

# *Panama*

## ISTHMIAN CANAL

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*Ratified by Panama December 2, 1903*

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*Entered into force February 26, 1904*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States February 26, 1904*

*Amended by treaties of March 2, 1936,<sup>1</sup> and January 25, 1955<sup>2</sup>*

33 Stat. 2234; Treaty Series 431

### ISTHMIAN CANAL CONVENTION

The United States of America and the Republic of Panama being desirous to insure the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and the Congress of the United States of America having passed an act approved June 28, 1902, in furtherance of that object, by which the President of the United States is authorized to acquire within a reasonable time the control of the necessary territory of the Republic of Colombia, and the sovereignty of such territory being actually vested in the Republic of Panama, the high contracting parties have resolved for that purpose to conclude a convention and have accordingly appointed as their plenipotentiaries,—

The President of the United States of America, JOHN HAY, Secretary of State, and

The Government of the Republic of Panama, PHILIPPE BUNAUVARILLA, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Panama, thereunto specially empowered by said government, who after com-

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<sup>1</sup> TS 945, *post*, p. 742.

<sup>2</sup> 6 UST 2273; TIAS 3297.