

Protocol.

At the moment of signing the Convention of this day's date, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries declare that they have agreed on the interpretations of the various provisions of the Convention set out hereunder in the first part of this Protocol, and that they accept the reservations made in virtue of the first paragraph of Article 17 of the said Convention which are set out in the second part of this Protocol.

PART I.

It is understood:

- (1) That nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as limiting or affecting the competence of the International Institute of Agriculture;
- (2) That nothing in the present Convention imposes any obligation to compile or to publish particulars which would result in the disclosure of information relating to any individual establishment;
- (3) That the provisions of the present Convention may be suspended in the case of any High Contracting Party, exceptionally, for as limited a time as possible, and to the extent which circumstances render necessary, in the case of *force majeure* or grave events affecting the safety of the State;
- (4) That the provisions of Article 2—I (a) do not require that quantities should be shown in the case of special categories of goods where the statement of their quantity would afford no information of practical utility for statistical purposes;
- (5) That in the monthly returns required by Article 2—I (a):
 - (a) The enumeration of articles and the data relating thereto may be shown in an abridged form;
 - (b) The information furnished may be of a summary character in the case of such foreign trade of a country as is of relatively little importance;
- (6) That the proposals of the International Institute of Agriculture, referred to in paragraph (A) of Article 2—III, are those approved by the Ninth General Assembly of that Institute, which are reproduced in Annex VI* for the purposes of information and reference; and that, in the event of the General Assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture modifying those proposals, the High Contracting Parties will be free to adopt whatever modifications are introduced therein;
- (7) That the provisions of paragraphs (B) and (C) of Article 2—V are not to be regarded as excluding the use of estimates in the case of small enterprises;
- (8) That the provisions of paragraphs (B) and (C) of Article 2—V oblige the High Contracting Parties to use their best endeavours to secure representative figures, but that, nevertheless, in a country where industry is little developed, it may not be possible to furnish elaborate statistics;
- (9) That, in countries where, in view of local circumstances, such as the extent of the territory, the scattered character of the industries, and the distances which separate such industries from their markets, the monthly preparation of index numbers of wholesale prices is not feasible, a quarterly publication of such indices will be deemed to satisfy the requirements of Article 2—VI.

*Not printed.