

## PROTECTION OF SUBMARINE CABLES

*Protocol signed at Paris July 7, 1887*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification February 20, 1888*

*Ratified by the President of the United States March 1, 1888*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States May 1, 1888*

*Entered into force May 1, 1888*

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[TRANSLATION]

### FINAL PROTOCOL

The undersigned, Plenipotentiaries of the Governments, parties to the Convention of March 14, 1884,<sup>1</sup> for the protection of submarine cables, having met at Paris for the purpose of fixing, in pursuance of article 16 of that international instrument, a date for putting the said convention into execution, have agreed upon the following:

I. The International Convention of March 14, 1884, for the protection of submarine cables, shall go into operation on the 1st day of May, 1888, provided, however, that at that date those of the contracting Governments that have not yet adopted the measures provided for by article 12 of the said international instrument, shall have conformed to that stipulation.<sup>2</sup>

II. The measures which shall have been taken by the said States in execution of article 12 aforesaid, shall be made known to the other contracting Powers through the French Government, which is charged with the examination of the said measures.

III. The Government of the French Republic is likewise charged with the examination of the similar legislative and reglementary provisions which are to be adopted, in their respective countries, in pursuance of article 12, by such States as have not taken part in the Convention, and as may desire to avail themselves of the privilege of accession, for which provision is made in article 14.

In testimony whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have adopted this

<sup>1</sup> TS 380, *ante*, p. 89.

<sup>2</sup> For text of a notice from the French Foreign Office dated Mar. 30, 1888, stating that all parties had complied with the requirements of art. 12, see *Papers Relating to the Foreign Relations of the United States*, 1888, p. 568.

final protocol, which shall be considered as forming an integral part of the International Convention of March 14, 1884.

Done at Paris, July 7, 1887.

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