

No. 2827

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
GREECE**

**Agreement regarding the submission to arbitration of the
Ambatielos claim. Signed at London, on 24 February
1955**

Official text: English.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on
28 April 1955.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
GRÈCE**

**Accord tendant à soumettre à l'arbitrage l'affaire Amba-
tielos. Signé à Londres, le 24 février 1955**

Texte officiel anglais.

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le
28 avril 1955.*

No. 2827. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GREEK GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE SUBMISSION TO ARBITRATION OF THE AMBATIELOS CLAIM. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 24 FEBRUARY 1955

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Royal Hellenic Government :

Considering

(1) that the International Court of Justice, acting in virtue of Article 29 of the Anglo-Greek Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of July 16, 1926,² has decided by a Judgment delivered on May 19, 1953³ that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter called the United Kingdom Government) are under an obligation to submit to arbitration in accordance with the Anglo-Greek Declaration of July 16, 1926 (hereinafter called the 1926 Declaration) the difference as to the validity under the Anglo-Greek Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of November 10, 1886⁴ (hereinafter called the 1886 Treaty) of the claim presented by the Royal Hellenic Government on behalf of Mr. Nicolas Eustache Ambatielos (hereinafter called the Ambatielos claim);

(2) that the 1926 Declaration provides that any differences which may arise between the two Governments as to the validity of claims on behalf of private persons based on the provisions of the 1886 Treaty shall, at the request of either Government, be referred to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol of November 10, 1886 (hereinafter called the 1886 Protocol) annexed to the 1886 Treaty; and

(3) that the 1886 Protocol provides that any controversies which may arise respecting the interpretation or the execution of the 1886 Treaty, or the consequences of any violation thereof, shall be submitted, when the means of settling them directly by amicable agreement are exhausted, to the decisions of Commissions of Arbitration, the result of such arbitration to be binding upon both Governments, and also that the members of such Commissions shall be selected by the two Governments by common consent :

¹ Came into force on 24 February 1955, by signature.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. LXI, p. 15; Vol. LXIII, p. 428; Vol. LXXXIII, p. 417; Vol. LXXXVIII, p. 356; Vol. XCVI, p. 192; Vol. C, p. 222; Vol. CXXVI, p. 446; Vol. CXLVII, p. 343, and Vol. CXLVII, p. 333.

³ Ambatielos case (merits to arbitrate), Judgment of May 19th, 1953: *I. C. J. Reports 1953*, p. 10.

⁴ De Martens : *Nouveau Recueil général de Traités*, deuxième série, tome XIII, p. 518.