

2. At the proper time before the meeting of Universal Congresses, the International Office of Montevideo will invite the signatory Administrations to hold the preliminary conferences mentioned in the preceding Section, and the Director of the International Office of Montevideo is charged with organizing those conferences and attending them with the necessary personnel.

ARTICLE 30

New adherences

In case of a new adherence, the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay by common consent with the International Office of Montevideo and the Government of the country concerned, will determine the group in which said country is to be included, for purposes of sharing the expenses of the International Office.

ARTICLE 31

Effective date and duration of Convention and deposit of ratifications

1. The present Convention will become effective January 1, 1947, and will remain in force without time-limit, each of the contracting parties reserving the right to withdraw from this Union by means of notice given by its Government to that of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay one year in advance.

2. The deposit of ratifications will be effected in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Republic of the United States of Brazil, as soon as possible, preferably before the effective date of the Convention and Agreements in question, and the relative certificate will be made up for each of them, a copy of which will be sent by the Government of the Republic of Brazil, through diplomatic channels, to the Governments of the other signatory countries.

3. The stipulations of the Postal Convention of the Americas and Spain signed in Panama on December 22, 1936,¹ are abrogated, beginning with the date on which the present Convention enters into force.

4. In case that the Convention is not ratified by one or more of the contracting countries, it will nevertheless be valid for those which have ratified it.

5. The contracting countries may ratify the Convention and Agreements provisionally by correspondence, giving notice thereof to the respective Administrations through the medium of the International Office without prejudice to the fact that, according to the legislation of each country, and after approval by the National Congresses, it may be confirmed through diplomatic channels.

In faith of which, the Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the countries above named sign the present Convention in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Republic of the United States of Brazil, on the 25th day of the month of September, 1946.

(Here follow the names of the plenipotentiaries for Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Costa-Rica, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, Salvador, Spain, the United States of America, the United States of Venezuela, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay).