INTERCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS  
(INTER-AMERICAN)  

Convention signed at Buenos Aires December 23, 1936  
Senate advice and consent to ratification, with an understanding,  
August 1, 1939 ¹  
Ratified by the President of the United States, with an understanding,  
August 14, 1939 ²  
Ratification of the United States deposited with the Pan American  
Union October 23, 1939  
Entered into force April 1, 1938; ² for the United States October 23,  
1939  
Proclaimed by the President of the United States November 15, 1939  
54 Stat. 1715; Treaty Series 954

CONVENTION ON INTERCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS

The Governments represented in the Inter-American Conference for the  
Maintenance of Peace,  
Desiring to conclude a convention relative to the exchange of publications,  
have named the following plenipotentiaries:

Argentina:  
CARLOS SAAVEDRA LAMAS,  
ROBERTO M. ORTIZ,  
MIGUEL ANGEL CÁRCANO,  
JOSÉ MARÍA CANTILLO,  
FELIPE A. ESPIL,  
LEOPOLDO MELO,  
ISIDORO RUZ MORENO,  
DANIEL ANTOKOLETZ,  

CARLOS BREBIA,  
CÉSAR DÍAZ CISNEROS.

Paraguay:  
MIGUEL ANGEL SOLER,  
J. ISIDRO RAMÍREZ.

Honduras:  
ANTONIO BERMÚDEZ M.,  
JULIAN LÓPEZ PINEDA.

¹ The U.S. understanding reads as follows:  
“[To carry out the provisions of Article III, bilateral agreements may be entered into  
through exchanges of notes between the United States and the other Governments parties  
to the Convention setting forth the procedures to be followed, any modifications which may  
seem advisable in the number of copies of publications required to be exchanged under the  
said article, and the Government agencies to be responsible for the delivery of the  
publications.]”

² Date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification.
Costa Rica:
Manuel F. Jiménez,
Carlos Brenes.

Venezuela:
Caracciolo Parra Pérez,
Gustavo Herrera,
Alberto Zérega Fombona.

Peru:
Carlos Concha,
Alberto Ulloa,
Felipe Barreda Lago,
Diómedes Arias Schreiber.

El Salvador:
Manuel Castro Ramírez,
Maximiliano Patricio Brannon.

Mexico:
Francisco Castillo Nájera,
Alfonso Reyes,
Ramón Beteta,
Juan Manuel Alvarez del Castillo.

Brazil:
José Carlos de Macedo Soares,
Oswaldo Aranha,
José de Paula Rodrigues Alves,
Helio Lobo,
Hildebrando Pompeu Pinto Accioly,
Edmundo da Luz Pinto,
Roberto Carneiro de Mendonça,
Rosalina Coelho Lisboa de Miller,
Maria Luiza Bittencourt.

Uruguay:
José Espalter,
Pedro Mannini Ríos,
Eugenio Martínez Thedy,
Juan Antonio Buero,
Felipe Ferreiro,
Andrés F. Puyol,
Abalcázar García,
José G. Antuña,
Julio César Cerdeiras Alonso,
Gervasio Posadas Belgrano.

Guatemala:
Carlos Salazar,
José A. Medrano,
Alfonso Carrillo.

Nicaragua:
Luis Manuel Debayle,
José María Moncada,
Modesta Valle.

Dominican Republic:
Max Henríquez Ureña,
Tulio M. Cesterio,
Enrique Jiménez.

Colombia:
Jorge Soto del Corral,
Miguel López Pumarejo,
Roberto Urdaneta Arbeláez,
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,
Elise F. Musser.

Chile:
Miguel Cruchaga Tocornal,
Luis Barros Borgoño,
Félix Nieto del Río,
Ricardo Montaner Bello.
Ecuador:
Humberto Albornoz,
Antonio Pons,
José Gabriel Navarro,
Francisco Guarderas,
Eduardo Salazar Gómez.

Haiti:
H. Pauleus Sannon,
Camille J. León,
Elie Lescot,
Edmé Manigat,
Pierre Eugène de Lespinasse,
Clément Magloire.

Bolivia:
Enrique Finot,
David Alvéstegui,
Eduardo Díez de Medina,
Alberto Ostria Gutiérrez,
Carlos Romero,
Alberto Cortadellas,
Javier Paz Campero.

Cuba:
José Manuel Cortina,
Ramón Zaydín,
Carlos Márquez Sterling,
Rafael Santos Jiménez,
César Salaya,
Calixto Whitmarsh,
José Manuel Carbonell.

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

Article I. There shall be established in the national or official Library of the Capital of each of the Contracting Parties a section dedicated to each of the other States taking part in this Convention.

Article II. For the installation of these sections each Government promises to provide to each of the other Parties signatory to this Convention a collection of works of such character as to afford an understanding of the thought of their men of letters and science.

Article III. Each Government agrees to provide the accredited diplomatic missions of the other Contracting Parties with two copies of each of its official publications and such other publications as are edited with official assistance. These copies shall be destined for the sections indicated in Article I.3

Article IV. The national or official Libraries of the Capitals of the Contracting Parties shall enter into agreements to maintain, with the frequency desirable, a service of exchange of works edited in each one of them, and of photographic copies of documents which may be of interest to American history.

Article V. The present Convention shall not affect obligations previously entered into by the High Contracting Parties by virtue of international agreements.

Article VI. The present Convention 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

3 For U.S. understanding, see footnote 1, p. 378.
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.

Article VII. The present Convention will come into effect between the High Contracting Parties in the order in which they deposit their respective ratifications.

Article VIII. The present Convention 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 Convention shall cease in its effects as regards the party which denounces it but shall remain in effect for the remaining High Contracting Parties.

Article IX. The present Convention shall be open for the adherence and accession of the States which are not signatories. The corresponding instruments shall be deposited in the archives of the Pan American Union, which shall communicate them to the other High Contracting Parties.

In witness whereof, the above mentioned Plenipotentiaries sign the present Convention 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.

Argentina:
Carlos Saavedra Lamas
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