

## V.—General Provisions

## ARTICLE 12

Any difficulties which may arise in connection with the operation of this Convention shall be settled through the diplomatic channel.

## ARTICLE 13

The present Convention of which the English and German\* texts are equally authentic, shall be subject to ratification. Ratifications shall be exchanged in Vienna. The Convention shall come into force one month after the date on which ratifications are exchanged and shall remain in force for three years after the date of its coming into force. If neither of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice through the diplomatic channel to the other not less than six months before the expiration of the said period of three years of his intention to terminate the Convention, it shall remain in force until the expiration of six months from the day on which either of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice to terminate it.

## ARTICLE 14

(a) This Convention shall not apply *ipso facto* to Scotland or Northern Ireland, nor to any of the Colonies or Protectorates of His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, nor to any territories under His suzerainty, nor to any mandated territories administered by His Government in the United Kingdom, but His Majesty may at any time, while the Convention is in force under Article 13, by a notification given through His Minister at Vienna extend the operation of this Convention to any of the above-mentioned territories.

(b) Such notification shall state the authorities in the territory concerned to whom requests for service or for the taking of evidence are to be transmitted, and the language in which communications and translations are to be made. The date of the coming into force of any such extension shall be one month from the date of such notification.

(c) Either of the High Contracting Parties may, at any time after the expiry of three years from the coming into force of an extension of this Convention to any of the territories referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article, terminate such extension on giving six months' notice of termination through the diplomatic channel.

(d) The termination of the Convention under Article 13 shall, unless otherwise expressly agreed to by both High Contracting Parties, *ipso facto* terminate it in respect of any territories to which it has been extended under paragraph (a) of this Article.

## ARTICLE 15

(a) The High Contracting Parties agree that His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, may at any time, while the present Convention is in force either under Article 13 or by virtue of any accession under this Article, by a notification given through the diplomatic channel, accede to the present Convention in respect of any Member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, whose Government may desire that such accession should be effected, provided that no notification of accession may be given at any time when the Federal President of the Republic of Austria has given notice of termination in respect of all the territories of His

\*Not printed.