

POLITICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC, SIGNED AT PRAGUE, DECEMBER 16, 1921.

French official text communicated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia. The registration of this Agreement took place April 11, 1922.

The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic on the one part and the Government of the Federal Republic of Austria on the other part, with a view to maintaining peace in Europe and to regulating their mutual political and economic relations, have arranged to conclude a political Agreement and have for this purpose appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the Czechoslovak Republic:

M. Edouard Beneš, the President of the Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs;

The Federal President of the Republic of Austria:

M. Jean Schober, Federal Chancellor and Director of the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

who, having exchanged their full powers found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following provisions:

Article 1.

Both States undertake to carry out in full all the provisions of the Treaty of Peace concluded with Austria at St. Germain-en-Laye on September 10, 1919, and the Treaty of Peace concluded with Hungary at Trianon on June 4, 1920.

Article 2.

The two States mutually guarantee their territories as fixed by the Treaties of Peace referred to in Article 1; and, with a view to maintaining peace and safeguarding the integrity of these territories, they undertake to afford each other mutual political and diplomatic support.

Article 3.

Each State undertakes to remain neutral should the other be compelled to defend itself against attack.

Article 4.

Both States undertake not to tolerate on their territories any political or military organisation directed against the integrity and security of the other contracting party. They agree to work together and afford each other mutual aid against any plans or attempts to restore the former regime, either as regards foreign and domestic policy, or in respect of the form of the State and of Government. The competent authorities

of both States shall afford each other mutual assistance nor effectively combating secret intrigues having this object.

Article 5.

The Czechoslovak Republic will communicate to the Federal Republic of Austria certain political and economic conventions which the Czechoslovak Republic has concluded with the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, the Kingdom of Roumania and the Republic of Poland. Similar conventions concluded by the Federal Republic of Austria shall be communicated to the Czechoslovak Republic.

Article 6.

Both States undertake to enforce the observance of agreements concluded or to be concluded for the settlement of economic and financial questions, or of questions relating to minorities, and to arrive at an understanding as soon as possible with regard to any disputes which may not yet have been settled.

Article 7.

Should disputes arise between the two States after the conclusion of the present agreement, the two Governments undertake to endeavour to settle them by amicable arrangement; they will if need be submit the dispute to the Permanent Court of International Justice or to an arbitrator or arbitrators chosen ad hoc.

Article 8.

Each State undertakes not to conclude with any other State any agreement which would conflict with the Agreement now entered into by the two contracting parties. They further declare that the present Agreement is not in conflict with agreements previously concluded.

Article 9.

The present Agreement is concluded for a period of five years dating from the day on which the instruments of ratification are exchanged; after a period of three years dating from the said date, each of the contracting parties is free to denounce the present Agreement, six months' notice being given.

Article 10.

The present Agreement shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Prague as soon as possible.

Article 11.

The present Agreement shall be communicated to the League of Nations.

In witness whereof the two Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Agreement and affixed their seals thereto.

Done in duplicate at Prague on December 16, 1921.

(L. S.) Dr. Edouard Beneš

(L. S.) Schober.

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