

3. The right of the contracting parties to maintain the regulative procedure for the proper execution of the Conventions concluded among themselves is recognized, provided that such regulative measures are not contrary to the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 16

Entry into Force and Duration of the Agreement

1. This Agreement shall come into force on the 1st day of October, 1937, and shall remain in force for an indefinite period, each contracting party reserving the right to repudiate it by notice given one year in advance by its own government to that of the Republic of Uruguay.

2. The ratifications shall be filed in the City of Panama as soon as possible. The ratifications shall be recorded and the Government of Panama shall forward a copy of the said record to the governments of the other signatory countries through diplomatic channels.

3. The provisions governing the Parcel Post Service sanctioned by the Madrid Convention on the 10th day of November, 1931, are abrogated from the date on which the present Agreement becomes effective.

4. The non-ratification of this Agreement by one or more of the contracting parties shall not affect its validity for the countries which have ratified it.

5. The contracting parties may ratify this Agreement provisionally, by correspondence, accordingly advising the Administrations concerned, through the intermediary of the International Bureau, without prejudice to its confirmation through diplomatic channels, in accordance with the legislation of each country and subject to the approval of their legislature.

In faith whereof the Plenipotentiaries of the above-named countries have signed this Agreement at Panama on the 22nd day of December, 1936.

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