

ARTICLE 30

Preliminary Conferences

1. For the purposes of the provisions of Article 29, the delegates of the countries belonging to the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain shall meet, prior to the Universal Postal Congresses, in the city where the latter are to be held, fifteen days in advance of same for a preliminary conference at which the procedure relating to joint action shall be determined.

2. The International Bureau of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain shall, in due time, extend an invitation to the Administrations of the Union to attend the said preliminary conferences, which shall be organized by the Director of the International Bureau of Montevideo, who shall be present at such conferences.

ARTICLE 31

New Adhesions

In the case of new adhesions, the Government of the Republic of Uruguay, by common consent with the Government of the country concerned, shall determine the classification of the said country in relation to the apportionment of the cost of maintaining and operating the International Bureau.

ARTICLE 32

Entry into Force and Duration of the Convention. Filing of Ratifications

1. This Convention shall come into force on October 1, 1937, and shall remain in operation for an indefinite period, each contracting party having the right, however, to withdraw from the Union by notice given one year in advance by its Government to the Government of the Republic of Uruguay.

2. The ratifications shall be filed in the City of Panama, in the Republic of Panama, as soon as possible, preferably before the date on which the Convention and Agreements become effective; each ratification shall be recorded and a copy of the record forwarded by the Government of the Republic of Panama, through diplomatic channels, to the Governments of the other signatory countries.

3. The provisions of the Postal Convention of the Americas and Spain sanctioned at Madrid on November 10, 1931, are repealed, such repeal becoming effective on the date on which this Convention comes into force.

4. The non-ratification of this Convention by one or more of the contracting parties shall not invalidate it so far as the countries which have ratified it are concerned.

5. The contracting countries may, by correspondence, provisionally ratify the Convention and the Agreements by so advising the Administrations concerned, through the intermediary of the International Bureau, without prejudice to confirmation through diplomatic channels, in accordance with the domestic legislation of each country and subject to approval by their legislatures.

In faith whereof the Plenipotentiaries of the above-mentioned countries have signed this Convention at Panama, in the Republic of Panama, on the twenty-second day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

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