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between the
United Kingdom
and Siam

Signed at London, November 25, 1925
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His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, and His Majesty the King of Siam, parties to the Protocol establishing the Permanent Court of International Justice, signed at Geneva on the 16th December, 1920, being desirous of concluding a Convention with a view of referring to arbitration all questions which they may consider possible to submit to that mode of settlement, have appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India :

The Right Honourable Joseph Austen Chamberlain, a Member of Parliament, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and

His Majesty the King of Siam :

Phya Prabha Karavongs, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Britannic Majesty ;

Who, having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and true form, have agreed as follows :—

ARTICLE 1.

Differences of a legal nature which may arise between the two Contracting Parties and which it may not have been possible to settle by diplomacy, in the absence of contrary agreement shall, at the request of either Party, be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice established by the Protocol of December 16, 1920 in accordance with the procedure laid down in the statutes of that Court and in the rules of court adopted thereunder, provided, nevertheless, that such differences do not affect the vital interests, the independence or the honour of the two Contracting Parties, and do not concern the interests of third parties. The Contracting Parties agree to accept the decision of the Court as binding.

ARTICLE 2.

The present Convention, which shall be ratified, is concluded for a period of five years dating from the exchange of ratifications, which shall take place at London as soon as possible. In case neither of

the two Contracting Parties shall have given notice to the other twelve months before the expiration of the said period of five years of its intention to terminate the present Convention, it shall remain in force until the expiration of one year from the date on which either of the two Contracting Parties shall have denounced it.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in duplicate in the English language at London, the twenty-fifth day of November in the nineteen hundred and twenty-fifth year of the Christian era, corresponding to the twenty-fifth day of the eighth month in the two thousand four hundred and sixty-eighth year of the Buddhist era.

(L.S.) AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

(L.S.) PRABHA KARAVONGS.