

# **POLITICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESTHONIA, FINLAND, LATVIA AND POLAND, SIGNED AT WARSAW ON MARCH 17, 1922**

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs, namely:

His Excellency M. Antoine PIIP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the ESTHONIAN REPUBLIC.

His Excellency M. Rudolf HOLSTI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the REPUBLIC OF FINLAND.

His Excellency M. Zigfrids A. MEIEROVICS, President of the Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the REPUBLIC OF LATVIA.

His Excellency, M. Constantin SKIRMUNT, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the POLISH REPUBLIC,

having assembled in Conference at Warsaw on March 13th, 1922, at the invitation of the Polish Government and in conformity with the decision of the Helsingfors Conference, of July 29, 1921,

being anxious to affirm the community of their mutual political and economic interests,

and being desirous of strengthening the relations so happily inaugurated between them and being firmly convinced that the maintenance of peace in Eastern Europe is an indispensable condition for its economic recovery,

have agreed upon the following provisions:

## ***Article 1.***

The Governments represented at the Conference of Warsaw confirm the reciprocal recognition of the Treaties of Peace which concluded the state of war between Esthonia and Russia on February 2, 1920, between Latvia and Russia on August 11, 1920, between Finland and Russia on October 14, 1920, and between Poland of the one part and Russia, the Ukraine and White Ruthenia of the other part on March 18, 1921.

## ***Article 2.***

The Governments represented at the Conference undertake not to conclude any agreement to the direct or indirect disadvantage of any one of their respective States.

## ***Article 3.***

In order that their mutual relations may be fully public, and that there can be no suspicion of their good faith, each of the Governments represented at the Conference shall be bound hence-forward to communicate to the other three Governments the text of the Treaties concluded between it and other State or States.

## ***Article 4.***

The Governments represented at the Conference undertake to enter as soon as possible into negotiations with a view to the conclusion between them of such of the proposed

administrative and economic Treaties and Conventions as have not yet been concluded, and especially of commercial treaties and consular, option and extradition Conventions.

**Article 5.**

States which contain racial minorities belonging to the numerically superior race in one of the other contracting States shall guarantee to such minorities all rights and liberties and shall safeguard the preservation and free development of the organisations of their national culture.

**Article 6.**

The Governments represented at the Conference agree to decide any controversy or dispute between their respective States solely by peaceful methods. In all questions of a more important nature, they shall have recourse to arbitration, which shall be entrusted by common agreement of the States concerned, either to arbitrators chosen ad hoc, or to the Court of International Justice, in conformity with the Covenant of the League of Nations.

**Article 7.**

The States represented at the Conference of Warsaw declare that, in case of an unprovoked attack upon any one of them by another State, they will adopt a benevolent attitude towards the State attacked, and will immediately agree upon their course of action.

**Article 8.**

The present agreement shall be valid for five years from the date of the deposit of the last ratification, and it shall be prolonged from year to year without formal renewal, subject to denunciation six months in advance.

**Article 9.**

The present agreement shall be ratified, and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Warsaw.

Done at Warsaw in four copies, the seventeenth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

(Signed) ANT. PIIP.

(Signed) RUDOLF HOLSTI.

(Signed) Z. A. MEIEROVICS.

(Signed) SKIRMUNT.

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