

# INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO STATISTICS OF CAUSES OF DEATH, WITH PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE

THE Governments of the Union of South Africa, the German Reich, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Federal State of Austria, Canada, the Republic of Chile, His Majesty the King of Egypt, the Spanish Republic, the Irish Free State, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Hungary, His Majesty the King of Italy, the Republic of Latvia, the United States of Mexico, Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Republic of Panama, the Republic of Paraguay, His Majesty the Shah of Persia, the Republic of Poland, the Czechoslovak Republic and the United States of Venezuela, recognizing the importance of ensuring as far as possible the uniformity and comparability of statistics of causes of death, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized thereto, have agreed upon the following provisions:

## ARTICLE 1

Without prejudice to the provisions of the protocol of signature annexed hereto, the present agreement applies to the metropolitan territories of the Contracting Governments, and to any other territories to which it may have been extended under article 8.

## ARTICLE 2

1. Statistics of causes of death shall be compiled and published according to one uniform nomenclature, hereinafter referred to as the "minimum nomenclature." These statistics shall either follow strictly the minimum nomenclature, or, if they are given in greater detail, be so arranged that by suitable grouping they can be reduced to the minimum nomenclature, each serial number of these more detailed statistics showing after it in brackets the corresponding serial number in the minimum nomenclature.

2. The Contracting Governments agree to adopt as the first minimum nomenclature the "intermediate nomenclature" recommended at Paris on the 19th October, 1929, by the International Commission for the Decennial Revision of the International Nomenclature of Diseases.

## ARTICLE 3

Each Contracting Government undertakes to compile statistics of causes of death in accordance with the conditions laid down in article 2 from the 1st January following the date of its signature of or accession to the present agreement.

## ARTICLE 4

1. Modifications may, in accordance with the conditions laid down in this article, be made in the minimum nomenclature to take effect from the 1st January, 1940, or the 1st January in any subsequent tenth year (hereinafter called "revision dates"), but not otherwise.

2. For the purpose of revising the minimum nomenclature the Contracting Governments agree to take fully into account the reports of any International Commission which may be convened in the same manner and with the same objects as the International Commission of 1929 for the Decennial Revision of the International Nomenclature of Diseases.

3. In order to facilitate the operation of the preceding paragraph the French Government shall, at the end of each session of the International Commission, call a conference of the delegations who have represented on that Commission the Governments which are parties to the present agreement. This Conference shall consider the resolutions of the Commission.