

*From His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics*

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 20, 1929.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the note, dated to-day, in which your Excellency confirms, on behalf of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the pledge regarding 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.

2. In taking due note of this declaration, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that, in accordance with the understanding between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as recorded in the protocol of the 3rd October, 1929, His Majesty's Ambassador in Moscow has been instructed to inform the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India, for their part, also regard the undertaking contained in article 16 of the treaty signed on the 8th August, 1924, as having full force and effect as between themselves and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

I have, etc.,

ARTHUR HENDERSON.

*Note verbale handed to His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on December 20, 1929.*

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in giving the undertaking contained in article 16 of the General Treaty signed on the 8th August, 1924, between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and confirmed by the notes exchanged to-day, have considered that undertaking as extending also to the Dominions (Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State, and Newfoundland). Consequently, as soon as the Government of any Dominion shall have regulated their relations with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in such manner as the circumstances of the particular case may require, the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will be ready to repeat, on the basis of reciprocity, the undertaking above referred to in a separate exchange of notes with such Dominion.

LONDON, December 20, 1929.

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YOUR EXCELLENCY,—With reference to your *note verbale*, dated to-day, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the attitude of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as indicated in your note, is being communicated to His Majesty's Governments in Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State, and Newfoundland.