

ARBITRATION

*Agreement and exchange of notes signed at Washington July 19, 1923,
further extending convention of February 10, 1908
Senate advice and consent to ratification December 18, 1923
Ratified by France February 2, 1924
Ratified by the President of the United States February 28, 1924
Ratifications exchanged at Washington March 3, 1924
Entered into force March 3, 1924
Proclaimed by the President of the United States March 4, 1924
Expired February 27, 1928*

43 Stat. 1743; Treaty Series 679

AGREEMENT

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic, desiring to extend for another five years the period during which the arbitration convention concluded between them on February 10, 1908,¹ and extended by the agreements concluded between the two Governments on February 13, 1913,² and February 27, 1918,³ shall remain in force, have respectively authorized the undersigned, to wit: Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State of the United States, and J. J. Jusserand, Ambassador of the French Republic to the United States, to conclude the following agreement:

ARTICLE I

The Convention of Arbitration of February 10, 1908, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic, the duration of which by Article III thereof was fixed at a period of five years from the date of ratification, which period, by the agreement of February 13, 1913, between the two Governments was extended for five years from February 27, 1913, and was further extended by the agreement of February 27, 1918, between the two Governments, for a period of five years from February 27, 1918, is hereby extended and continued in force for the further period of five years from February 27, 1923.

¹ TS 490, *ante*, p. 870.

² TS 577, *ante*, p. 881.

³ TS 631, *ante*, p. 894.

ARTICLE II

The present agreement shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by the President of the French Republic, in accordance with the Constitutional laws of France, and it shall become effective upon the date of the exchange of ratifications, which shall take place at Washington as soon as possible.

Done in duplicate in the English and French languages, at Washington, this 19th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES	[SEAL]
JUSSERAND	[SEAL]

EXCHANGE OF NOTES

The Secretary of State to the French Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, July 19, 1923

EXCELLENCY:

In connection with the signing today of an agreement for the renewal of the Convention of Arbitration concluded between the United States and France, February 10, 1908, and renewed from time to time, I have the honor, in pursuance of our informal conversations, to state the following understanding which I shall be glad to have you confirm on behalf of your Government.

On February 24 last the President proposed to the Senate that it consent under certain stated conditions to the adhesion by the United States to the Protocol of December 16, 1920, under which the Permanent Court of International Justice has been created at The Hague. As the Senate does not convene in its regular session until December next, action upon this proposal will necessarily be delayed. In the event that the Senate gives its assent to the proposal, I understand that the Government of the French Republic will not be averse to considering a modification of the Convention of Arbitration which we are renewing, or the making of a separate agreement under which the disputes mentioned in the Convention could be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

CHARLES E. HUGHES

His Excellency

MR. J. J. JUSSERAND,
Ambassador of France.

The French Ambassador to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

EMBASSY OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
TO THE UNITED STATESWASHINGTON, *July 19, 1923*

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

Your Excellency was pleased, by your note dated this day, to suggest in connection with the renewal of the Arbitration Convention signed by France and the United States on February 10, 1908, and periodically renewed since, that the agreement of the two governments on the point specified as follows in your said note be placed on record.

Your Excellency's communication reads as follows:

[For text of understanding, see second paragraph of U.S. note, above.]

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government, whose instructions have come to hand, entirely agrees with Your Excellency in this matter.

Be pleased to accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the assurances, etc.

JUSSERAND

His Excellency

The Honorable CHARLES EVANS HUGHES,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.