

(Translation.)

PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE

The undersigned plenipotentiaries are assembled on this day's date for the purpose of signing the convention relating to international exhibitions.

The Belgian delegation draws attention to the fact that the present convention does not apply to exhibitions for which invitations have already been issued, through the diplomatic channel, to foreign countries, and, in particular, to the International Exhibition to be organized at Brussels in 1935.

The delegations of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Irish Free State declare that they do not interpret the Convention for the Regulation of International Exhibitions as applying to exhibitions held by one member of the British Commonwealth of Nations and limited as regards participation to the other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

At the moment of signing the Convention for the Regulation of International Exhibitions, the Italian delegation declares that it signs *ad referendum* and submits to further instructions from its Government, in particular with reference to the inclusion under the provisions of the convention of Scientific Exhibitions of more than three weeks' duration and held in connection with International Congresses.

At the moment of signing the protocol annexed to the Convention for the Regulation of International Exhibitions, the Italian delegation declares that it cannot accept the fourth recommendation set out therein, for the reason that Italy is not a party to the convention signed at Madrid on April 11, 1891, and revised at Washington on June 2, 1911, relating to the prevention of false marks of origin.

The Japanese delegation expresses the wish that any diplomatic invitation addressed by the country in which a special exhibition is organized may be sent to Japan at least one year and a half in advance, in view of the geographical situation of that country.

The delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics declares that, in application of the provisions of article 4 of the convention, whereby an interval of at least five years must elapse between two special exhibitions of the same kind organized in the same country, the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reserves the right to regard as separate countries the six Republics members of the Union, to wit, Russia, the Ukraine, the Transcaucasian Federation, White Russia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

In faith whereof the plenipotentiaries have signed the present protocol.

Done at Paris, the 22nd November, 1928.