# The “Pact of Steel”: The Signing of the German-Italian Military Alliance in the New Reich Chancellery (May 22, 1939)

## Abstract

Signed on May 22, 1939, the "Pact of Steel" was another foreign policy step taken in preparation for the German attack on Poland. With this pact, the German Reich and Italy committed themselves to military cooperation and mutual support in case of war. The photo shows Hitler handing the treaty to the Italian Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano (front left) in the new Reich Chancellery in Berlin. Hermann Göring can be seen next to Hitler on the right.

## Source

Source: Signing of the German-Italian military alliance (“Steel Pact”) in the New Reich Chancellery. Adolf Hitler hands over the treaty to Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano, with Hermann Göring to Hitler’s right. May 22, 1939. Unknown photographer.
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