

## Part V.

## Final Clauses.

*Article 27.*

The present Agreement shall remain in force until the 31st December, 1942.

*Article 28.*

(1) The Contracting Governments will, during the last quarter of 1940, consult together with a view to entering into a new agreement for the reduction and limitation of naval armament.

(2) In the course of the consultation referred to in the preceding paragraph, views shall be exchanged in order to determine whether, in the light of the circumstances then prevailing and the experience gained in the interval in the design and construction of capital ships, it may be possible to agree upon a reduction in the standard displacement or calibre of guns of capital ships to be constructed under future annual programmes, and thus, if possible, to bring about a reduction in the cost of capital ships.

*Article 29.*

None of the provisions of the present Agreement shall constitute a precedent for any future treaty.

*Article 30.*

The present Agreement shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited in London as soon as possible. It shall come into force immediately on the deposit of the ratifications of all the Signatory Governments.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorised to that effect, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in London, the 21st day of December, 1938, in a single copy in the English language.

For the Government of Denmark:

(L. S.) E. Reventlow.

For the Government of Finland:

(L. S.) G. A. Gripenberg.

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

(L. S.) Halifax.

(L. S.) Stanhope.

For the Government of Norway:

(L. S.) Erik Colban.

For the Government of Sweden:

Subject to ratification by His Majesty the King of Sweden with the approval of the Riksdag.

(L. S.) B. G. Prytz.