

ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE

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TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

The United States of America and the Republic of Paraguay, being desirous to strengthen the bonds of amity that bind them together and also to advance the cause of general peace, have resolved to enter into a treaty for that purpose and to that end have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HIS EXCELLENCY DANIEL F. MOONEY, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary; and

THE PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY, HIS EXCELLENCY D. MANUEL GONDRA, Minister of Foreign Relations;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in proper form, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I

The high contracting parties agree that all disputes between them, of every nature whatsoever, which diplomacy shall fail to adjust, shall be submitted for investigation and report to an International Commission, to be constituted in the manner prescribed in the next succeeding Article; and they agree not to declare war or begin hostilities during such investigation, and before the report is submitted.

ARTICLE II

The International Commission shall be composed of five members, to be appointed as follows: One member shall be chosen from each country, by

¹ TS 614-A, *post*, p. 904.

the Government thereof; one member shall be chosen by each Government from some third country; the fifth member shall be chosen by common agreement between the two Governments. The expenses shall be paid by the two Governments in equal proportion.

The International Commission shall be appointed within the four months following the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty; and vacancies shall be filled according to the manner of the original appointment.²

ARTICLE III

In case the high contracting parties shall have failed to adjust a dispute by diplomatic methods, they shall at once refer it to the International Commission for investigation and report.

The International Commission may, however, act upon its own initiative, and in such case it shall notify both Governments and request their cooperation in the investigation.

The report of the International Commission shall be completed within one year after the date on which it shall declare its investigation to have been initiated, unless the high contracting parties shall protract the term by mutual consent. The report shall be prepared in triplicate; one copy shall be presented to each Government, and the third retained by the Commission for its archives.

The high contracting parties reserve the right to act independently on the subject-matter of the dispute after the report of the Commission shall have been submitted.

ARTICLE IV

The present treaty shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; and by the President of the Republic of Paraguay, with the approval of the Congress thereof; and the ratifications shall be exchanged as soon as possible. It shall take effect immediately after the exchange of ratifications, and shall continue in force for a period of five years, and it shall thereafter remain in force until one year after one of the high contracting parties have given notice to the other of an intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present treaty and have affixed thereunto their seals.

Done in Asuncion on the twenty-ninth of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fourteen.

DANIEL F. MOONEY [SEAL]

M. GONDRA [SEAL]

² For an extension of time for organization of commission, see agreement of Nov. 16 and 22, 1915 (TS 614-A), *post*, p. 904.