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**FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND**

Treaty for collaboration in economic, social and cultural matters and for collective self-defence. Signed at Brussels, on 17 March 1948

French and English official texts communicated by the Officer in charge of the Permanent Belgian Delegation to the United Nations. The registration took place on 2 November 1948.

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**FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, PAYS-BAS, et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET
D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

Traité réglant leur collaboration en matières économique, sociale et culturelle, et leur légitime défense collective. Signé à Bruxelles, le 17 mars 1948

Textes officiels français et anglais communiqués par le Chargé de la gestion de la délégation permanente de Belgique auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 2 novembre 1948.

No. 304. TREATY¹ BETWEEN BELGIUM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND. SIGNED AT BRUSSELS, ON 17 MARCH 1948

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Belgium, the President of the French Republic, President of the French Union, Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands and His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas,

Resolved

To reaffirm their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the other ideals proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations;

To fortify and preserve the principles of democracy, personal freedom and political liberty, the constitutional traditions and the rule of law, which are their common heritage;

To strengthen, with these aims in view, the economic, social and cultural ties by which they are already united;

To cooperate loyally and to coordinate their efforts to create in Western Europe a firm basis for European economic recovery;

To afford assistance to each other, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, in maintaining international peace and security and in resisting any policy of aggression;

To take such steps as may be held to be necessary in the event of a renewal by Germany of a policy of aggression;

¹ Came into force on 25 August 1948 upon the deposit with the Belgian Government of the last instrument of ratification, in accordance with article X.

Following are the dates on which the instruments of ratification were deposited on behalf of each of the signatory States:

Belgium	30 April	1948	Luxembourg	10 June	1948
United Kingdom	2 June	1948	Netherlands	20 July	1948
France				25 August	1948

To associate progressively in the pursuance of these aims other States inspired by the same ideals and animated by the like determination;

Desiring for these purposes to conclude a treaty for collaboration in economic, social and cultural matters and for collective self-defence;

Have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Belgium,

His Excellency Mr. Paul-Henri Spaak, Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and His Excellency Mr. Gaston Eyskens, Minister of Finance,

The President of the French Republic, President of the French Union,

His Excellency M. Georges Bidault, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and His Excellency Mr. Jean de Hauteclocque, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the French Republic in Brussels,

Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Luxemburg,

His Excellency M. Joseph Bech, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and His Excellency Mr. Robert Als, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Luxemburg in Brussels.

Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands,

His Excellency Baron C. G. W. H. van Boetzelaer van Oosterhout, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and His Excellency Baron Binnert Philip van Harinxma thoe Slooten, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands in Brussels.

His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

The Right Honorable Ernest Bevin, Member of Parliament, Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and His Excellency Sir George William Rendel, K.C.M.G. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of His Britannic Majesty in Brussels, who, having exhibited their full powers found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article I

Convinced of the close community of their interests and of the necessity of uniting in order to promote the economic recovery of Europe, the High Con-