

2. Further, I have the honour, at the instance of His Majesty's Governments in Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State, and Newfoundland to state that each of these Governments will regard the undertaking contained in article 16 of the treaty signed on the 8th August, 1924, between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as having full force and effect as between themselves and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

I have, etc.,

ARTHUR HENDERSON.

*From His Majesty's Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the People's Commissary of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for Foreign Affairs.*

Moscow, December 21, 1929.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—By clause 7 of the protocol signed on the 3rd October last by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Soviet Ambassador in Paris on behalf of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, both Governments engaged themselves to confirm the pledge with regard to propaganda contained in article 16 of the General Treaty signed on the 8th August, 1924, between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The terms of that article were as follows:—

“The contracting parties solemnly affirm their desire and intention to live in peace and amity with each other, scrupulously to respect the undoubted right of a State to order its own life within its own jurisdiction in its own way, to refrain and to restrain all persons and organizations under their direct or indirect control, including organizations in receipt of financial assistance from them, from any act overt or covert liable in any way whatsoever to endanger the tranquillity or prosperity of any part of the territory of the British Empire or the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or intended to embitter the relations of the British Empire or the Union with their neighbours or any other countries.”

It was further agreed that effect should be given to this clause of the aforesaid protocol not later than the day on which the respective Ambassadors presented their credentials.

Having this day presented to the Central Executive Committee of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics the letters accrediting me as His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, I have the honour, by the direction of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the Government of India, to confirm the undertaking contained in the article quoted above, and to inform your Excellency that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India regard that undertaking as having full force and effect as between themselves and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

I am instructed to add that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom will be happy to receive, in accordance with clause 7 of the protocol of the 3rd October, a corresponding declaration from the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

I avail, etc.,

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