

BOUNDARY WATERS: RIO GRANDE AND RIO COLORADO

Convention signed at Washington November 21, 1900, extending convention of March 1, 1889, as extended

Ratified by Mexico December 12, 1900

Senate advice and consent to ratification December 15, 1900

Ratified by the President of the United States December 24, 1900

Ratifications exchanged at Washington December 24, 1900

Entered into force December 24, 1900

Proclaimed by the President of the United States December 24, 1900

*Terminated November 8, 1945, by treaty of February 3, 1944*¹

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Whereas the United States of America and the United States of Mexico desire to give full effect to the provisions of the Convention concluded and signed in Washington March 1, 1889,² to facilitate the execution of the provisions contained in the Treaty signed by the two High Contracting Parties on the 12th of November 1884,³ and to avoid the difficulties arising from the changes which are taking place in the beds of the Bravo del Norte and Colorado Rivers in those parts which serve as a boundary between the two Republics;

And whereas the period fixed by Article IX of the Convention of March 1, 1889, extended by the Conventions of October 1, 1895,⁴ November 6, 1896,⁵ October 29, 1897,⁶ December 2, 1898,⁷ and December 22, 1899,⁸ expires on the 24th of December 1900;

And whereas the two High Contracting Parties deem it expedient to indefinitely continue the period fixed by Article IX of the Convention of March 1, 1889, and by the sole article of the Convention of October 1, 1895, that of November 6, 1896, that of October 29, 1897, that of December 2,

¹ TS 994, *post*, p. 1166.

² TS 232, *ante*, p. 877.

³ TS 226, *ante*, p. 865.

⁴ TS 236, *ante*, p. 887.

⁵ TS 238, *ante*, p. 892.

⁶ TS 240, *ante*, p. 896.

⁷ TS 241, *ante*, p. 898.

⁸ TS 243, *ante*, p. 908.

1898, and that of December 22, 1899, in order that the International Boundary Commission may be able to continue the examination and decision of the cases submitted to it, they have, for that purpose, appointed their respective Plenipotentiaries, to wit:

The President of the United States of America, John Hay, Secretary of State of the United States of America; and

The President of the United States of Mexico, Manuel de Azpíroz, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of Mexico at Washington;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Article:

ARTICLE

The said Convention of March 1, 1889, as extended on the several dates above mentioned, and the Commission established thereunder shall continue in force and effect indefinitely, subject, however, to the right of either contracting party to dissolve the said Commission by giving six months' notice to the other; but such dissolution of the Commission shall not prevent the two governments from thereafter agreeing to revive the said Commission, or to reconstitute the same, according to the terms of the said Convention; and the said convention of March 1, 1889, as hereby continued, may be terminated twelve months after notice of a desire for its termination shall have been given in due form by one of the two contracting parties to the other.

This Convention shall be ratified by the two High Contracting Parties in conformity with their respective Constitutions, and the ratifications shall be exchanged in Washington as soon as possible.

In testimony whereof, we, the undersigned, by virtue of our respective powers, have signed this Convention in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages, and have affixed our respective seals.

Done in the City of Washington on the 21st day of November, one thousand nine hundred.

JOHN HAY [SEAL]

M. DE AZPÍROZ [SEAL]