

League of Nations

REGISTRATION OF TREATIES

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, January 22, 1934

DEAR MR. GILBERT,

With reference to my recent conversations with you, I am authorised by the Secretary-General to confirm that provision for the registration with the Secretariat, by States not belonging to the League, of international agreements concluded by them is made in paragraph 13 of the memorandum regarding the registration and publication of treaties which was approved by the Council of the League of Nations on May 19th, 1920 (see Volume I, No. 1, of the Treaty Series, pp. 8-13). I annex the text of this paragraph in French and English.

You will observe from the terms of the paragraph that the Council recognised that such registration by a non-Member State would be absolutely voluntary.

It may be of interest for me to mention that, commencing in October 1920, Germany proceeded to register treaties with the Secretariat as contemplated in the paragraph, on the understanding that this did not imply that she considered herself as bound by the provisions of Article 18 of the Covenant (see Treaty Series, Volume II, p. 60). I might also mention that,

¹ Date of transfer of treaty registration functions from the League of Nations to the United Nations, for performance under art. 102 of the United Nations Charter (TS 993, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 1176).