

## INTEROCEANIC CANAL (BRYAN-CHAMORRO TREATY)

*Convention signed at Washington August 5, 1914*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification, with amendments, February 18, 1916<sup>1</sup>*

*Ratified by Nicaragua April 13, 1916*

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with amendments, June 19, 1916<sup>1</sup>*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington June 22, 1916*

*Entered into force June 22, 1916*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 24, 1916*

*Terminated April 25, 1971 by convention of July 14, 1970<sup>2</sup>*

39 Stat. 1661; Treaty Series 624

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Nicaragua being animated by the desire to strengthen their ancient and cordial friendship by the most sincere cooperation for all purposes of their mutual advantage and interest and to provide for the possible future construction of an inter-oceanic ship canal by way of the San Juan River and the great Lake of Nicaragua, or by any route over Nicaraguan territory, whenever the construction of such canal shall be deemed by the Government of the United States conducive to the interests of both countries, and the

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<sup>1</sup> The U.S. amendments read as follows:

"In Article I, line two, after the words 'United States' insert a comma (,) and the following words: 'forever free from all taxation or other public charge,' followed by a comma (,).

"At the end of Article III strike out the period (.) and add the following: 'or other public purposes for the advancement of the welfare of Nicaragua in a manner to be determined by the two High Contracting Parties, all such disbursements to be made by orders drawn by the Minister of Finance of the Republic of Nicaragua and approved by the Secretary of State of the United States or by such person as he may designate.'

"*Provided*, That whereas Costa Rica, Salvador, and Honduras have protested against the ratification of said Convention in the fear or belief that said Convention might in some respect impair existing rights of said States; therefore, it is declared by the Senate that in advising and consenting to the ratification of the said Convention as amended such advice and consent are given with the understanding, to be expressed as a part of the instrument of ratification, that nothing in said Convention is intended to affect any existing right of any of the said named States."

The text printed here is the amended text as proclaimed by the President.

<sup>2</sup> 22 UST 663; TIAS 7120.