

## SPAIN

### AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE ARBITRATION CONVENTION OF APRIL 20, 1908<sup>1</sup>

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*The Spanish Ambassador (Riaño) to the Acting Secretary of State*

[Translation]

No. 76

WASHINGTON, *January 29, 1919.*

MR. SECRETARY: By order of my Government I have the honor to apply to your Excellency and to propose the renewal for another term of five years of the Arbitration Convention between Spain and the United States signed April 20, 1908 and extended on May 29, 1913,<sup>2</sup> the extension having been ratified by the American Senate on the 21st of February 1914, by the President of this Republic on March 9, of that year, and by the Spanish Government on the 2nd of the same month of the same year.

The ratifications were exchanged at Washington on March 21, 1914, and the Convention was proclaimed on the 23rd of the same month of that year.

I beg your Excellency kindly to favor me with an answer as soon as the proposition offered through me by the Government of His Majesty is taken up by the Government of the United States, and thanking you in advance therefor, I avail myself [etc.]

JUAN RIAÑO

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711.5212/21

*The Acting Secretary of State to the Spanish Ambassador (Riaño)*

WASHINGTON, *February 6, 1919.*

EXCELLENCY: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 76, of the 29th ultimo, proposing in the name of your Government the renewal for another term of five years the Arbitration Convention signed between the United States and Spain on April 20, 1908, and extended on May 29, 1913.

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<sup>1</sup> For text of convention, see *Foreign Relations*, 1908, p. 721.

<sup>2</sup> Agreement of May 29, 1913, *Foreign Relations*, 1914, p. 1081.

There is enclosed herewith a draft <sup>3</sup> of an agreement for that purpose which, if you will supply the Department with the Spanish equivalent thereof, will be promptly put in shape for signature.

Accept [etc.]

FRANK L. POLK

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Treaty Series No. 644

*Agreement between the United States of America and Spain, Signed at Washington, March 8, 1919* <sup>4</sup>

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of His Majesty the King of Spain, being desirous of extending for another five years the period during which the Arbitration Convention concluded between them on April 20, 1908, extended by the agreement concluded between the two Governments on May 29, 1913, shall remain in force, have authorized the undersigned, to wit:

The Honorable Frank L. Polk, Acting Secretary of State of the United States, and

His Excellency, Señor Don Juan Riaño y Gayangos, Chamberlain to His Majesty the King of Spain, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of His Majesty at Washington,

To conclude the following agreement:

ARTICLE I

The Convention of Arbitration of April 20, 1908, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of His Majesty the King of Spain, the duration of which by Article III thereof was fixed at a period of five years from the date of the exchange of ratifications of the said Convention on June 2, 1908, which period, by the agreement of May 29, 1913, between the two Governments was extended for five years from June 2, 1913, is hereby renewed and continued in force for a further period of five years from June 2, 1918.

ARTICLE II

The present Agreement 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 Government of His Majesty, the King of Spain, in accordance with its Constitution and laws, and it shall become effective upon the date of the exchange of ratifications, which shall take place at Washington as soon as possible.

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<sup>3</sup> Not printed; substantially the same as the final text, *infra*.

<sup>4</sup> In English and Spanish; Spanish text not printed. Ratification advised by the Senate, July 17, 1919; ratified by the President, July 29; ratified by Spain, Aug. 5; ratifications exchanged at Washington, Oct. 14; proclaimed Oct. 15.

Done in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages, at Washington, this eighth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

[SEAL] FRANK L. POLK

[SEAL] JUAN RIAÑO Y GAYANGOS

**WITHDRAWAL OF DENUNCIATION OF TREATY OF JULY 3, 1902,  
EXCEPT AS TO ARTICLES 23 AND 24, TERMINATED AS OF JULY  
1, 1916—UNDERSTANDING WITH RESPECT TO SPANISH TRANS-  
PORT TAXES AND AMERICAN INCOME TAX**

(See volume I, pages 54 ff.)