

ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS

Convention signed at Washington March 15, 1888, supplementing convention of December 5, 1885

Senate advice and consent to ratification June 18, 1888

Ratified by Venezuela August 2, 1888

Ratified by the President of the United States August 7, 1888

Ratifications exchanged at Washington June 3, 1889

Entered into force June 3, 1889

Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 4, 1889

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*¹

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CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO THE MEANING OF THE CONVENTION SIGNED DECEMBER 5, 1885

Whereas doubts have arisen in respect of the true intent and meaning of Article IX of the treaty between the United States of America and the United States of Venezuela signed at Washington on the fifth day of December 1885, and, in consequence of such ambiguities, the exchange of ratifications of said treaty has not taken place within the period therein prescribed for such exchange;

And, whereas, the High Contracting Parties are desirous of removing all doubts in respect of the meaning and intent of said Article, and of extending the time for the exchange of ratifications of said treaty, to the end of reaching an amicable and honorable solution of the difficulties that now impair their good relations;

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United States of Venezuela, have named as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude a Convention for that purpose, the President of the United States of America, Thomas F. Bayard, Secretary of State of the United States of America; and the President of the United States of Venezuela, José Antonio Olavarria, Chargé d'Affaires of Venezuela at Washington; who, after reciprocal communication of their full powers, found in due and good form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

¹ See footnote 3, *ante*, p. 1085.