

APPENDIX 1

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND ITALY, RESPECTING ABYSSINIA, SIGNED AT LONDON, DECEMBER 13, 1906¹

It being the common interest of France, Great Britain, and Italy to maintain intact the integrity of Ethiopia, to provide for every kind of disturbance in the political conditions of the Ethiopian Empire, to come to a mutual understanding in regard to their attitude in the event of any change in the situation arising in Ethiopia, and to prevent the action of the three States in protecting their respective interests, both in the British, French, and Italian possessions bordering on Ethiopia and in Ethiopia itself, resulting in injury to the interests of any of them, the Government of the French Republic, the Government of His Britannic Majesty, and the Government of Italy have assented to the following Agreement:—

ARTICLE 1. France, Great Britain, and Italy shall co-operate in maintaining the political and territorial *status quo* in Ethiopia as determined by the state of affairs at present existing, and by the following Agreements:—

- (a) The Anglo-Italian Protocols of the 24th March and 15th April, 1891, and of 5th May, 1894, and the subsequent Agreements modifying them, including the reserves formulated by the French Government in 1894 and 1895;
- (b) The Anglo-Ethiopian Convention of 14th May, 1897, and its annexes;
- (c) The Italo-Ethiopian Treaty of 10th July, 1900;
- (d) The Anglo-Ethiopian Treaty of 15th May, 1902;
- (e) The note annexed to the above-mentioned Treaty of 15th May, 1902;
- (f) The Convention of 11th March, 1862, between France and the Dannakils;
- (g) The Anglo-French Agreement of 2nd-9th February, 1888;
- (h) The Franco-Italian Protocols of 24th January, 1900, and 10th July, 1901, for the delimitation of the French and Italian possessions on the littoral of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden;
- (j) The Franco-Ethiopian Frontier Convention of 20th March, 1897.

It is understood that the various Conventions mentioned in this Article do not in any way infringe the sovereign rights of the Emperor of Abyssinia, and in no respect modify the relations between the three Powers and the Ethiopian Empire as stipulated in the present Agreement.

ARTICLE 2. As regards demands for agricultural, commercial, and industrial concessions in Ethiopia, the three Powers undertake to instruct

¹ British Treaty Series No. 1, 1907.