

No. 7912

**BELGIUM
and
AUSTRIA**

**Convention concerning the settlement of problems relating to certain Belgian and Austrian property, rights and interests (with annexed Protocol and exchange of letters).
Signed at Brussels, on 14 November 1963**

Official texts of the Convention and the Protocol: French and German.

Official text of the letters: French.

Registered by Belgium on 2 September 1965.

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**Convention concernant le règlement des problèmes touchant certains biens, droits et intérêts belges et autrichiens (avec Protocole annexe et échange de lettres).
Signée à Bruxelles, le 14 novembre 1963**

Textes officiels de la Convention et du Protocole français et allemand.

Texte officiel des lettres français.

Enregistrée par la Belgique le 2 septembre 1965.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 7912. CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO CERTAIN BELGIAN AND AUSTRIAN PROPERTY, RIGHTS AND INTERESTS. SIGNED AT BRUSSELS, ON 14 NOVEMBER 1963

His Majesty the King of the Belgians and

The Federal President of the Republic of Austria,

Desiring to settle the questions arising on the transfer of certain Belgian and Austrian property, rights and interests,

Have decided to conclude a Convention and have for that purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

His Majesty the King of the Belgians :

His Excellency Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

The Federal President of the Republic of Austria :

His Excellency Mr. Ernst Lemberger, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria in Belgium;

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed on the following provisions :

Article I

With a view to settling the claims presented by the Belgian Government arising from indirect participations held by Belgian beneficiaries, on 8 May 1945 and upon the entry into force of this Convention, in property, rights and interests still existing in Austria which were owned by German legal entities and were ceded to Austria under article 22 of the State Treaty of 15 May 1955² for the re-establishment of an independent and democratic Austria, hereinafter referred to as "State Treaty", the Austrian Federal Government shall transfer to the two Belgian beneficiaries mentioned in the Additional Protocol *ad* article I, in the proportion of their participations as at 8 May 1945, the property, rights, and interests which are owned by Austria.

¹ Came into force on 11 July 1965, thirty days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification which took place at Vienna, on 11 June 1965, in accordance with article IV.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 217, p. 223; Vol. 221, p. 439; Vol. 226, p. 382; Vol. 259, p. 445; Vol. 263, p. 424; Vol. 316, p. 350, and Vol. 420, p. 345.

Article II

The Austrian Federal Government shall continue to give the Belgian Government its full support with a view to making possible a settlement of the problem of the *commandite* share in the Austrian company Ebenseer Solvay-Werke K.G.

Article III

The Belgian Government shall restore to the individuals or legal entities enumerated or referred to in the Additional Protocol *ad* article III, through the Austrian Federal Government, property, rights and interests belonging to them which are still under sequestration in Belgium, as also, where appropriate, the net proceeds of the liquidation of their other sequestered assets.

Article IV

This Convention shall be ratified and the exchange of the instruments of ratification shall take place at Vienna as soon as possible.

It shall enter into force thirty days after the date of such exchange.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the plenipotentiaries of the two Contracting States have signed this Convention and have thereto affixed their seals.

DONE at Brussels on 14 November 1963, in duplicate, in the French and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Kingdom of Belgium :

P. H. SPAAK

For the Republic of Austria :

E. LEMBERGER