

and it is agreed that at any time prior to the termination of this Convention, upon the request of any one of the High Contracting Parties, a conference shall be held forthwith between representatives of all the Parties hereto, to consider and if possible agree upon a further extension of this Convention with such additions and modifications, if any, as may be found desirable.

ARTICLE 17.

This Convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, by His Britannic Majesty, by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, and by His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias; and ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as practicable.

In faith whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this Convention in quadruplicate and have hereunto affixed their seals.

Done at Washington the seventh day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

(L.S.) JAMES BRYCE.  
 (L.S.) JOSEPH POPE.  
 (L.S.) CHARLES NAGEL.  
 (L.S.) CHANDLER P. ANDERSON.  
 (L.S.) Y. UCHIDA.  
 (L.S.) H. DAUKE.  
 (L.S.) P. BOTKINE.  
 (L.S.) NOLDE.

*Protocol of Deposit of Ratifications.*

The Convention for the Protection of Fur Seals, signed by the respective Plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, the United States of America, Japan, and Russia, at Washington on July 7, 1911, having been ratified by the four Governments and the ratifications having been found to conform to one another, the undersigned, the Ambassador of Great Britain, the Ambassador of Japan, and the Ambassador of Russia, duly authorised there-to by their respective Governments, do hereby declare that, in conformity with the understanding that has been reached by the Governments signatory of the said Convention as to the form and manner in which the exchange of ratifications provided for