to this deposit, the permanent delegate of Denmark made the following declaration:
[Translation.]

I declare that the Danish Government desires to extend the application of the Convention to Greenland. The reservation expressed at the time of signature with regard to Greenland is therefore withdrawn.

The present Convention will enter into force on August 24th, 1934, in conformity with its Article 8.

The Chinese Government informed the Secretariat, when ratifying this Convention, that its application in China is limited to those industrial undertakings as defined in Article 1 of the Chinese Amended Factory Laws promulgated on December 30th, 1932—*i.e.*, to factories using machines driven by motor power and regularly employing thirty workers or more.

2. CONVENTION CONCERNING WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS SEVENTH SESSION ON JUNE 10TH, 1925.

Ratification

DENMARK

June 18th, 1934.

3. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE MARKING OF THE WEIGHT ON HEAVY PACKAGES TRANSPORTED BY VESSELS, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS TWELFTH SESSION ON JUNE 21ST, 1929.

Ratification

BELGIUM¹

June 6th, 1934.

4. CONVENTION CONCERNING FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOUR, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION, ON JUNE 28TH, 1930.

Ratification

ITALY

June 18th, 1934.

5. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE AGE FOR ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO NON-INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT, ADOPTED AS A DRAFT CONVENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION ON APRIL 30TH, 1932.

Ratifications

BELGIUM¹
SPAIN

June 6th, 1934.
June 22nd, 1934.

XVI.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LABOUR PART OF THE TREATIES OF PEACE.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 393 OF THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES AND THE CORRESPONDING ARTICLES OF THE OTHER TREATIES OF PEACE (ADOPTED AT THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 2ND, 1922).

Ratification.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

June 4th, 1934.

¹ This ratification is given subject to subsequent decisions regarding the application of the Convention to the Belgian Congo and to the territories under Belgian mandate.

The Amendment came into force on June 4th, 1934, in accordance with the provisions of Article 422 of the Treaty of Versailles.