

No. 2543. — TREATY¹ OF ARBITRATION BETWEEN BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, MARCH 20, 1929.

French and English official texts communicated by the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. The registration of this Treaty took place December 3, 1930. This Treaty was transmitted to the Secretariat by the Department of State of the Government of the United States of America, October 16, 1930.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS and THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

Determined to prevent so far as in their power lies any interruption in the peaceful relations that have always existed between the two nations ;

Desirous of reaffirming their adherence to the policy of submitting to impartial decision all justiciable controversies that may arise between them, and

Eager by their example not only to demonstrate their condemnation of war as an instrument of national policy in their mutual relations, but also to hasten the time when the perfection of international arrangements for the pacific settlement of international disputes shall have eliminated forever the possibility of war among any of the Powers of the world ;

Have decided to conclude a treaty of arbitration and for that purpose they have appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries :

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS :

His Highness Prince ALBERT DE LIGNE, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America, and

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

Frank B. KELLOGG, Secretary of State of the United States of America ;

Who, having communicated to each other their full powers found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles :

Article I.

All differences relating to international matters in which the High Contracting Parties are concerned by virtue of a claim of right made by one against the other under treaty or otherwise, which it has not been possible to adjust by diplomacy, which have not been adjusted as a result of reference to an appropriate commission of conciliation, and which are justiciable in their nature by reason of being susceptible of decision by the application of the principles of law or equity, shall be submitted to the Permanent Court of Arbitration established at The Hague by the Convention² of October 18, 1907, or to some other competent tribunal, as shall be decided in each case by special agreement, which special agreement shall provide for the organization of such tribunal if necessary, define its powers, state the question or questions at issue, and settle the terms of reference.

¹ The exchange of the ratifications took place at Washington, August 25, 1930.

² *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 100, page 298.

The special agreement in each case shall be made on the part of Belgium in accordance with the constitutional laws of Belgium, and on the part of the United States of America by the President of the United States of America by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof

Article 2.

The provisions of this treaty shall not be invoked in respect of any dispute the subject matter of which :

- (a) Is within the domestic jurisdiction of either of the High Contracting Parties ;
- (b) Involves the interest of third Parties ;
- (c) Depends upon or involves the maintenance of the traditional attitude of the United States concerning American questions, commonly described as the Monroe Doctrine ;
- (d) Depends upon or involves the observance of the obligations of Belgium in accordance with the Covenant of the League of Nations.

Article 3

The present treaty shall be ratified by His Majesty the King of the Belgians in accordance with the Constitution and by the President of the United States of America by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof.

The ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible, and the treaty shall take effect on the date of the exchange of the ratifications. It shall thereafter remain in force continuously unless and until terminated by one year's written notice given by either High Contracting Party to the other.

In faith whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this treaty in duplicate in the French and English languages, both texts having equal force, and hereunto affixed their seals.

Done at Washington the 20th day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

(L. S.) (Signed) Prince Albert DE LIGNE.

(L. S.) (Signed) Frank B. KELLOGG.