

Greece, Guatemala, the Republic of Haïti, Italy and her Colonies, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Holland and her Colonies, Peru, Portugal and her Colonies, Roumania, Russia, Salvador, the Kingdom of Siam, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

The Undersigned, duly authorized, have, subject to approval, drawn up the following Convention:—

ARTICLE I.

There is formed between the nations above mentioned and all others which may, at a subsequent time, agree to the present Convention, an Association under the title of "Union Internationale pour la Publication des Tarifs Douaniers."

ARTICLE II.

The purpose of the "Union" is to publish, at joint expense, and to make known as promptly and as exactly as possible, the Customs Tariffs of the various States of the globe, and the modifications to which those Tariffs may from time to time be subjected.

ARTICLE III.

For this purpose there has been formed at Brussels an International Bureau, the duty of which will be to translate and to publish these Tariffs, as well as such legislative or administrative measures as may introduce modifications therein.

ARTICLE IV.

These documents will be published in a collection entitled, "Bulletin International des Douanes (Organe de l'Union Internationale pour la Publication des Tarifs Douaniers)."

For this purpose those languages will be employed which are most used for trade purposes.

ARTICLE V.

The "personnel" of the "Bureau International" will be nominated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Belgium, who will advance the necessary funds, and will superintend the regular working of that Institution.

ARTICLE VI.

In the correspondence of the "Bureau International" with the contracting Governments, the French language will be used.

ARTICLE VII.

A Report on the working condition and finances of the "Bureau International" will be submitted every year to the contracting Governments.

ARTICLE VIII.

The annual Budget of the expenses of the "Bureau International" is fixed at a maximum of 125,000 fr.

In addition to this, a capital sum of 50,000 fr. will, during the first year, be placed at the disposition of the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, for the expenses of the installation of the Bureau.

The States and the Colonies which may eventually avail themselves of the power to accept the Convention, which is offered to them under Article XIV, will have to pay their proportionate share of this sum of 50,000 fr. on the basis as fixed by Article IX.