PROTOCOL, SIGNED AT MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 9, 1929, BETWEEN ESTONIA, LATVIA, POLAND, ROUMANIA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, FOR THE IMMEDIATE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY OF PARIS OF AUGUST 27, 1928, REGARDING RENUNCIATION OF WAR AS AN INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL POLICY

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ESTONIAN REPUBLIC, THE PRESIDENT OF THE LATVIAN REPUBLIC, THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH REPUBLIC, HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ROUMANIA AND THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, being desirous of promoting the maintenance of peace between their respective countries and for this purpose of putting into force without delay, between the peoples of those countries, the Treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy, signed at Paris on August 27, 1928, have decided to achieve this purpose by means of the present Protocol and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ESTONIAN REPUBLIC:

M. Julius SELJAMAA, Estonian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Moscow;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LATVIAN REPUBLIC:

M. Charles OZOLS, Latvian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Moscow;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH REPUBLIC:

M. Stanislav PATEK, Polish Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Moscow;

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ROUMANIA:

M. Charles A. DAVILA, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Warsaw and

THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS:

M. Maxime LITVINOFF, Member of the Central Executive Committee, People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs ad interim,

Who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article I.

The Treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy, signed at Paris on August 27, 1928, a copy of which is attached to the present Protocol as an integral part of that instrument, shall come into force between the Contracting Parties after the ratification of the said Treaty of Paris of 1928 by the competent legislative bodies of the respective Contracting Parties.

Article II.

The entry into force in virtue of the present Protocol, of the Treaty of Paris of 1928 in reciprocal relations between the Parties to the present Protocol shall be valid

independently of the entry into force of the Treaty of Paris of 1928 as provided in Article III of the last named Treaty.

Article III.

- 1. The present Protocol shall be ratified by the competent legislative bodies of the Contracting Parties, in conformity with the requirements of their respective constitutions.
- 2. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited by each of the Contracting Parties with the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics within one week of the ratification of the present Protocol by the respective Parties.
- 3. As from the date of the deposit of the instruments of ratification by two of the Contracting Parties, the present Protocol shall come into force between those two Parties. In reciprocal relations between the other Contracting Parties and the States for which it has already come into force, the Protocol shall come into force as and when their instruments of ratification are deposited.
- 4. The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall immediately notify the deposit of the several ratifications to all the signatories to the present Protocol.

Article IV.

In order to give effect to Article I of the present Protocol, each of the High Contracting Parties, after ratification by its legislative bodies of the Treaty of Paris of 1928, shall immediately notify the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and all the other Parties to the present Protocol, through the diplomatic channel.

Article V.

The present Protocol shall be open for the accession of the Governments of all countries. Notification of final accession shall be made in the name of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which shall duly notify all the other Parties to the present Protocol. Immediately on receipt of such notification of accession, the present Protocol shall be put into force in reciprocal relations between the acceding State and all the other Parties to the present Protocol.

Article VI.

The entry into force, in virtue of the present Protocol, of the Treaty of Paris of 1928, in reciprocal relations between the acceding State and all the other Parties to the said Protocol, shall be effected in the way laid down in Article IV of the Protocol.

Article VII

The present Protocol has been drawn up in a single copy, an authentic copy of which shall be communicated by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to each of the signatory or acceding States.

In faith whereof the above-mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Protocol and have affixed their seals thereto.

Done at Moscow, February 9, 1929.

(L. S.) (Signed) Jul. SELJAMAA.

- (L. S.) (Signed) C. OZOLS.
- (L. S.) (Signed) St. PATEK.
- (L. S.) (Signed) DAVILA.
- (L. S.) (Signed) Maxime LITVINOFF.

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