CONVENTION

BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES AND PARAGUAY

ARBITRATION

SIGNED AT ASUNCION, MARCH 13, 1909
RATIFICATION ADVISED BY THE SENATE, JULY 30, 1909
RATIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT, AUGUST 10, 1909
RATIFIED BY PARAGUAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1909
RATIFICATIONS EXCHANGED AT ASUNCION, OCTOBER 2, 1909
PROCLAIMED, NOVEMBER 11, 1909

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Arbitration Convention between the
United States of America and
the Republic of Paraguay.

The Government of the United
States of America and the Gov¬
ernment of the Republic of Para¬
guay, signatories of the conven¬
tion for the pacific settlement of
international disputes, concluded
at The Hague on the 29th July,
1899;

Taking into consideration that
by Article XIX of that Conven¬
tion the High Contracting Parties
have reserved to themselves the
right of concluding Agreements,
with a view to referring to arbi¬
tration all questions which they
shall consider possible to submit
to such treatment;

Have authorized the Under¬
signed to conclude the following
Convention:

**Article I.**

Differences which may arise of
a legal nature, or relating to the
interpretation of treaties existing
between the two Contracting Par¬
ties, and which it may not have
been possible to settle by diplo¬
macy, shall be referred to the Per¬
manent Court of Arbitration es¬
established at The Hague by the
Convention of the 29th July, 1899,
provided, nevertheless, that they
do not affect the vital interests,
the independence, or the honor of the two Contracting States, and do not concern the interests of third Parties.

**Article II.**

In each individual case the High Contracting Parties, before appealing to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, shall conclude a special Agreement defining clearly the matter in dispute, the scope of the powers of the arbitrators, and the periods to be fixed for the formation of the Arbitral Tribunal and the several stages of the procedure. It is understood that on the part of the United States such special agreements will be made by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and on the part of Paraguay shall be subject to the procedure required by her laws.

**Article III.**

The present Convention is concluded for a period of five years dating from the day of the exchange of the ratifications.

**Article IV.**

The present Convention 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 Paraguay, with the previous approval of the Legislative Congress. The ratifications shall be exchanged at Asuncion as soon as possible, and the Convention shall take effect on the date of the exchange of its ratifications.

Done in duplicate in the English and Spanish languages at Asuncion, this thirteenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

Edward C. O'Brien [seal]

Manuel Gondra [seal]
And whereas the said convention has been duly ratified on both parts, and the ratifications of the two governments were exchanged in the City of Asuncion, on the second day of October, one thousand nine hundred and nine;

Now, therefore, be it known that I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, have caused the said Convention to be made public, to the end that the same and every article and clause thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States and the citizens thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, [seal] and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-fourth.

By the President:

WM H Taft

P C Knox
Secretary of State.