

who, having communicated to one another their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles :—

ARTICLE 1.

The high contracting parties solemnly declare, in the name of their respective peoples, that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies, and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another.

ARTICLE 2.

The high contracting parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts, of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means.

ARTICLE 3.

The present treaty shall be ratified by the high contracting parties named in the preamble in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements, and shall take effect as between them as soon as all their several instruments of ratification shall have been deposited at

This treaty shall, when it has come into effect as prescribed in the preceding paragraph, remain open as long as may be necessary for adherence by all the other Powers of the world. Every instrument evidencing the adherence of a Power shall be deposited at , and the treaty shall, immediately upon such deposit, become effective as between the Power thus adhering and the other Powers parties hereto.

It shall be the duty of the Government of to furnish each Government named in the preamble and every Government subsequently adhering to this treaty, with a certified copy of the treaty and of every instrument of ratification or adherence. It shall also be the duty of the Government of telegraphically to notify such Governments immediately upon the deposit with it of each instrument of ratification or adherence.

In faith whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this treaty in the French and English languages, both texts having equal force, and hereunto affixed their seals.

Done at the day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-

No. 2.

*Text of Draft Treaty communicated by French Ambassador in London on 20th April, 1928.**

[Translation.]

THE President of the German Empire, the President of the United States of America, the President of the French Republic, His Majesty the King of England, Ireland and the British Dominions, Emperor of India, His Majesty the King of Italy, His Majesty the Emperor of Japan :

Equally desirous not only of perpetuating the happy relations of peace and friendship now existing among their peoples, but also to avoid the danger of war between all other nations in the world ;

Having agreed to consecrate in a solemn act their most formal and most definite resolution to condemn war as an instrument of national policy and to renounce it in favour of a peaceful settlement of international conflicts ;

Expressing, finally, the hope that all the other nations of the world will be willing to join in this humane effort to bring about the association of the civilized peoples in a common renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy ;

Have decided to conclude a treaty, and to that end have designated as their respective plenipotentiaries , who after exchanging their full powers found to be in good and due form have agreed on the following provisions :—

ARTICLE 1.

The high contracting parties, without any intention to infringe upon the exercise of their rights of legitimate self-defence within the framework of existing treaties, particularly when the violation of certain of the provisions of such treaties constitutes a hostile act, solemnly declare that they condemn recourse to war and renounce it as an instrument of national policy, that is to say, as an instrument of individual, spontaneous, and independent political action taken on their own initiative, and not action in respect of which they might become involved through the obligation of a treaty such as the Covenant of the League of Nations, or any other treaty registered with the League of Nations. They undertake on these conditions not to attack or invade one another.

ARTICLE 2.

The settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or origin which might arise among the high contracting parties or between any two of them shall never be sought on either side except by pacific methods.

* This draft treaty embodies the points discussed in the Note addressed by the French Government to the United States Government on the 26th March, 1928. (See No. VI in Enclosure 2 in No. 1.)