

CONVENTION
PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Presidents of the Republics of Peru, Uruguay, Panama, Ecuador, Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Honduras, Costa Rica, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Haiti, Dominican Republic, United States of America and Cuba, desirous that their respective countries should be represented at the Sixth International Conference of American States, have sent to it, duly authorized to approve the recommendations, resolutions, conventions, and treaties which they may deem useful to the interests of America, the following delegates:

Peru: Jesús Melquiades Salazar, Víctor Maúrtua, Enrique Castro Oyanguren, Luis Ernesto Denegri.

Uruguay: Jacobo Varela Acevedo, Juan José Amézaga, Leonel Aguirre, Pedro Erasmo Callorda.

Panama: Ricardo J. Alfaro, Eduardo Chiari.

Ecuador: Gonzalo Zaldumbide, Víctor Zevallos, Colón Eloy Alfaro.

Mexico: Julio Garefa, Fernando González Roa, Salvador Urbina, Aquiles Elorduy.

El Salvador: Gustavo Guerrero, Héctor David Castro, Eduardo Alvarez.

Guatemala: Carlos Salazar, Bernardo Alvarado Tello, Luis Beltranena, José Azurdia.

Nicaragua: Carlos Cuadra Pazos, Joaquín Gómez, Máximo H. Zepeda.

Bolivia: José Antezana, Adolfo Costa du Rels.

Venezuela: Santiago Key Ayala, Francisco Gerardo Yanes, Rafael Angel Arraiz.

Colombia: Enrique Olaya Herrera, Jesús M. Yepes, Roberto Urdaneta Arbeláez, Ricardo Gutiérrez Lec.

Honduras: Fausto Dávila, Mariano Vázquez.

Costa Rica: Ricardo Castro Beeche, J. Rafael Oreamuno, Arturo Tinoco.

Chile: Alejandro Lira, Alejandro Alvarez, Carlos Silva Vildósola, Manuel Bianchi.

Brazil: Raúl Fernandes, Lindolfo Collo, Alarico da Silveira, Sampaio Correa, Eduardo Espinola.

Argentina: Honorio Pueyrredón (*Later resigned*), Laurentino Olascoaga, Felipe A. Espil.

Paraguay: Lisandro Díaz León.

Haiti: Fernando Dennis, Charles Riboul.

Dominican Republic: Francisco J. Peynado, Gustavo A. Díaz, Elias Brache, Angel Morales, Tulio M. Cestero, Ricardo Pérez Alfonseca, Jacinto R. de Castro, Federico C. Alvarez.

United States of America: Charles Evans Hughes, Noble Brandon Judah, Henry P. Fletcher, Oscar W. Underwood, Dwight W. Morrow, Morgan J. O'Brien, James Brown Scott, Ray Lyman Wilbur, Leo S. Rowe.

Cuba: Antonio S. de Bustamante, Orestes Ferrara, Enrique Hernández Cartaya, José Manuel Cortina, Aristides Agüero, José B. Alemán, Manuel Márquez Sterling, Fernando Ortiz, Néstor Carbonell, Jesús María Barraqué.

Who, after having communicated to each other their full powers and found them in good and due form, have agreed on the following:

ARTICLE 1. The contracting Republics accept and put into force the Code of Private International Law annexed to the present convention.

ARTICLE 2. The provisions of this Code shall be applicable only among the contracting Republics and among the other States which adhere to it in the manner hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE 3. Each one of the contracting Republics, when ratifying the present convention, may declare that it reserves acceptance of one or more articles of the annexed Code, and the provisions to which the reservation refers shall not be binding upon it.

ARTICLE 4. The Code shall go into force, for the Republics which ratify it, thirty days after the deposit of the respective ratification, provided it has been ratified by at least two of them.

ARTICLE 5. The ratification shall be deposited in the office of the Pan American Union, which shall transmit copy thereof to each of the contracting Republics.

ARTICLE 6. Noncontracting States or international juristic persons desiring to adhere to this convention, and in whole or in part to the annexed Code, shall notify the office of the Pan American Union, which in its turn shall inform all the existing contracting or adhering States. Six months thereafter the State or international juristic person interested may deposit in the office of the Pan American Union the instrument of adherence, and shall be reciprocally bound by this convention 30 days after the adherence with regard to all those governed thereby who have not made within that period any reservation concerning

the requested adherence.

ARTICLE 7. Any American Republic bound by this convention which desires to modify in whole or in part the annexed Code shall present the corresponding proposal to the International Conference of American States for the proper resolution.

ARTICLE 8. If any of the contracting or adhering international juristic persons should wish to denounce the present convention, it shall notify the denunciation in writing to the office of the Pan American Union, which shall immediately transmit a certified literal copy of the notification to the others, informing them of the date on which it was received.

The denunciation shall take effect only in respect to the contracting party which has notified it, and a year after it has been received in the office of the Pan American Union.

ARTICLE 9. The office of the Pan American Union shall keep a register of the dates of deposit of ratifications, and receipt of adhesions and denunciations, and shall issue certified copies of said register to every contracting party requesting it.

In testimony whereof the plenipotentiaries sign the present convention and affix thereto the seal of the Sixth International Conference of American States.

Done at the city of Habana, Republic of Cuba, on the twentieth day of February one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, in four copies, written respectively in Spanish, French, English, and Portuguese, which shall be deposited in the office of the Pan American Union in order that it may send a certified copy of all to each of the signatory Republics.