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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 5316. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> CONCERNING IMMIGRATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY. SIGNED AT ASUNCIÓN, ON 22 JULY 1959

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The Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Paraguay,  
Desiring to strengthen further the cordial relations existing between the two peoples, and

Believing that it is to the advantage of both countries to facilitate Japanese immigration to Paraguay,

Have agreed as follows :

*Article I*

1. The number of Japanese immigrants whose admission to Paraguay is authorized under this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Japanese immigrants") shall amount to eight-five thousand (85,000) over a period of thirty years dating from the entry into force of this Agreement ; the term "immigrant" shall be deemed to refer to any person, irrespective of his age.

2. Japanese immigrants shall be admitted to Paraguay in approximately equal annual quotas, which shall not exceed the number of three thousand five hundred. Where it is not possible to fill all or part of an annual quota (2,833-4), the unfilled portion may be added in subsequent years to the maximum quota referred to above.

*Article II*

1. With a view to accomplishing the purpose of this Agreement, a Mixed Japanese-Paraguayan Immigration Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Mixed Commission") shall be set up and shall have its headquarters at Asunción.

2. The Mixed Commission shall have six members, of whom each Government shall appoint three.

3. The primary function of the Mixed Commission shall be to draw up basic five-year plans for immigration and settlement in accordance with this Agreement, including the formulation of schemes for the classification of Japanese immigrants

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 26 October 1959, the date on which the Government of Japan received a notification that the Agreement had been ratified in accordance with the constitutional procedure of the Republic of Paraguay, in accordance with article XI.

and the provision of sites and facilities for settlement, and to consider any other matters relating to the said immigrants.

#### *Article III*

The selection of Japanese immigrants shall be made by the Government of Japan, or by organizations for emigration and settlement designated by it, on the basis of standards established by the Mixed Commission and approved by the two Governments. However, the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, when it deems it necessary, may take part in such selection through representatives duly appointed for that purpose.

#### *Article IV*

1. The Government of the Republic of Paraguay shall provide all necessary facilities, subject to the laws and regulations in force, to the end that the Government of Japan, or organizations for emigration and settlement designated by it, may purchase the land required for the settlement of Japanese immigrants, whether it be privately owned or State-owned land, in conformity with the basic five-year plans drawn up by the Mixed Commission and approved by the two Governments

2. The amount of land to be purchased shall be computed on the basis of approximately fifty hectares per family.

#### *Article V*

1. The Government of the Republic of Paraguay shall exempt from customs duties, and from all other taxes and charges on imports, the personal effects of Japanese immigrants and, depending on their respective occupations, such machinery, equipment and tools as they bring with them.

2. Furthermore, the Government of the Republic of Paraguay shall authorize the Government of Japan, or organizations for emigration and settlement designated by it, to bring into the country on behalf of the aforementioned immigrants — subject to prior consultation with the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, and free of customs duties and all other taxes and charges on imports — machinery, equipment and tools of all kinds (including tractors, bulldozers, trucks and jeeps) for the use of the Japanese immigrants or of their settlements, subject to a guarantee that they shall not be sold to third parties.

#### *Article VI*

As regards admission, residence, business activities, taxes and other charges, and all other matters, Japanese immigrants shall receive treatment at least as favourable as that accorded to other immigrants.

*Article VII*

The Government of the Republic of Paraguay undertakes to extend to Japanese immigrants, through its technical organizations, the technical assistance required for purposes of farming.

*Article VIII*

In order to provide for the needs of Japanese immigrants residing in settlements during such time as Paraguayan physicians are not available, the Government of the Republic of Paraguay shall authorize the practice of the professions of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, obstetrics and nursing by Japanese immigrants having the necessary qualifications under Japanese law. It is understood that the said professions shall at all times be practised in accordance with Paraguayan law.

*Article IX*

1. Japanese agricultural settlements established as a result of immigration authorized under the terms of this Agreement shall have the right to maintain Japanese private schools, provided that such schools are conducted in accordance with the educational system of the Republic of Paraguay and its existing standards, and that instruction is imparted in the Spanish language at the earliest possible opportunity.

2. The Government of the Republic of Paraguay shall furnish teachers for the aforementioned schools and provide such other assistance as is feasible.

*Article X*

In the event of any disagreement concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement, or of any disagreement in the Mixed Commission, the two Governments shall endeavour to reach a solution through the diplomatic channel.

*Article XI*

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day on which the Government of Japan receives notification, through the diplomatic channel, that the Agreement has been ratified in accordance with the constitutional procedure of the Republic of Paraguay.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly authorized representatives of the Governments of Japan and of the Republic of Paraguay have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Asunción on 22 July 1959, in duplicate in the Japanese and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Japan :  
Otoshiro KURODA

For the Government of the Republic of Paraguay :  
Raúl SAPENA PASTOR