## ARTICLE 1

For the purpose of the present convention, the following definitions are agreed upon:—

(1) Slavery is the status or condition of a person over whom any or all of the powers attaching to the right of ownership are exercised.

(2) The slave trade includes all acts involved in the capture, acquisition or disposal of a person with intent to reduce him to slavery; all acts involved in the acquisition of a slave with a view to selling or exchanging him; all acts of disposal by sale or exchange of a slave acquired with a view to being sold or exchanged, and, in general, every act of trade or transport in slaves.

## ARTICLE 2

The high contracting parties undertake, each in respect of the territories placed under its sovereignty, jurisdiction, protection, suzerainty or tutelage, so far as they have not already taken the necessary steps:—

(a) To prevent and suppress the slave trade.

(b) To bring about, progressively and as soon as possible, the complete abolition of slavery in all its forms.

## ARTICLE 3

The high contracting parties undertake to adopt all appropriate measures with a view to preventing and suppressing the embarkation, disembarkation and transport of slaves in their territorial waters and upon all vessels flying their respective flags.

The high contracting parties undertake to negotiate as soon as possible a general convention with regard to the slave trade which will give them rights and impose upon them duties of the same nature as those provided for in the Convention of the 17th June, 1925, relative to the International Trade in Arms (articles 12, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Section II of Annex II), with the necessary adaptations, it being understood that this general convention will not place the ships (even of small tonnage) of any high contracting parties in a position different from that of the other high contracting parties.

It is also understood that, before or after the coming into force of this general convention, the high contracting parties are entirely free to conclude between themselves, without, however, derogating from the principles laid down in the preceding paragraph, such special agreements as, by reason of their peculiar situation, might appear to be suitable in order to bring about as soon as possible the complete disappearance of the slave trade.

## ARTICLE 4

The high contracting parties shall give to one another every assistance with the object of securing the abolition of slavery and the slave trade.

## ARTICLE 5

The high contracting parties recognize that recourse to compulsory or forced labour may have grave consequences and undertake, each in respect of the territories placed under its sovereignty, jurisdiction, protection, suzerainty or tutelage, to take all necessary measures to prevent compulsory or forced labour from developing into conditions analogous to slavery.