COMMUNICATION FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE SITUATION OF AUSTRIA IN RELATION TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Berlin, March 18th, 1938.

(Translation from the German).

To the Secretary-General.

Acting on instructions from the German Government, I have the honour to bring to your notice the following law of March 13th, 1938, regarding the reunion of Austria with the German Reich:

The Government of the Reich has adopted the following law, which is hereby promulgated:

Article I.

The Federal Constitutional Law of March 13th, 1938, adopted by the Austrian Federal Government regarding the reunion of Austria with the German Reich, hereby becomes a law of the German Reich; it is worded as follows:

"In virtue of Article III, paragraph 2, of the Federal Constitutional Law regarding extraordinary measures in constitutional matters, B.G. Blatt I No.255, 1934, the Federal Government has decided as follows:

Article I: Austria is a land of the German Reich.

Article II: On Sunday, April 10th, 1938, a free and secret plebiscite of the German men and women of Austria over twenty years of age will be held with regard to the reunion with the German Reich.

Article III: In the plebiscite the decision will be taken by a majority of the votes given.

Article IV: The necessary provisions for carrying out and supplementing Article II of the present Federal Constitutional Law will be issued by decree.

Article V: The present Federal Constitutional Law comes into force on the date of promulgation.

The Federal Government is entrusted with the execution of the present Federal Constitutional Law.

Vienna, March 13th, 1938."

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Article II.
The law at present in force in Austria shall remain in operation until further notice. The law of the Reich shall be introduced in Austria by the Führer and Chancellor of the Reich or by the Reich Minister authorised by him for the purpose.

Article III.
The Reich Minister of the Interior is authorised, in agreement with the Reich Ministers concerned, to issue the necessary legal and administrative provisions for carrying out and supplementing the present law.

Article IV.
The present law comes into force on the date of its promulgation.

Linz, March 13th, 1938.

Adolf HITLER,
Führer and Chancellor of the Reich.

GÖRING,
General Field-Marshal,
Reich Minister of Aviation.

FRICK,
Reich Minister of the Interior.

von RIBBENTROP,
Reich Minister for Foreign Affairs.

R. HESS,
Deputy of the Führer.

On the date of the promulgation of this law, the former Federal State of Austria ceased to be a Member of the League of Nations.

I have the honour, etc.

(Signed) von MACKENSEN,
Secretary of State,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs.