

GOOD OFFICES AND MEDIATION (INTER-AMERICAN)

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INTER-AMERICAN TREATY ON GOOD OFFICES AND MEDIATION

The Governments represented at the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace;

Considering that, notwithstanding the pacts which have been concluded between them, it is desirable to facilitate, even more, recourse to peaceful methods for the solution of controversies,

Have resolved to celebrate a treaty of Good Offices and Mediation between the American Countries, and to this end have named the following Plenipotentiaries:

Argentina:

CARLOS SAAVEDRA LAMAS,
ROBERTO M. ORTIZ,
MIGUEL ANGEL CÁRCANO,
JOSÉ MARÍA CANTILLO,
FELIPE A. ESPIL,
LEOPOLDO MELO,
ISIDORO RUIZ MORENO,
DANIEL ANTOKOLETZ,
CARLOS BREBBIA,
CÉSAR DÍAZ CISNEROS.

Paraguay:

MIGUEL ANGEL SOLER,
J. ISIDRO RAMÍREZ.

Honduras:

ANTONIO BERMÚDEZ M.,
JULIÁN LÓPEZ PINEDA.

Costa Rica:

MANUEL F. JIMÉNEZ,
CARLOS BRENES.

¹ Date of deposit of second instrument of ratification.

Venezuela:

CARACCILO PARRA PÉREZ,
GUSTAVO HERRERA,
ALBERTO ZÉREGA FOMBONA.

Peru:

CARLOS CONCHA,
ALBERTO ULLOA,
FELIPE BARREDA LAOS,
DIÓMEDES ARIAS SCHREIBER.

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Mexico:

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RAMÓN BETETA,
JUAN MANUEL ALVAREZ DEL
CASTILLO.

Brazil:

JOSÉ CARLOS DE MACEDO SOARES,
OSWALDO ARANHA,
JOSÉ DE PAULA RODRÍGUES ALVES,
HELIO LOBO,
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ACCIOLY,
EDMUNDO DA LUZ PINTO,
ROBERTO CARNEIRO DE
MENDONÇA,
ROSALINA COELHO LISBOA DE
MILLER,
MARÍA LUIZA BITTENCOURT.

Uruguay:

JOSÉ ESPALTER,
PEDRO MANINI RÍOS,
EUGENIO MARTÍNEZ THEDY,
JUAN ANTONIO BUERO,
FELIPE FERREIRO,
ANDRÉS F. PUYOL,
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JOSÉ G. ANTUÑA,
JULIO CÉSAR CERDEIRAS ALONSO,
GERVASIO POSADAS BELGRANO.

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ALBERTO LLERAS CAMARGO,
JOSÉ IGNACIO DÍAZ GRANADOS.

Panama:

HARMODIO ARIAS M.,
JULIO J. FÁBREGA,
EDUARDO CHIARI.

United States of America:

CORDELL HULL,
SUMNER WELLES,
ALEXANDER W. WEDDELL,
ADOLF A. BERLE, JR.,
ALEXANDER F. WHITNEY,
CHARLES G. FENWICK,
MICHAEL FRANCIS DOYLE,
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EDUARDO SALAZAR GÓMEZ.

Bolivia:

ENRIQUE FINOT,
 DAVID ALVÉSTEGUI,
 EDUARDO DíEZ DE MEDINA.
 ALBERTO OSTRÍA GUTIÉRREZ,
 CARLOS ROMERO,
 ALBERTO CORTADELLAS,
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 ELIE LESCOT,

Who, after having deposited their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Art. I. When a controversy arises between them, that cannot be settled by the usual diplomatic means, the High Contracting Parties may have recourse to the good offices or mediation of an eminent citizen of any of the other American countries, preferably chosen from a general list made up in accordance with the following article.

Art. II. To prepare the aforementioned list, each Government, as soon as the present treaty is ratified, shall name two citizens selected from among the most eminent by reason of their high character and juridical learning.

The designation shall immediately be communicated to the Pan American Union, which shall prepare the list and shall forward copies thereof to the contracting parties.

Art. III. According to the hypothesis set forth in Article I, the countries in controversy shall, by common agreement, select one of the persons named on this list, for the purposes indicated in this treaty.

The person selected shall name the place where, under his chairmanship, one duly authorized representative of each of the parties shall meet in order to seek a peaceful and equitable solution of the difference.

If the parties are unable to agree concerning the selection of the person lending his good offices or mediation, each one shall choose one of those named on the list. The two citizens chosen in this way shall select, from among the names listed, a third person who shall undertake the functions referred to, endeavoring, in so far as possible, to make a choice that shall be acceptable to both parties.

Art. IV. The mediator shall determine a period of time, not to exceed six nor be less than three months for the parties to arrive at some peaceful settlement. Should this period expire before the parties have reached some solution, the controversy shall be submitted to the procedure of conciliation provided for in existing inter-American agreements.

Art. V. During the procedure established in this Treaty each of the interested parties shall provide for its own expense and shall contribute equally to common costs or honoraria.

Art. VI. The present Treaty shall not affect obligations previously entered into by the High Contracting Parties by virtue of international agreements.

Art. VII. The present Treaty shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties in conformity with their respective constitutional procedures. The original instrument shall be deposited in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic which shall transmit authentic certified copies to the Governments for the aforementioned purpose of ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited in the archives of the Pan American Union in Washington, which shall notify the signatory governments of said deposit. Such notification shall be considered as an exchange of ratifications.

Art. VIII. The present Treaty will come into effect between the High Contracting Parties in the order in which they deposit their respective ratifications.

Art. IX. The present Treaty shall remain in effect indefinitely but may be denounced by means of one year's notice given to the Pan American Union, which shall transmit it to the other signatory Governments. After the expiration of this period the Treaty shall cease in its effects as regards the Party which denounces it, but shall remain in effect for the remaining High Contracting Parties.

In witness whereof, the above mentioned Plenipotentiaries sign the present Treaty in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French, and hereunto affix their respective seals, at the City of Buenos Aires, Capital of the Argentine Republic, on the twenty-third day of the month of December, 1936.

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