

ARTICLE 2

Being willing to compromise on the settlement of the above-mentioned debt, the Government of the Federal Republic undertakes to pay, and the Belgian Government undertakes to accept, a lump sum equal to forty (40) million Deutsche Mark, payable in fifteen (15) annual instalments falling due on 1st July of each of the years 1953 to 1967, namely:

- 5 annuities, from 1953 to 1957, amounting to DM. 2 million each;
- 10 annuities, from 1958 to 1967, amounting to DM. 3 million each.

The Belgian Government agrees to accept the above payments in final and definitive settlement of the Belgian claims concerned up to 8th May, 1945.

ARTICLE 3

Each of the above-mentioned annuities shall be represented by a bond of the Federal Republic, expressed in Deutsche Mark, and shall be transferred in Belgian currency at the mean official rate of the Bank deutscher Länder in operation on the day before the bond becomes due.

The bonds shall be delivered to the Belgian Government on 1st April, 1953, at the latest.

ARTICLE 4

Any bond not paid at the date when it becomes due shall bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum for the benefit of the Belgian Government.

ARTICLE 5

The present Agreement will be ratified. The instruments of ratification will be exchanged at Brussels.

The Agreement will enter into force upon the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

ARTICLE 6

The present Agreement is drawn up in the French and German languages, the two texts being equally authoritative.

In witness whereof the undersigned plenipotentiaries, having been duly authorised thereto, have appended their signatures to the present Agreement.

Done at Bonn on the 23rd day of December, 1952, in two original texts in the French and German languages.

For Belgium:

(signed)

F. MUULS

For the Federal Republic of Germany:

(signed)

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