

Légation de Chine
à
Berne

Declaration by the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of the Nationalist Government of the Republic
of China on the conclusion of new treaties.
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The Nationalist Government, with a view to adapting themselves to the present day circumstances and with the object to promoting the welfare of the friendly relations between China and different countries have always considered the abrogation of all the unequal treaties and the conclusion of new treaties on the basis of equality and mutual respect for territorial sovereignty as the most pressing problem at the present time.

These aims have been embodied in the declaration repeatedly made by the Nationalist Government.

Now that the unification of China is an accomplished fact, it is the task of the Nationalist Government to make every effort fully to realise these aims. While they will continue to afford protection to foreign lives and property in China, according to law, the Nationalist Government hereby make the following specific declaration with regard to all the unequal treaties:

- 1) All the unequal treaties between the Republic of China and other countries which have already expired, shall be, ipso facto, abrogated, and new treaties shall be concluded.
- 2) The Nationalist Government will immediately take steps to terminate, in accordance with proper procedure, these unequal treaties which have not yet expired and conclude new treaties.
- 3) In the case of old treaties which have already expired but which have not yet been replaced by new treaties, the Nationalist Government will promulgate appropriate interim regulations to meet the exigencies of such situation.