

PACT OF FRIENDSHIP AND SECURITY BETWEEN ALBANIA AND ITALY. SIGNED AT TIRANA, NOVEMBER 27, 1926

ALBANIA and ITALY, with the object of strengthening the ties of mutual friendship and security, having regard to their geographical position, and in order to promote the consolidation of peace,

Actuated by the desire to maintain the political, legal, and territorial status quo of Albania, within the scope of the treaties to which they both are Signatories and by the Covenant of the League of Nations,

Have agreed to conclude the present Pact of Friendship and Security,

And have for that purpose appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALBANIAN REPUBLIC:

H. E. Hyssen Bey VRIONI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Albanian Republic,

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY:

H. E. Pompeo ALOISI, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty in Albania;

Who, having examined their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1.

Albania and Italy recognise that any disturbance threatening the political, legal and territorial status quo of Albania is contrary to their common political interests.

Article 2.

In order to safeguard the above-mentioned interests, the High Contracting Parties undertake to afford each other mutual support and cordial co-operation; they also undertake not to conclude with other Powers any political or military agreements prejudicial to the interests of the other Party, including those defined (anche definite) in the present Pact.

Article 3.

The High Contracting Parties undertake to submit to special conciliation and arbitration procedure any questions which may give rise to dispute between them, and which it may not have been possible to settle by ordinary diplomatic procedure. The details of this procedure of pacific settlement shall form the subject of a special Convention to be concluded as soon as possible.

Article 4.

The present Pact shall remain in force for five years, and may be denounced or renewed one year before its expiration.

Article 5.

The present Pact shall be ratified and subsequently registered with the League of Nations. The ratifications shall be exchanged at Rome.

Done at Tirana, November 27, 1926.

(Signé) H. VRIONT.

(Signé) Pompeo ALOISI.

Annex

ROYAL ITALIAN LEGATION, DURAZZO.

N. 2186.

DURAZZO, December 5, 1926.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

You were good enough to ask me, for the enlightenment of certain persons in Albania, to let you have the views of the Italian Government regarding the implications of certain passages in the text of the Pact of Friendship and Security – an instrument essentially conducive to peace – which was signed by us on November 27th last.

You asked me, in particular, whether the Italian Government considered that, as was understood by the Albanian Government, the phrase „i trattati di cui ambedue sono firmatarie” applied only to treaties legally concluded and published since the admission of Albania to the League of Nations.

Following the verbal assurances which I have already given you, I desire to confirm that this was also the view taken by the Royal Government.

You further drew my attention to the phrase occurring in the second part of the first sentence of Article 2 of the text, which reads as follows: „il loro mutuo appoggio e la loro collaborazione cordiale”. In the view of the Royal Government, there can be no doubt as to the meaning of this phrase. Mutual support and cordial cooperation can only be interpreted to mean co-operation as the result of proposals made by one of the Parties and freely accepted by the other. Hence it is evident that the occasion for such support and co-operation can only arise at the request of one of the Parties.

Finally, I have the honour under instructions received from my Government, to assure you once more that I am at the immediate and entire disposal of the Albanian Government to begin negotiations with a view to framing the special conciliation and arbitration procedure contemplated in Article 3 of our Pact of Friendship and Security of November 27th last.

These explanations confirm the loyal intentions of the two contracting Governments; I am therefore confident that they will still further emphasise the goodwill and disinterested spirit with which the Royal Government, acting through me, has met all the wishes expressed by the Albanian Government at the time when this Pact was concluded.

I have the honour, etc.

(Signed) ALOISI.

His Excellency

Hussein Bey Vrioni,
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tirana.

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