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AUTRICHE, BELGIQUE,
GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET IRLANDE DU NORD,
CANADA, AUSTRALIE, etc.

Accord relatif à l'acquittement définitif des obligations financières de l'Autriche. Signé à La Haye, le 20 janvier 1930.

AUSTRIA, BELGIUM,
GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND,
CANADA, AUSTRALIA, etc.

Agreement regarding the Final Discharge of the Financial Obligations of Austria. Signed at The Hague, January 20, 1930.

No. 2395. — AGREEMENT¹ REGARDING THE FINAL DISCHARGE OF THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF AUSTRIA. SIGNED AT THE HAGUE, JANUARY 20, 1930.

French and English official texts communicated by the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Great Britain. The registration of this Agreement took place July 14, 1930.

The duly authorised representatives of THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA, THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GREEK REPUBLIC, THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY, THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PORTUGAL, THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ROUMANIA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF JUGOSLAVIA, have reached the following agreement :

Article I.

The financial obligations of Austria arising under any provisions of the Armistice of the 3rd November, 1918, and the Treaty of St. Germain and any Treaties or Agreements supplementary thereto shall be finally discharged by the payments, deliveries and cessions made by Austria up to the date of the coming into force of this Agreement, subject to the provisions of Article IV below. In consequence, the first charge on all the assets and revenues of Austria created by Article 197 of the Treaty of St. Germain in favour of the cost of reparation and all other costs arising under the said Treaty or any other Treaties or Agreements supplementary thereto or under the Armistice ceases to be operative.

¹ Deposit of ratifications :

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| Austria | } | June 28, 1930. |
| Belgium | | |
| Great Britain | | |
| France | | |
| Italy | | |
| Greece | | |
| Roumania | } | July 12, 1930. |
| Czechoslovakia | | |
| Yugoslavia | | |
| Canada | | |
| India | | |
| New Zealand | | |
| Australia | } | July 21, 1930. |
| Union of South Africa | | |
| | | July 26, 1930. |

Article II.

All relations between the Reparation Commission and Austria shall be terminated as from the date of the coming into force of the present Agreement. The accounts of the Reparation Commission with Austria will be considered as finally closed at the date when the Agreement comes into force.

Article III.

Subject to the provisions of Article IV of this Agreement, all outstanding claims and counter-claims arising under the Treaty of St. Germain or under the Armistice or in consequence of war measures between Austria on the one part and the other Powers signatory to this Agreement on the other part or between Austrian nationals and the said Powers or between the nationals of the said Powers and Austria are hereby reciprocally waived.

Article IV.

Any arrangements already signed by Austria on the one part and any other Power signatory to this Agreement on the other part in pursuance of the Treaty of St. Germain or any Treaties or Agreements supplementary thereto, and any credits resulting from the arrangements first mentioned in this Article remain unaffected by this Agreement.

Article V.

The Creditor Powers signatory to this Agreement undertake as from the date of coming into force of this Agreement to cease to apply their right to retain and liquidate the property, rights and interests belonging at the date of the coming into force of the Treaty of St. Germain to nationals of the former Austrian Empire or companies controlled by them, in so far as such property, rights and interests are not already liquid or liquidated or have not yet been definitively disposed of.

Article VI.

The claims of Austria against Germany referred to in Article 213 of the Treaty of St. Germain and any claims of Germany against Austria referred to in Article 261 of the Treaty of Versailles¹ have been cancelled by the Hague Agreement¹ of January 1930 concluded with Germany. Austria takes note of and accepts this cancellation.

Equally any claim of Austria against Hungary or Bulgaria referred to in the said Article 213 of the Treaty of St. Germain and any claim of Hungary or Bulgaria against Austria respectively referred to in Article 196 of the Treaty of Trianon and Article 145 of the Treaty of Neuilly are cancelled ; any securities and documents relating to these claims shall be destroyed.

Article VII.

Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the arrangements made in connection with the guaranteed Austrian Loan of 1923, in connection with Austrian Relief Bonds and in connection with the obligations arising under Article 203 of the Treaty of St. Germain.

The further execution of this Article and its Annex in so far as the duties of the Reparation Commission are concerned will in due course form the subject of an arrangement between the parties interested.

Article VIII.

Any dispute between the Contracting Parties as to the interpretation or application of the present Agreement shall be submitted for final decision to the Tribunal referred to in the Hague Agreement with Germany of January 1930 in accordance with the procedure established in that Agreement. Provided always that on the occasion of any such dispute the place of the Member of the Tribunal appointed by Germany will be taken by a Member appointed by Austria.

¹ See page 243, of this Volume.

FINAL CLAUSE.

The present Agreement, of which the French and English texts are both authentic, shall be ratified.

The deposit of ratifications shall be made at Paris as soon as possible.

The Powers of which the seat of government is outside Europe will be entitled to inform the French Government through their diplomatic representative at Paris that their ratification has been given ; in that case they must transmit the instrument of ratification as soon as possible.

The first *procès-verbal* of the deposit of ratifications will be drawn up as soon as the Agreement has been ratified by Austria on the one hand and, on the other hand, by four of the governments of the following Powers, that is to say, Belgium, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan and three of the governments of the following Powers, that is to say, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Czechoslovakia and Jugo-Slavia.

The present Agreement will come into force between the Contracting Parties who have thus ratified, from and after the date of the first *procès-verbal*.

Save as above provided the Agreement will come into force for each Signatory Government at the date of its notification of the deposit of its ratification.

The French Government will transmit to all the Signatory Governments a certified copy of the *procès-verbaux* of the deposit of ratifications,

Done at The Hague in a single copy the 20th January, 1930.

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