

INSULAR POSSESSIONS AND DOMINIONS IN THE
PACIFIC (SUPPLEMENT TO FOUR-POWER
TREATY)

Agreement supplementary to the treaty of December 13, 1921, signed at Washington February 6, 1922; procès-verbal of deposit of ratifications signed at Washington August 17, 1923

*Senate advice and consent to ratification, with a reservation and understanding, March 27, 1922*¹

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with a reservation and understanding, June 9, 1923*¹

Entered into force August 17, 1923

Proclaimed by the President of the United States August 21, 1923

Terminated December 31, 1936, upon termination of treaty of December 13, 1921

43 Stat. 1652; Treaty Series 670

The United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan have, through their respective Plenipotentiaries, agreed upon the following stipulations supplementary to the Quadruple Treaty signed at Washington on December 13, 1921: ²

The term "insular possessions and insular dominions" used in the aforesaid Treaty shall, in its application to Japan, include only Karafuto (or the Southern portion of the island of Sakhalin), Formosa and the Pescadores, and the islands under the mandate of Japan.

The present agreement shall have the same force and effect as the said Treaty to which it is supplementary.

The provisions of Article IV of the aforesaid Treaty of December 13, 1921, relating to ratification shall be applicable to the present Agreement, which in French and English shall remain deposited in the Archives of the Government of the United States, and duly certified copies thereof shall be transmitted by that Government to each of the other Contracting Powers.

In faith whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Agreement.

¹ For text of U.S. reservation and understanding, see p. 373.

² TS 669, *ante*, p. 332.

Done at the City of Washington, the sixth day of February, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-two.

[For the United States:]		[For the Dominion of New Zealand:]	
CHARLES EVANS HUGHES	[SEAL]	JOHN W. SALMOND	[SEAL]
HENRY CABOT LODGE	[SEAL]	[For the Union of South Africa:]	
OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD	[SEAL]	ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR	[SEAL]
ELIHU ROOT	[SEAL]	[For India:]	
[For the United Kingdom:]		V. S. SRINIVASA SASTRI	[SEAL]
ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR	[SEAL]	[For France:]	
LEE OF FAREHAM	[SEAL]	A. SARRAUT	[SEAL]
A. C. GEDDES	[SEAL]	JUSSERAND	[SEAL]
[For the Dominion of Canada:]		[For Japan:]	
R. L. BORDEN	[SEAL]	T. KATO	[SEAL]
[For the Commonwealth of Australia:]		K. SHIDEHARA	[SEAL]
G. F. PEARCE	[SEAL]	M. HANIHARA	[SEAL]

PROCÈS-VERBAL OF DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE BRITISH EMPIRE, FRANCE AND JAPAN, CONCLUDED AT WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 6, 1922, SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE TREATY CONCLUDED BETWEEN THEM ON DECEMBER 13, 1921, RELATING TO THEIR INSULAR POSSESSIONS AND INSULAR DOMINIONS IN THE REGION OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN

In conformity with the Agreement between the United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan, concluded at Washington on February 6, 1922, supplementary to the Treaty concluded between the same Four Powers at Washington on December 13, 1921, relating to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the region of the Pacific Ocean, the undersigned representatives of the United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan this day met at the Department of State at Washington to proceed with the deposit with the Government of the United States of America of the instruments of ratification of the said Agreement by the governments they respectively represent.

The representative of the United States of America declared that the instrument of ratification of the United States is deposited with the reservation and understanding recited in the ratification, and which repeats the declaration of intent and understanding signed on December 13, 1921, by the Plenipotentiaries of the Four Powers Signatories of the Treaty of December 13, 1921, as follows:

“1. That the Four Power Treaty relating to Pacific Possessions shall apply to the Mandated Islands in the Pacific Ocean; provided, however, that the making of the Treaty shall not be deemed to be an assent on the part of the United States of America to the mandates and shall not preclude agreements

between the United States of America and the Mandatory Powers respectively in relation to the mandated islands.

“2. That the controversies to which the second paragraph of Article I of the Four Power Treaty relating to Pacific Possessions refers shall not be taken to embrace questions which according to principles of international law lie exclusively within the domestic jurisdiction of the respective Powers.”

The instruments of ratification produced, having been found upon examination to be in due form, are entrusted to the Government of the United States of America to be deposited in the archives of the Department of State.

In witness whereof, the present procès-verbal, of which a certified copy will be sent by the Government of the United States of America to each one of the Powers signatory to the said Treaty, is signed.

Done at Washington, August 17, 1923, at 12 o'clock.

For the United States of America:

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES [SEAL]

For France:

ANDRÉ DE LABOULAYE [SEAL]

For the British Empire:

H. G. CHILTON [SEAL]

For Japan:

M. HANIHARA [SEAL]