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Convention concernant un chemin de fer électrique à voie étroite de Locarno à Domodossola, signée à Rome le 12 novembre 1918.

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Convention concerning a narrow-gauge electric railway from Locarno to Domodossola, signed at Rome, November 12, 1918.

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No. 625. — CONVENTION ² BETWEEN ITALY AND SWITZERLAND, CONCERNING THE NARROW-GAUGE ELECTRIC RAILWAY FROM LOCARNO TO DOMODOSSOLA, SIGNED AT ROME, NOVEMBER 12, 1918.

French official text communicated by the Swiss Federal Council. The registration of this Convention took place June 5, 1924.

H. M. THE KING OF ITALY and THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION, having resolved to conclude a Convention concerning a narrow gauge electric railway from Domodossola to Locarno, have appointed for this purpose as their plenipotentiaries :

H. M. THE KING OF ITALY :

H. E. Baron Sidney SONNINO, Minister for Foreign Affairs ;

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION :

M. Hans A. de SEGESSER-BRUNEGG, Councillor of the Swiss Legation in Rome,

who after exchanging their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed on the following articles :

Article 1.

The two Governments undertake to guarantee the operation of the narrow gauge railway from Locarno (Switzerland) to Domodossola (Italy) on the basis of the concessions granted in Switzerland to the Locarno Tramways Company, the Locarno-Ponte Brolla-Bignesco Railway Co. (Valle Maggia Line) and the " Ferrovie Regionali Ticinesi Co. ", for the sector from Locarno to Camedo (Italian frontier) and in Italy to the " Società Subalpina di Imprese Ferroviarie " in Rome for the sector from Domodossola to the Swiss frontier.

Article 2

The junction of the Swiss and Italian sectors of the Locarno-Domodossola Line shall be at the frontier of the two States at Borgnone-Camedo, and shall be marked.

Article 3.

As the conditions for the construction of the two sectors and for the material used in operating them have been fixed on a uniform basis, so that both sectors may be operated in common and the rolling-stock may pass from one line to the other and be utilised on both lines, all rolling-stock which has been inspected by one of the two Governments shall be admitted without further examination on to the line in the other's territory.

Article 4.

There shall be no interruption in the operation of the railway at the frontier. The trains coming from Italy shall proceed through to Locarno, and the trains leaving Switzerland shall proceed through to Domodossola.

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

² The exchange of ratifications took place at Rome, May 3, 1924.

Article .

The details of the common arrangements for operating the line shall be settled directly between the Italian company and the Swiss railway, and shall form the subject of a special convention which shall be submitted to the two Contracting Parties for approval at the request of the competent authorities.

Article 6.

In conformity with the rules and regulations regarding Customs in force in each State, Customs formalities shall take place, in the case of Italy at the "fermata della dogana," and in the case of Switzerland at the "Camedo-Confine" halt for passenger traffic, and at the station of Camedo for goods and live-stock traffic.

Article 7.

The arrangements for the postal and telephone services and, if necessary the telegraph service, shall be determined by special agreement between the competent administrations of the two States.

Article 8.

The managements shall be authorised by the Governments of the two Contracting Parties to import duty free, from the territory of one State into that of the other, a sufficient quantity of all material required for the operation of the railways.

Article 9.

The line shall be policed by officials of the companies under the supervision of the competent authorities of each of the two countries, and in accordance with the regulations and principles applied in each territory.

Article 10.

If at any time it is decided to arrest an employee engaged on the Locarno-Domodossola Railway, the authorities of the Contracting States shall pay due consideration to the requirements of the railway service, and if circumstances permit, shall notify the department more directly concerned, in order that the employee may, if necessary, be replaced.

Article 11.

The present Convention shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Rome as soon as possible. It shall come into force on the day of the exchange of ratifications and shall be valid until one year after the day on which it is denounced by one or other of the High Contracting Parties.

In faith whereof : the plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention, and have thereto affixed their seals.

Done in duplicate at Rome on November 12, 1918.

(L. S.) S. SONNINO.

(L. S.) H. DE SEGESSER.