

**PACT OF ORGANISATION OF THE LITTLE ENTENTE.
SIGNED AT GENEVA, FEBRUARY 16, 1933**

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF YUGOSLAVIA, HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ROUMANIA
and THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC,

Desirous of maintaining and organising peace,

Firmly determined to strengthen economic relations with all States without distinction and
with the Central European States in particular,

Anxious that peace shall be safeguarded in all circumstances, that progress in the
direction of the real stabilisation of conditions in Central Europe shall be assured and that
the common interests of their three countries shall be respected,

Determined, with this object, to give an organic and stable basis to the relations of
friendship and alliance existing between the three States of the Little Entente, and,

Convinced of the necessity of bringing about such stability on the one hand by the
complete unification of their general policy and on the other by the creation of a directing
organ of this common policy, namely, the group of the three States of the Little Entente,
thus forming a higher international unit, open to other States under conditions to be agreed
upon in each particular case,

Have resolved to establish what follows in the provisions hereunder, and

Have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF YUGOSLAVIA:
His Excellency Monsieur Bogoljub D. JEVTIĆ, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ROUMANIA:
His Excellency Monsieur Nicolas TITULESCO, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC:
His Excellency Monsieur Edouard BENEŠ, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Who, having submitted their full powers, have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1.

A Permanent Council of the States of the Little Entente, composed of the Ministers for
Foreign Affairs of the three respective countries or of the special delegates appointed for
the purpose, shall be constituted as the directing organ of the common policy of the group
of the three States. Decisions of the Permanent Council shall be unanimous.

Article 2.

The Permanent Council, apart from its normal intercourse through the diplomatic channel,
shall be required to meet at least three times a year. One obligatory annual meeting shall
be held in the three States in turn, and another shall be held at Geneva during the
Assembly of the League of Nations.

Article 3.

The President of the Permanent Council shall be the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State in which the obligatory annual meeting is held. He shall take the initiative in fixing the date and the place of meeting, shall arrange its agenda and shall draw up the questions to be decided. He shall continue to be President of the Permanent Council until the first obligatory meeting of the following year.

Article 4.

In all questions that may be discussed, as in all decisions that may be reached, whether in regard to the relations of the States of the Little Entente among themselves or in regard to their relations with other States, the principle of the absolute equality of the three States of the Little Entente shall be rigorously respected.

Article 5.

According to the exigencies of the situation, the Permanent Council may decide that in any given question the representation or the defence of the point of view of the States of the Little Entente shall be entrusted to a single delegate or to the delegation of a single State.

Article 6.

Every political treaty of any one State of the Little Entente, every unilateral act changing the existing political situation of one of the States of the Little Entente in relation to an outside State, and every economic agreement involving important political consequences shall henceforth require the unanimous consent of the Council of the Little Entente.

The existing political treaties of each State of the Little Entente with outside States shall be progressively unified as far as possible.

Article 7.

An Economic Council of the States of the Little Entente shall be constituted for the progressive co-ordination of the economic interests of the three States, whether among themselves or in their relations with other States. It shall be composed of specialists and experts in economic, commercial and financial matters and shall act as an auxiliary advisory organ of the Permanent Council in regard to its general policy.

Article 8.

The Permanent Council shall be empowered to establish other stable or temporary organs, commissions or committees for the purpose of studying and preparing the solution of special questions or groups of questions for the Permanent Council.

Article 9.

A Secretariat of the Permanent Council shall be created. Its headquarters shall be established in each case for one year in the capital of the President in office of the Permanent Council. A section of the Secretariat shall function permanently at the seat of the League of Nations at Geneva.

Article 10.

The common policy of the Permanent Council shall be inspired by the general principles embodied in all the great international instruments relating to post-war policy, such as the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Pact of Paris, the General Act of Arbitration, any Conventions concluded in regard to disarmament, and the Locarno Pacts. Furthermore,

nothing in the present Pact shall be construed as contrary to the principles or provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations.

Article 11.

The Conventions of Alliance between Roumania and Czechoslovakia of April 23, 1921, between Roumania and Yugoslavia of June 7, 1921, and between Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia of August 31, 1922, which were extended on May 21, 1929 and are supplemented by the provisions of the present Pact, as well as the Act of Conciliation, Arbitration and Judicial Settlement signed by the three States of the Little Entente at Belgrade on May 21, 1929, are hereby renewed for an indefinite period.

Article 12.

The present Pact shall be ratified and the exchange of ratifications shall take place at Prague not later than the next obligatory meeting. It shall come into force on the day of the exchange of ratifications.

In faith whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Pact.

Done at Geneva, in triplicate, February 16, 1933.

(L. S.) (Signed) B. D. JEVTIĆ, m. p.

(L. S.) (Signed) Dr. Edouard BENEŠ, m. p.

(L. S.) (Signed) N. TITULESCO, m. p.

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