

ARBITRATION OF DIFFERENCES RESPECTING SOVEREIGNTY OVER ISLAND OF PALMAS

Special agreement signed at Washington January 23, 1925

Senate advice and consent to ratification February 10, 1925

Ratified by the President of the United States March 2, 1925

Ratified by the Netherlands March 3, 1925

Ratifications exchanged at Washington April 1, 1925

Entered into force April 1, 1925

Proclaimed by the President of the United States April 2, 1925

*Terminated April 4, 1928*¹

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The United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands;

Desiring to terminate in accordance with the principles of international law and any applicable treaty provisions the differences which have arisen and now subsist between them with respect to the sovereignty over the Island of Palmas (or Miangas) situated approximately fifty miles southeast from Cape San Augustin, Island of Mindanao, at about five degrees and thirty-five minutes (5°35') north latitude, one hundred and twenty-six degrees and thirty-six minutes (126°36') longitude east from Greenwich;

Considering that these differences belong to those which, pursuant to Article I of the Arbitration Convention concluded by the two high contracting parties on May 2, 1908,² and renewed by agreements dated May 9, 1914,³ March 8, 1919,⁴ and February 13, 1924,⁵ respectively, might well be submitted to arbitration;

Have appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries for the purpose of concluding the following special agreement;

The President of the United States of America: Charles Evans Hughes,
Secretary of State of the United States of America, and

¹ Date of decision of arbitrator that "The Island of Palmas (or Miangas) forms in its entirety a part of Netherlands territory."

² TS 519, *ante*, p. 62.

³ TS 617, *ante*, p. 67.

⁴ TS 641, *ante*, p. 71.

⁵ TS 682, *ante*, p. 73.