

It is likewise agreed that the nationals or companies of each of the High Contracting Parties in the territory of the other shall have the right at all times to communicate with the consular officers of their country. Communications to their consular officers from nationals of each of the High Contracting Parties who are under detention or arrest or in prison or are awaiting trial in the territory of the other High Contracting Party shall be forwarded to such consular officers by the local authorities.

ARTICLE VII

(1) The High Contracting Parties agree that they will enter into negotiations for the conclusion of a comprehensive modern treaty or treaties of friendship, commerce, navigation and consular rights upon the request of either of them or in any case within six months after the cessation of the hostilities in the war against the common enemies in which they are both now engaged. The treaty or treaties to be thus negotiated will be based upon the principles of international law and practice as reflected in modern international procedure and in the modern treaties which each of the Governments has concluded with other Powers in recent years.

(2) Pending the conclusion of the comprehensive treaty or treaties referred to in the preceding paragraph, if any questions affecting the rights in the territory of the Republic of China of the Canadian Government or of Canadian nationals or companies should arise in future and if these questions are not covered by the present Treaty and annexed exchange of notes or by the provisions of the existing treaties, conventions and agreements between the Governments of Canada and the Republic of China which are not abrogated by or inconsistent with the present Treaty and annexed exchange of notes, such questions shall be discussed by representatives of the two Governments and shall be decided in accordance with the generally accepted principles of international law and with modern international practice.

ARTICLE VIII

The High Contracting Parties agree that questions which may affect the sovereignty of the Republic of China and which are not covered by the present Treaty and annexed exchange of notes shall be discussed by representatives of the High Contracting Parties and decided in accordance with generally accepted principles of international law and modern international practice.

ARTICLE IX

The present Treaty shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Chungking as soon as possible. The present Treaty shall come into force and be effective on the day of the exchange of ratifications.

In witness whereof the above-mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty and affixed thereto their seals.

Done at Ottawa this fifteenth day of April, 1944, corresponding to the fifteenth day of the fourth month of the thirty-third year of the Republic of China, in duplicate in English and Chinese, both texts being equally authentic.

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