

International Convention relating to Economic Statistics.*

Geneva, December 14, 1928.

PREAMBLE.

THE President of the German Reich; the Federal President of the Austrian Republic; His Majesty the King of the Belgians; the President of the United States of Brazil; His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India; His Majesty the King of the Bulgarians; His Majesty the King of Denmark; the President of the Polish Republic for the Free City of Danzig; His Majesty the King of Egypt; the Government of the Estonian Republic; the President of the Republic of Finland; the President of the French Republic; the President of the Hellenic Republic; His Serene Highness the Regent of the Kingdom of Hungary; His Majesty the King of Italy; His Majesty the Emperor of Japan; the President of the Latvian Republic; Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Luxemburg; His Majesty the King of Norway; Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands; the President of the Polish Republic; the President of the Portuguese Republic; His Majesty the King of Roumania; His Majesty the King of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes; His Majesty the King of Sweden; the Swiss Federal Council; the President of the Czechoslovak Republic;

Recognising the importance of statistics being available to show the economic position and development in the world as a whole and in different countries on a comparable basis:

Considering that this object may best be achieved by resort to simultaneous and concerted action in the form of an international Convention, by which the official preparation and publication of various classes of economic statistics and the general adoption of uniform methods in the preparation of certain statistical returns may be assured:

Have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries for this purpose:—

The President of the German Reich:

Professor Dr. Ernst Wagemann, President of the Statistical Bureau of the Reich;

Dr. Hans Platzer, Director, Statistical Bureau of the Reich;

The Federal President of the Austrian Republic:

M. Walter Breisky, former Vice-Chancellor, Chairman of the Federal Bureau of Statistics;

Dr. Emil Ferdinand Rothe, "Conseiller ministériel" and Head of the Office of Commercial Statistics in the Federal Ministry of Commerce and Communications;

Dr. Rudolph Riemer, "Conseiller aulique" in the Federal Bureau of Statistics;

His Majesty the King of the Belgians:

M. A. Julin, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Industry, Labour and Social Welfare;

* For list of ratifications, &c., see page 66.