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BAGHDAD, Iraq, Saturday, Feb. 26—The framework of a Middle East regional defense system is apparent in the Turkish-Iraqi treaty signed in Baghdad Thursday and released for publication this morning.

Article 6 declares a permanent council at the ministerial level will be set up to function within the framework of purposes of the pact when at least four powers become parties to it. As the pact specifically declares that it is open to any state actively concerned in the defense of the Middle East and that is fully recognized by both Iraq and Turkey, it is clear the sponsors hope for early adherence by others.

The treaty states it is based on Article 51 of the United Nations Charter and fulfills the obligations of Charter signatories to provide for maintenance of peace and security in the region. The preamble quoting this also notes that under Article 11 of the Arab League collective security pact, no provision of that treaty shall affect rights and obligations under the United Nations Charter.

This clearly is the reply of the new pact's signatories to allegations by Egypt that the pact involves a breach by Iraq of obligations to the Arab League.

The pact will remain in force for five years and is renewable.

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