

**TREATY OF GOOD UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
ESTONIA, LATVIA, AND LITHUANIA. SIGNED AT GENEVA,
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1934**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA and THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA,

Having decided to develop co-operation between the three countries and to promote
closer understanding between the Baltic States,

Being firmly determined to play their part in maintaining and guaranteeing peace and to
co-ordinate their foreign policy in the spirit of the principles of the Covenant of the League
of Nations,

Have resolved to conclude a Treaty, and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries for that
purpose:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA:
His Excellency Monsieur Stasys LOZORAITIS, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA:
His Excellency Monsieur Julius SELJAMAA, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA:
Monsieur Vilhelms MUNTERS, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

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

Article 1.

In order to co-ordinate their efforts in the cause of peace, the three Governments
undertake to confer together on questions of foreign policy which are of common concern
and to afford one another mutual political and diplomatic assistance in their international
relations.

Article 2.

For the purpose set forth in Article 1, the High Contracting Parties hereby decide to
institute periodical conferences of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the three countries, to
take place at regular intervals, at least twice a year, in the territories of each of the three
States in turn. At the request of one of the High Contracting Parties and by joint
agreement, extraordinary conferences may be held in the territory of one of the three
States or elsewhere.

Each Conference shall be presided over by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State in
whose territory it takes place; if, however, a Conference meets outside the territory of the
three States, its President shall be the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the country in whose
territory the previous Conference was held.

The President in office shall be responsible for the execution of the decisions taken by the Conference over which he has presided, and, when necessary, shall be instructed to provide for the application of such decisions in the field of international relations.

The periodical Conferences of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Estonia and Latvia provided for in Articles 1 and 2 of the Treaty between Latvia and Estonia for the organisation of the Alliance, signed at Riga on February 17th, 1934, shall be replaced by the above-mentioned Conferences for the duration of the present Treaty.

Article 3.

The High Contracting Parties recognise the existence of the specific problems which might make a concerted attitude with regard to them difficult. They agree that such problems constitute an exception to the undertakings laid down in Article 1 of the present Treaty.

Article 4.

The High Contracting Parties shall endeavour to settle amicably and in a spirit of justice and equity any questions in respect of which their interests may clash and also to do so in the shortest possible time. They agree to negotiate with each other such agreements as may appear suitable for attaining this end.

Article 5.

The three Governments shall give instructions to their diplomatic and consular representatives abroad and to their delegates to international conferences to establish appropriate contact.

Article 6.

The High Contracting Parties undertake to communicate to one another forthwith the text of the treaties concluded between one of them and one or more other States.

Article 7.

The present Treaty is open for accession by other States, such accession to take place only if all the High Contracting Parties consent thereto.

Article 8.

The present Treaty shall be ratified; it shall come into force upon the deposit of ratifications which shall take place at Riga. The Government of Latvia shall transmit to each of the two other High Contracting Parties a certified true copy of the procès-verbal of deposit of ratifications.

Article 9.

The present Treaty shall be in force for ten years. Should the Treaty not be denounced by one of the High Contracting Parties one year before the expiry of that period, it shall be extended by tacit consent and shall cease to have effect one year after its denunciation by one of the High Contracting Parties.

In faith whereof the above-mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty and have affixed their seals thereto.

Done at Geneva, in triplicate, this 12th day of September, 1934.

St. LOZORAITIS.

J. SELJAMAA.

V. MUNTERS.

DECLARATION.

Upon signing the Treaty of this day's date, the Plenipotentiaries of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia hereby declare that their respective Governments will foster the growth and general diffusion in their respective countries of the spirit of mutual understanding and friendship among the three nations and they bind themselves to take or to promote all suitable measures and efforts to that end.

Done at Geneva, in triplicate, this 12th day of September, 1934.

St. LOZORAITIS.

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