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BELGIQUE, DANEMARK,
FINLANDE, LUXEMBOURG,
NORVÈGE,
PAYS-BAS ET SUÈDE

Déclaration des gouvernements si-
gnataires de l'Arrangement du
28 mai 1937 pour le développe-
ment des échanges commerciaux.
Signée à Oslo, le 11 mai 1938.

BELGIUM, DENMARK,
FINLAND, LUXEMBURG,
NORWAY,
THE NETHERLANDS
AND SWEDEN

Declaration by the Governments
Signatories of the Agreement of
May 28th, 1937, for the Promo-
tion of Commercial Exchanges.
Signed at Oslo, May 11th, 1938.

¹ TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.

No. 4386. — DECLARATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, LUXEMBURG, NORWAY, THE NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN, SIGNATORIES OF THE AGREEMENT OF MAY 28TH, 1937, FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES. SIGNED AT OSLO, MAY 11TH, 1938.

French official text communicated by the Permanent Delegate of Norway to the League of Nations and by the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs. The registration of this Declaration took place July 1st, 1938.

The Governments signatory to the Agreement² for the Promotion of Commercial Exchanges signed at The Hague on May 28th, 1937, namely, the Governments of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Luxemburg, Norway, the Netherlands and Sweden,

Recognising that the state of world conditions prevents them for the time being from renewing this Agreement ;

But desiring to continue the economic co-operation which they inaugurated with the signature of the Convention³ of Economic Rapprochement and the Protocol, signed at Oslo on December 22nd, 1930 ;

Declare themselves ready, as soon as economic conditions shall permit, to resume their collective conversations for a reduction of the obstacles to trade, particularly by granting each other certain facilities for the importation of articles which are of consequence to their mutual trade.

In the meantime, each of them will treat with the greatest consideration imports of goods originating in and coming from the other signatory States. Any one of them who may be obliged to adopt measures of protection shall take into consideration the interests of the others and shall endeavour to maintain normal economic relations.

Furthermore, the above-mentioned Governments have agreed on the following provisions :

1. Each of them shall, so far as possible, communicate to the other Governments, to enable these to put forward any objections they may have, all measures subjecting to quantitative restrictions, foreign exchange control or special import taxes any goods which have not hitherto been the object of such measures. As a general principle, such communication shall be made fifteen days before the date proposed for the entry into force of the measure in question. If any Government finds it impossible to conform to the period above mentioned it shall inform the other signatory Governments.

2. If one of the Governments should find its economic interests imperilled by abnormal competition within its own territory from nationals of another signatory State, the latter shall agree to open conversations on this question, if so requested. The Government thus applied to shall open an enquiry on the subject and shall, if necessary, examine,

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¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations, for information.

² Vol. CLXXX, page 5, of this Series.

³ Vol. CXXVI, page 341 ; and Vol. CXLII, page 380, of this Series.

in agreement with the applicant State, what measures may be taken to put an end to the state of affairs complained of.

Conversations may also be held between the signatory Governments in other cases of abnormal competition imperilling the economic interests of one of them.

3. Communications made in virtue of the stipulations of Article 1 of the Convention of Economic Rapprochement signed at Oslo on December 22nd, 1930, shall, as far as possible, be accompanied by the following additional information arranged in tabular form :

- (a) Number of the item in the Customs tariff to which the proposed modification applies ;
- (b) Present Customs treatment ;
- (c) Amount of proposed duty ;
- (d) Volume and value of imports of the goods in question from the territories of each of the States signatory to the present Declaration during the past few years.

Similar information shall be provided regarding the application of No. 1 above in so far as is required by the measures contemplated.

Information shall be provided in several copies and drawn up, as a general principle, in French.

4. The signatory Governments shall periodically organise meetings of delegates as laid down by the Protocol¹ of Economic Co-operation signed at The Hague on May 28th, 1937.

5. The present Declaration shall come into force on July 1st, 1938. The obligations undertaken by the signatory States in respect of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 above may be denounced on giving six months' notice.

In faith whereof the undersigned, duly authorised for this purpose, have signed the present Declaration.

Done at Oslo, May 11th, 1938, in a copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Oslo ; a true copy shall be transmitted by the latter to the Governments of the signatory States.

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M. SÜETENS.

Denmark :

E. WÆRUM.

Subject to the approval of the Danish Government as regards No. 1.

Finland :

T. O. VAHERVUORI.

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A. WEHRER.

Norway :

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Netherlands :

(for the Kingdom of the Netherlands)

H. M. HIRSCHFELD.

Sweden :

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¹ Vol. CLXXX, page 15, of this Series.