

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Bogotá, April 17, 1945

CM. 415

Mr. AMBASSADOR:

With reference to the contractual formula for preferential tariffs between contiguous or neighboring countries, contemplated in Resolution Number LXXX of the Seventh Inter-American Conference, approved December 24, 1933,² as well as in the Recommendation adopted by the Inter-American Financial and Economic Advisory Committee September 18, 1941, I have the honor to make the following statement to Your Excellency:

In Article 5 of the Treaty of Commerce between Colombia and Ecuador of July 6, 1942— which with its Additional Convention of October 14, 1943 was approved by the National Congress according to Law 103 of 1944—, the entry into Colombia is permitted, free of import duties, of certain products originating in and coming from Ecuador, as itemized in a list.

However, since Article VII of the Trade Agreement between Colombia and the United States, signed September 13, 1935, provides that each of the two countries shall grant the other unconditional and unrestricted most-favored-nation treatment in all customs matters, I very respectfully request Your Excellency to inform me whether the Government of the United States would agree not to resort to this provision for the purpose of claiming the benefit of the exclusive customs tariff preferences granted by Colombia to Ecuador.

¹ Upon termination of agreement of Sept. 13, 1935 (EAS 89, *ante*, p. 913).

² For text, see *Report of the Delegates of the United States of America to the Seventh International Conference of American States, Montevideo, Uruguay, December 3–26, 1933* (U.S. Government Printing Office, 1934), p. 275.