

ARTICLE 5

The Agreement shall come into force, as respects Governments which have signed it before it comes into force, as soon as it has been signed at any time before September 1, 1948, on behalf of Governments which, under Part I, Article 1 B of the Paris Agreement on Reparation of January 24, 1946, are collectively entitled to not less than 35 per cent of the aggregate of shares in Category A of German reparations.

The Agreement shall remain open for signature by other Governments Members of the Inter Allied Reparation Agency for a period of six months from the date upon which it comes into force, and shall become effective with respect to those Governments immediately upon signature.

ARTICLE 6

If any Government which is not a member of the Inter Allied Reparation Agency signifies in writing to the Government of Belgium within nine months of the date upon which the Agreement comes into force that it desires to become a Party to the Agreement, or to a similar agreement, the Parties will consider in consultation with one another and with that Government its participation in such an agreement; provided that nothing in this Article shall be deemed to qualify any right of any Party under Article 3 above.

ARTICLE 7

Any government to which the Agreement is open for signature may, in lieu of signing, give notification of accession, in writing, to the Government of Belgium, and a Government making such notification of accession shall be deemed to have signed the Agreement on the date of receipt of the notification by the Government of Belgium.

ARTICLE 8

Any signatory Government may, at the time of signature or later, declare by notification in writing to the Government of Belgium that it desires the Agreement to apply to all or any of its overseas territories or colonies or territories under its suzerainty or protection or territories in respect of which it exercises a mandate or trusteeship, and the Agreement shall apply to the colonies and territories, named in the notification, from the date of receipt thereof by the Government of Belgium or from the date on which the Agreement comes into force in respect of the notifying Government, whichever is the later.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in Brussels on December 5, 1947 in the English and French languages, the two texts being equally authentic, in a single original which shall be deposited in the Archives of the Government of Belgium. The Government of Belgium will furnish certified copies of the Agreement to each Government Signatory of the Paris Agreement on Reparation of January 24, 1946, and to each Government on whose behalf the Agreement is signed, and will also inform those Governments of all signatures of the Agreement and of any notifications received thereunder.