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RÉPUBLIQUE ARGENTINE ET ÉTATS-UNIS DU BRÉSIL

Convention pour la revision des textes de l'enseignement historique et géographique. Signée à Rio de Janeiro, le 10 octobre 1933.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND UNITED STATES OF BRAZIL

Convention for the Revision of History and Geography Text-books. Signed at Rio de Janeiro, October 10th, 1933.

The Republic of the United States of Brazil and the Argentine Republic, desirous of strengthening still further the friendly relations existing between them, convinced that this friendship will become even closer if the coming generations acquire an accurate knowledge of the geography and the history of their respective countries from text-books freed from controversial matter inherited from the times when the foundations of their nationality had not yet been firmly established, acting on the recommendation adopted by the first National History Congress which met at Montevideo in 1928, and taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by the presence in Brazil of His Excellency General Agustín P. Justo, President of the Argentine Nation, have resolved to conclude a Convention for the Revision of History and Geography Text-books, and for this purpose have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The Head of the Provisional Government of the Republic of the United States of Brazil:
Dr. Afrânio de Mello Franco, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs;

The President of the Argentine Nation:
Dr. Carlos Saavedra Lamas, Minister for Foreign and Ecclesiastical Affairs;

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article I.

The Government of the Republic of the United States of Brazil and the Government of the Argentine Republic shall arrange for the text-books used for the teaching of national history in their respective countries to be revised, and for all passages likely to arouse hostility in youthful minds against any American nation to be deleted.

Article II.

The Government of the Republic of the United States of Brazil and the Government of the Argentine Republic shall arrange for geography text-books to be periodically revised, so as to bring them into line with the most recent statistics and to give an approximate idea of the wealth and productive capacity of the American States.

Article III.

The present Convention shall be ratified as soon as possible and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Buenos Aires. It shall remain in force for an indefinite period until it is denounced by one of the Contracting Parties on giving six months' notice.

1 Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations, for information.
Article IV.

Any American State which desires to do so may accede to the present Convention on giving notice to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the United States of Brazil. Each accession shall take effect only after it has been agreed to by the Governments of the Argentine Republic and of such other States as may be Parties to the Agreement at the time.

In faith whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention, in duplicate Portuguese and Spanish texts, and have thereto affixed their seals.

Done at Rio de Janeiro, the tenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

(L. S.) A. de Mello Franco.

(L. S.) Carlos Saavedra Lamas.