

**BELGIQUE, FRANCE,
GRANDE-BRETAGNE, ITALIE
ET PAYS-BAS**

Protocole relatif à l'adhésion des
Pays-Bas aux modifications appor-
tées par le Traité de Versailles à
la Convention de Mannheim de
1868, signé à Paris le 21 janvier
1921, avec un protocole additionnel
signé à Paris le 29 mars 1923.

**BELGIUM, FRANCE,
GREAT BRITAIN, ITALY
AND THE NETHERLANDS**

Protocol regarding the adherence of
the Netherlands to the modifica-
tions introduced by the Treaty of
Versailles in the Convention of
Mannheim of 1868, signed at
Paris, January 21, 1921, with an
additional Protocol signed at
Paris, March 29, 1923.

¹ TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.

No. 510. — PROTOCOL REGARDING THE ADHESION OF THE NETHERLANDS TO THE MODIFICATIONS INTRODUCED BY THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES IN THE CONVENTION OF MANNHEIM² OF 1868. SIGNED AT PARIS, JANUARY 21, 1921. WITH AN ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL SIGNED AT PARIS, MARCH 29, 1923.

French official text communicated by the Netherlands Minister at Berne. The registration of this Protocol took place October 29, 1923.

In pursuance of the resolution adopted by the Supreme Council of the Allied and Associated Powers on October 2, 1919, which provides :

“ That the President of the Peace Conference shall invite the Netherlands Government to take part in the negotiations provided for under Article 354 of the Treaty with Germany concerning the modifications to be introduced in the Convention of Mannheim of 1868 ;

“ That these negotiations shall be conducted under the auspices of the Supreme Council of the Allied and Associated Powers concerned, who, under Article 355, shall be represented on the Central Commission of the Rhine, and of the Netherlands Government.”

The undersigned Delegates of the Belgian, French, British and Italian Governments conferred with the undersigned Delegates of the Netherlands Government at Paris on March 20 and April 16 and 17, 1920, with a view to establishing the agreement provided for in the last paragraph of Article 354 of the Treaty of Versailles dated June 28, 1919, concerning the application of the stipulations contained in that Treaty with regard to the régime of the Rhine.

The above-mentioned Delegates agreed upon the following conclusions :

(1) It is understood that the provisions contained in the Additional Act³ dated September 18, 1895, and in the Convention dated June 4, 1898, introducing modifications in the Convention of 1868, shall be applied to the navigation of the Rhine, in the same manner and under the same conditions as the provisions contained in the Convention of Mannheim dated October 17, 1868 ;

(2) It is understood that the Netherlands shall co-operate, on the same conditions as the Allied and Associated Powers represented on the Central Commission of the Rhine, in drawing up the general Convention provided for under Articles 338 and 354 of the said Treaty ;

(3) In addition to the two representatives provided for under Article 355, the Netherlands shall have the right to delegate a third representative to the Central Commission of the Rhine ;

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

² British and Foreign State Papers, Vol. 59, page 470 of this Series.

³ British and Foreign State Papers, Vol. 87, page 788 of this Series.

(4) It is understood that the provisions contained in Article 356 shall not be interpreted as determining the territorial extent of the competence of the Central Commission of the Rhine or the juridical force of its regulations ;

(5) It is understood that the communication referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 358 shall be made prior to the carrying out of the work, which shall not be undertaken until after the assent of the Central Commission of the Rhine, and that the " derivations " provided for in the said paragraph shall include lateral canals ;

(6) It is understood that nothing in Article 359 shall be considered as affecting the question whether agents of the Central Commission are to be appointed or not ;

(7) It is understood that the consent of the Netherlands to the creation of a deep-draught Rhine-Meuse navigable waterway shall not be considered as depending upon their adherence to Article 361 of the Treaty of Versailles and that the said Article only refers to the German section of the Rhine-Meuse navigable waterway ;

(8) Article 362 shall be interpreted in the following sense : on the one hand, the lateral canals and channels which may be substituted for any section of the navigable waterways under the jurisdiction of the Central Commission shall, as of right, be subject to this jurisdiction, and, further, the jurisdiction of the Central Commission shall not be extended to the Netherlands territory without the consent of the Netherlands.

The Belgian, French, British and Italian Delegates informed the Netherlands Delegates that they would submit a copy of the present protocol to the Conference of Ambassadors, requesting the latter to be good enough to approve the agreement, to signify their approval to the Netherlands Government, and, further, to inform Germany of the terms of the agreement and request the German Government to adhere thereto, as provided for in the last paragraph of Article 354 of the Treaty of Versailles. The Netherlands Delegates stated that their Government would adhere as soon as possible to Articles 65, 354 to 356, and 358 to 362 of the Treaty of Versailles subject to the above conclusions. It was agreed that this adherence should come into effect on the day following its notification to the Government of the French Republic, which undertakes to inform other Allied and Associated Powers of the notification.

Done in six copies at Paris on January 21, 1921.

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ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE ADHESION OF THE NETHERLANDS
TO THE MODIFICATIONS INTRODUCED BY THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES IN
THE CONVENTION OF MANNHEIM OF 1868.

In view of the differences of opinion with regard to the interpretation to be given to the stipulations concerning the resolutions adopted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine, and for the purpose of ensuring the practical working of that Commission pending the coming into force of the revised Act provided for under Article 354 of the Treaty of Versailles, the undersigned Delegates of the Belgian, French, British, Italian and Netherlands Governments have agreed that the said stipulations shall be applied in the following manner :

The Resolutions of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine shall be adopted by a majority of votes.

No State shall be obliged to take steps for the execution of any resolution which it may have refused to approve.

The present conclusion shall be considered as an integral part of the Protocol signed at Paris on January 21, 1921.

Done at Paris, March 29, 1921, in six copies.

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