

The President of the French Republic:

Mr. Alexandre Millerand, President of the Council, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

His Majesty the King of Italy:

The Honourable Maggiorino Ferraris, Senator of the Kingdom;

His Majesty the Emperor of Japan:

Mr. K. Matsui, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan at Paris;

His Majesty the King of Norway:

Baron Wedel Jarlsberg, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of Norway at Paris;

Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands:

Mr. John Loudon, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands at Paris;

His Majesty the King of Sweden:

Count J.-J.-A. Ehrensvärd, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of Sweden at Paris;

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

ARTICLE 1

The High Contracting Parties undertake to recognize, subject to the stipulations of the present Treaty, the full and absolute sovereignty of Norway over the Archipelago of Spitsbergen, comprising, with Bear Island or Beerens-Eiland, all the Islands situated between 10° and 35° longitude east of Greenwich and between 74° and 81° latitude North, especially West Spitsbergen, North-East Land, Barents Island, Edge Island, Wiche Islands, Hope Island or Hopen-Eiland, and Prince Charles Foreland, together with all islands great or small, and rocks appertaining thereto.*

ARTICLE 2

Ships and nationals of all the High Contracting Parties shall enjoy equally the rights of fishing and hunting in the territories specified in Article 1 and in their territorial waters.

Norway shall be free to maintain, take or decree suitable measures to ensure the preservation and, if necessary, the reconstitution of the fauna and flora of the said regions, and their territorial waters; it being clearly understood that these measures shall always be applicable equally to the nationals of all the High Contracting Parties without any exemption, privilege or favour whatsoever, direct or indirect to the advantage of any one of them.

Occupiers of land whose rights have been recognized in accordance with the terms of Articles 6 and 7 will enjoy the exclusive right of hunting on their own land: (1) in the neighbourhood of their habitations, houses, stores, factories and installations, constructed for the purpose of developing their property, under conditions laid down by the local police regulations; (2) within a radius of 10 kilometres round the headquarters of their place of business or works; and in both cases, subject always to the observance of regulations made by the Norwegian Government in accordance with the conditions laid down in the present Article.

*See the map annexed to *British Treaty Series 1924*, No. 18.