

## RIGHTS IN PALESTINE

*Convention signed at London December 3, 1924*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification February 20, 1925*

*Ratified by the President of the United States March 2, 1925*

*Ratified by the United Kingdom March 18, 1925*

*Ratifications exchanged at London December 3, 1925*

*Entered into force December 3, 1925*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States December 5, 1925*

*Terminated May 14-15, 1948*<sup>1</sup>

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WHEREAS by the Treaty of Peace concluded with the Allied Powers,<sup>2</sup> Turkey renounces all her rights and titles over Palestine; and

Whereas article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations<sup>3</sup> in the Treaty of Versailles provides that in the case of certain territories which, as a consequence of the late war, ceased to be under the sovereignty of the States which formerly governed them, mandates should be issued, and that the terms of the mandate should be explicitly defined in each case by the Council of the League; and

Whereas the Principal Allied Powers have agreed to entrust the mandate for Palestine to His Britannic Majesty; and

Whereas the terms of the said mandate have been defined by the Council of the League of Nations, as follows:

“The Council of the League of Nations:

“Whereas the Principal Allied Powers have agreed, for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, to entrust to a Mandatory selected by the said Powers the administration of the territory of Palestine, which formerly belonged to the Turkish Empire, within such boundaries as may be fixed by them; and

“Whereas the Principal Allied Powers have also agreed that the Mandatory should be responsible for putting into effect the declaration originally made on the 2nd November, 1917, by the Government of His Britannic Majesty,

<sup>1</sup> Date of proclamation establishing State of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> Treaty signed at Lausanne July 24, 1923; for text, see 28 LNTS 11.

<sup>3</sup> For text, see *ante*, vol. 2, p. 55.