

Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the President of Finland Regarding Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters

His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, and the President of the Republic of Finland;

Being desirous to render mutual assistance in the conduct of legal proceedings in civil and commercial matters which are being dealt with or which it is anticipated may be dealt with by their respective judicial authorities;

Have resolved to conclude a Convention for this purpose and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India:

For Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

Sir Robert Vansittart, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., M.V.O., Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

The President of the Republic of Finland:

Monsieur Georg Achates Gripenberg, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Finland in London;

Who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form have agreed as follows:—

I.—Preliminary

ARTICLE I

(a) This Convention applies only to civil and commercial matters including non-contentious matters.

(b) In this Convention the words:

(1) "territory of one (or of the other) High Contracting Party" shall be interpreted (a) in relation to the Republic of Finland, as meaning Finland and (b) in relation to His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India—England and Wales and all territories in respect of which the Convention is in force by reason of extensions under Article 14 or accessions under Article 15;

(2) "persons" shall be deemed to mean individuals and artificial persons; (3) "artificial persons" shall be deemed to include partnerships, companies, societies and other corporations;

(4) "subjects or citizens of a High Contracting Party" shall be deemed to include artificial persons constituted or incorporated under the laws of the territory of such High Contracting Party;

(5) "subjects (or citizens) of one (or of the other) High Contracting Party" shall be deemed to mean (a) in relation to the Republic of Finland—all Finnish citizens; and (b) in relation to His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India—all subjects of His Majesty wherever domiciled, and all persons under His protection.