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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8545. CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG CONCERNING CO-OPERATION IN CONSULAR MATTERS. SIGNED AT BRUSSELS, ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1965

HIS Majesty the King of the Belgians and

HIS Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg,

Considering that, since the establishment of the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union, the Belgian consular services have assumed responsibility for the protection and defence of Luxembourg consular interests in districts where the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has no consular service,

Having regard to article 39 of the Consolidated Convention established in accordance with the Protocol amending the Conventions instituting the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union, signed at Brussels on 29 January 1963,²

Desiring to determine the functions which will be performed by the Belgian consular services in addition to the protection of Luxembourg interests in the economic and commercial fields, in the light of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963,

Have decided to conclude a convention for that purpose and have to that end appointed as their plenipotentiaries.

HIS Majesty the King of the Belgians:

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

HIS Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg.

His Excellency Mr. Camille Dumont, Ambassador of Luxembourg,

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The High Contracting Parties shall co-operate, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, with a view to ensuring the protection and defence of Luxembourg consular interests by Belgian consular officers residing in districts

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1967, the first day of the third month following the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Luxembourg on 15 November 1966, in accordance with article 16

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 547, p. 39

where the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has no consular service. The same shall apply in cases where the authorized Luxembourg consular officer is temporarily absent or unable to perform his functions or where a post is vacant.

2. The Luxembourg Government may have recourse to the good offices of a Belgian consular officer if, for example for reasons of distance, the authorized Luxembourg consular officer is unable to take adequate steps.

3. A suitable notification shall be sent to the competent authorities of the third States concerned regarding the assumption of consular functions on behalf of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

4. The application of the provisions of this Convention shall be subject to the consent of those States where such consent is required.

Article 2

1. Belgian consular officers shall act as civil registrars in order to register the births and deaths of Luxembourg nationals, provided that they have been empowered to do so by the Belgian and Luxembourg Governments.

2. Belgian consular officers may register other documents affecting or relating to the civil status of Luxembourg nationals if authorized to do so in each individual case by the Belgian and Luxembourg Governments.

3. A record shall be kept of the matters referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article in registers made available to Belgian consular officers by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg.

4. Belgian consular officers shall, in case of need, use their good offices to assist Luxembourg nationals in making statements relating to civil status to the local authorities.

Article 3

1. Belgian consular officers shall keep a register of the Luxembourg nationals residing in their district.

2. Only persons who request registration and who are able to show proof of their Luxembourg nationality, by producing either a valid nationality certificate or a valid passport, shall be registered.

3. Certificates of registration and identity documents may be issued to registered Luxembourg nationals upon request.

Article 4

1. After verifying the identity and nationality of applicants, Belgian consular officers shall be empowered to issue Luxembourg passports to Luxembourg nationals,