

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION

Treaty signed at Washington March 8, 1875

Senate advice and consent to ratification March 10, 1875

Ratified by the President of the United States March 16, 1875

Ratified by Belgium June 10, 1875

Ratifications exchanged at Brussels June 11, 1875

Entered into force June 11, 1875

Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 29, 1875

Superseded by agreement of February 27, 1935,¹ with respect to any provisions that might be inconsistent with the later agreement

Terminated October 3, 1963, by treaty of February 21, 1961²

19 Stat. 628; Treaty Series 28

The United States of America on the one part, and his Majesty the King of the Belgians on the other part, wishing to regulate in a formal manner their reciprocal relations of commerce and navigation, and further to strengthen, through the development of their interests, respectively, the bonds of friendship and good understanding so happily established between the governments and people of the two countries; and desiring with this view to conclude, by common agreement, a treaty establishing conditions equally advantageous to the commerce and navigation of both States, have to that effect appointed as their plenipotentiaries, namely: The President of the United States, Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, and his Majesty the King of Belgians, Maurice Delfosse, Commander of the Order of Leopold, &c., &c., his Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in the United States; who, after having communicated to each other their full powers, ascertained to be in good and proper form, have agreed to and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE I

There shall be full and entire freedom of commerce and navigation between the inhabitants of the two countries, and the same security and protection which is enjoyed by the citizens or subjects of each country shall be guaranteed on both sides. The said inhabitants, whether established or

¹ EAS 75, *post*, p. 710.

² 14 UST 1284; TIAS 5432.