

INTERNATIONAL SLAVERY CONVENTION

Signed at Geneva, September 25, 1926

[Canadian Ratification deposited August 6, 1928]

ALBANIA, Germany, Austria, Belgium, the British Empire, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Union of South Africa, the Dominion of New Zealand, and India, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Abyssinia, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Norway, Panama, the Netherlands, Persia, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Solvenes, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Uruguay.

Whereas the signatories of the General Act of the Brussels Conference of 1889-90 declared that they were equally animated by the firm intention of putting an end to the traffic in African slaves;

Whereas the signatories of the Convention of Saint-Germain-en-Laye of 1919 to revise the General Act of Berlin of 1885 and the General Act and Declaration of Brussels of 1890 affirmed their intention of securing the complete suppression of slavery in all its forms and of the slave trade by land and sea;

Taking into consideration the report of the Temporary Slavery Commission appointed by the Council of the League of Nations on the 12th June, 1924;

Desiring to complete and extend the work accomplished under the Brussels Act and to find a means of giving practical effect throughout the world to such intentions as were expressed in regard to slave trade and slavery by the signatories of the Convention of Saint-Germain-en-Laye, and recognizing that it is necessary to conclude to that end more detailed arrangements than are contained in that convention;

Considering, moreover, that it is necessary to prevent forced labour from developing into conditions analogous to slavery;

Have decided to conclude a convention and have accordingly appointed as their plenipotentiaries;

The President of the Supreme Council of Albania:

Dr. D. Dino, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the King of Italy.

The President of the German Reich:

Dr. Carl von Schubert, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The President of the Federal Austrian Republic:

M. Emerich von Pfügl, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, representative of the Federal Government accredited to the League of Nations.

His Majesty the King of the Belgians:

M. L. de Brouckère, member of the Senate, first delegate of Belgium to the Seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the League of Nations.

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

The Right Honourable Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, K.C., Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

For the Dominion of Canada:

The Right Honourable Sir George E. Foster, G.C.M.G., P.C., LL.D., Senator, member of the King's Privy Council for Canada.