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CONVENTION OF THE
POSTAL UNION OF THE AMERICAS AND SPAIN
AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Signed at Rio de Janeiro, September 25, 1946*

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Translation

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CONVENTION

concluded between

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, the United States of America, the United States of Venezuela, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

The undersigned, Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the countries enumerated, assembled in Congress in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Republic of the United States of Brazil, in exercise of the right granted them by the Convention of the Universal Postal Union in force,** and inspired by the desire to extend, facilitate and perfect their postal relations and establish a solidarity of action capable of representing effectively in Universal Postal Congresses their common interests in regard to communications by mail, have determined to conclude, *ad referendum*, the following Convention:

ARTICLE 1

Postal Union of the Americas and Spain

The contracting countries, in accordance with the foregoing declaration, constitute, under the name of *Postal Union of the Americas and Spain*, a single postal territory.

ARTICLE 2

Restricted Unions

1. The contracting countries, whether on account of their adjacent location or on account of the intensity of their postal relations, may establish closer unions among themselves, with a view to the reduction of rates or the introduction of other improvements in any of the services referred to in the present Convention or in the special Agreements concluded by this Congress.
2. Likewise, concerning matters not provided for in the present Convention, or in that of the Universal Postal Union, the signatory countries may adopt among themselves such resolutions as they deem convenient, through corres-

*For reservations made by Canada with respect to the Convention, see Final Protocol on page 14.

**For the text of the Universal Postal Convention in force at the time the present Convention was signed, see *Canada Treaty Series*, 1940, No. 7. A new Universal Postal Convention was signed in Paris on July 5, 1947, and may be found in *Canada Treaty Series*, 1947, No. 40.