

A N N E X

FINAL PROTOCOL

At the moment of proceeding to the signature of the Convention of today's date, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries deem it useful to indicate the spirit in which articles 1, 2 and 3 of this Convention are to be understood and in accordance with which it is desirable that, in the exercise of their legislative sovereignty, the Contracting States should provide for the implementation of the stipulations which have been agreed to or for their completion.

A. The provisions of article 1 and 2 must be regarded as a minimum in the sense that the Contracting Governments naturally remain absolutely free to punish other similar offences such as the hiring of persons of full age even where there is no deceit or constraint.

B. For the punishment of the offences mentioned in articles 1 and 2, it is agreed that the words "a woman or a girl who is a minor, a woman or a girl of full age" mean women or girls, who are either above or below twenty years of age. A law may, however, establish a higher age for protection on condition that it is the same for women and girls of every nationality.

C. For the punishment of the same offences, the law must provide, in all cases, for a sentence of imprisonment, without prejudice to any other main or accessory penalties; it must also take into account, independently of the age of the victim, the various aggravating circumstances which may have a bearing on the particular case, such as those mentioned in article 2 or the fact that the victim had in fact been given over to immoral practices.

D. The case of the retention, against her will, of a woman or girl in a house of prostitution could not, in spite of its gravity, be included in the present Convention, because it is exclusively a question of internal legislation.

The present Final Protocol shall be considered as forming an integral part of the Convention of today's date and shall have the same force, value and duration.

DONE and SIGNED in a single text, in Paris, on 4 May 1910.