

III.—PARIS DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

In accordance with the Final Act of the London Conference, the Governments of Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, parties to the Brussels Treaty of 1948, issued in Paris on October 23, 1954, a declaration inviting the Federal Republic of Germany and Italy to accede to the Brussels Treaty. They also signed on the same day the following protocols to the Brussels Treaty to implement the arrangements described in Section II of the Final Act of the London Conference:

Protocol No. I modifying and completing the Brussels Treaty to create a new organization to be called Western European Union

Protocol No. II on the forces of Western European Union

Protocol No. III on the control of armaments

Protocol No. IV on the agency of Western European Union for the control of armaments.

The texts of these protocols are not given here, as they merely elaborate in greater detail the agreement embodied in Section II of the Final Act of the London Conference.

In addition, the Nine-Power Conference held in Paris on October 21, 1954, adopted the following resolution on the production and standardization of armaments:

The Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium, the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Anxious to increase the effectiveness of their common Defence forces to the maximum,

Desirous of ensuring the best possible use of their available armament credits by means of the rational organization of production,

Noting the importance in this connection of standardizing weapons and weapon components,

Desirous of facilitating any agreements to this end between all or certain of the Seven Powers:

(1) Recall the decision taken at the London Conference to set up a Working Party to study the draft directives submitted by the French Government on 1st October 1954 and such other documents as might subsequently be submitted on the problem of the production and standardization of armaments.

(2) Agree to convene a Working Group in Paris on the 17th January 1955 of the Representatives of Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Kingdom, to study the draft directives and other documents referred to in the foregoing paragraph, with a view to submitting proposals to the Council of Western European union when it comes into being.