

PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE

The undersigned Plenipotentiaries have assembled on this date for the purpose of signing the International Sanitary Convention.

The Plenipotentiaries of the German Empire, referring to Article 25, make express reservations regarding the power given by the Convention to the various Governments, allowing them to impose observation in the case of bubonic plague.

The Plenipotentiaries of Brazil declare that they are authorized to sign the Convention *ad referendum* under the reservations inserted in the *procès-verbal* of the last plenary sitting.

The Plenipotentiaries of Chili declare that they wish to make similar reservations to those formulated by the Plenipotentiaries of Brazil and of Portugal.

The Plenipotentiaries of China, in the name of their Government, make express reservations as to the undertaking, referred to in the second paragraph of Article 8, to make obligatory the notification of diseases mentioned in the Convention.

In the name of their Government, the Plenipotentiaries of Egypt renew the express reservations which they have formulated regarding the presence at the Conference of a Delegate representing the Soudan. They declare, moreover, that the presence of this Delegate cannot affect the sovereign rights of Egypt.

The Plenipotentiaries of Spain declare that they make in the name of their Government a similar reservation to that of the Plenipotentiaries of the United States of America relative to Article 12.

The Plenipotentiaries of the United States of America make a formal declaration that the signature by them of the International Sanitary Convention of this date cannot be interpreted in the sense that the United States recognize a régime or a body functioning as the Government of a signatory or acceding Power when the United States have not recognized such régime or body as the Government of that Power. They further declare that the participation of the United States of America in the International Sanitary Convention of this date does not entail any contractual obligation on the part of the United States towards any signatory or acceding Power represented by any régime or body that the United States do not recognize as corresponding to the Government of such a Power, until it is represented by a Government recognised by the United States.

The Plenipotentiaries of the United States of America declare, on the other hand, that their Government reserve the right to decide whether, from the point of view of measures to be applied, a foreign local area should be considered as infected and to determine the measures which should be applied in special circumstances to arrivals in its own ports.

The considerable work accomplished by the International Sanitary Conference and the numerous new provisions that it contains, not having been able to be telegraphed to Her Majesty the Queen of the Kings and to His Royal and Imperial Highness, Prince Tafari Makonnen, Heir and Regent of the Empire, the Delegate of the Empire of Abyssinia declares that he must abstain from signing the Convention until he receives the necessary instructions.

The British Plenipotentiaries declare that their signature does not bind any part of the British Empire which is an independent member of the League of Nations and which does not separately sign, or accede to, the Convention.

They declare, in addition, that they reserve the right not to apply the provisions of the second paragraph of Article 8 for all the Protectorates,