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TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION

No. 892. CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN BELGIUM AND FRANCE. SIGNED AT PARIS, ON 22 FEBRUARY 1946

The Belgian Government and the Government of the French Republic, desirous of adapting to new circumstances the Agreement concluded between the two countries in 1921 respecting their scientific, literary and educational relations, have concluded for that purpose an Agreement of which the text is as follows:

Article 1

The object of the Agreement is by friendly co-operation and exchanges to encourage educational, intellectual, artistic and scientific relations between the two countries.

Article 2

In order to solve the problems to which the application of the present Agreement will give rise a Permanent Joint Commission shall be established. The said Commission shall consist of ten members, each country appointing an equal number of representatives. The composition and operations of the Commission shall be governed by the following principles:

1. The members of the Commission shall be appointed, for Belgium, by the Minister of Public Instruction and, for France, by the Minister of National Education. Each list shall be transmitted for approval to the other Contracting Party through the diplomatic channel.

2. The Permanent Joint Commission shall meet in plenary session whenever such meeting is deemed necessary, and at least once a year, alternately in France and in Belgium. The chairman at the meetings shall be an eleventh member who shall be the Belgian Minister of Public Instruction when the meeting is held in Belgium, and the French Minister of National Education when it is held in France. The secretarial duties, with the right to speak in an advisory capacity, shall be entrusted to the French or Belgian cultural *attaché* according to whether the meeting is held in Belgium, or France, or in the absence of the said *attaché*, to the Embassy representative acting as such.

3. If technical questions requiring special knowledge should arise, the Permanent Joint Commission may proceed to establish a small temporary sub-committee on which each country shall be represented by an equal number of members. The place of meeting and the chairmanship of the sub-committee shall be determined in accordance with the principle of alternation mentioned above and it shall not be necessary for the Minister of the country in which the meeting takes place to be the Chairman, who may be a person delegated by the Minister.

¹ Came into force on 22 February 1946, by signature.