

of treatment on the railway and in the port of Jibuti. Goods shall not be subject to any fiscal transit duty levied for the benefit of the French Colony or Treasury.

ARTICLE 7. The French Government will endeavour to arrange that an English, an Italian, and an Abyssinian Representative shall be appointed to the Board of the French Company or Companies which may be intrusted with the construction and working of the railway from Jibuti to Adis Abeba. The British and Italian Governments will reciprocally endeavour to arrange that a French Director shall in like manner and on the same conditions be appointed to the Board of any English or Italian Company which has been or may be formed for the construction or working of railways running from any point in Abyssinia to any point in the adjoining English or Italian territory. It is likewise agreed that the nationals of the three countries shall enjoy in all matters of trade and transit absolute equality of treatment, both on the railways which may be constructed by English or Italian Companies, and in the English or Italian ports from which these railways may start. Goods shall not be subject to any fiscal transit duty levied for the benefit of the British or Italian Colonies or Treasuries.

The three Signatory Powers agree to extend to the nationals of all other countries the benefit of the provisions of Articles 6 and 7 relating to equality of treatment as regards trade and transit.

ARTICLE 8. The French Government will abstain from all interference as regards the Concession previously granted beyond Adis Abeba.

ARTICLE 9. The three Governments are agreed that all railway construction in Abyssinia west of Adis Abeba shall, in so far as foreign assistance is required, be carried out under the auspices of Great Britain. The three Governments are also agreed that all construction of railways in Ethiopia, joining the Benadir to Erythræa to the west of Adis Abeba, shall, in so far as foreign assistance is required, be carried out under the auspices of Italy.

The Government of His Britannic Majesty reserve to themselves the right, in case of need, to make use of the authorization, granted by the Emperor Menelek on the 28th August, 1904, to construct a railway from British Somaliland through Ethiopia to the Soudanese frontier, on condition, however, that they previously come to an agreement with the French and Italian Governments, the three Governments undertaking not to construct without previous agreement any line entering Abyssinian territory or intended to join the Abyssinian lines, which would compete directly with those established under the auspices of any one of them.

ARTICLE 10. The Representatives of the three Powers will keep each other fully informed, and will co-operate for the protection of their respective interests. In the event of the British, French, and Italian Representatives being unable to agree, they will refer to their respective Governments, suspending all action meanwhile.