

## ARBITRATION

*Agreement and exchange of notes signed at Washington June 23, 1923,  
extending convention of April 4, 1908, as extended*

*Ratified by the United Kingdom August 1, 1923*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification December 18, 1923*

*Ratified by the President of the United States December 28, 1923*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington December 29, 1923*

*Entered into force December 29, 1923; operative from June 4, 1923*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States December 29, 1923*

*Expired June 4, 1928*

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### AGREEMENT

The President of the United States of America and His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, being desirous of extending for another five years the period during which the Arbitration Convention concluded between them on April 4, 1908,<sup>1</sup> extended by the Agreement concluded between the two Governments on May 31, 1913,<sup>2</sup> and further extended by the Agreement concluded between the two Governments on June 3, 1918,<sup>3</sup> shall remain in force, have respectively authorized the undersigned, to wit: Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State of the United States; and Sir Auckland Geddes, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States, to conclude the following Articles:

### ARTICLE I

The Convention of Arbitration of April 4, 1908, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, the duration of which by Article IV thereof was fixed at a period of five years from the date of the exchange of ratifications of the said Convention on June 4, 1908, which period by the Agreement of May 31, 1913, between the two Governments

<sup>1</sup> TS 494, *ante*, p. 295.

<sup>2</sup> TS 587, *ante*, p. 362.

<sup>3</sup> TS 635, *ante*, p. 388.

was extended for five years from June 4, 1913, and was extended by the Agreement between them of June 3, 1918, for the further period of five years from June 4, 1918, is hereby extended and continued in force for the further period of five years from June 4, 1923.

## 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 His Britannic Majesty, 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, this twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES [SEAL]

A. GEDDES [SEAL]

## EXCHANGE OF NOTES

*The Secretary of State to the British Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, June 23, 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 Great Britain, April 4, 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 had 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 British Government will not be averse to considering a modification of the Convention of Arbitration which we are renewing, or the making of a separate agreement, providing for the reference of disputes mentioned in the Convention to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

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

CHARLES E. HUGHES

The Right Honorable  
Sir AUCKLAND GEDDES, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
*Ambassador of Great Britain.*

*The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State*

BRITISH EMBASSY,

*Washington, D.C., June 23, 1923*

No. 523

SIR:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date in which you were so good as to inform me, in connection with the renewal of the Arbitration Convention of April 4th, 1908, between Great Britain and the United States, that the President of the United States had proposed to the Senate the adherence of the United States, under certain conditions, to the Protocol of December 16th, 1920, creating the Permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague, and that, if the Senate assents to this proposal, you understand that His Britannic Majesty's Government would be prepared to consider the conclusion of an agreement, providing for the reference to the Permanent Court of International Justice of disputes mentioned in the Convention.

Under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs I have the honor to confirm your understanding of His Majesty's Government's attitude on this point and to state that if the Senate approve the President's proposal His Majesty's Government will be prepared to consider with the United States Government the conclusion of an agreement for the reference to the Permanent Court of International Justice of disputes mentioned in the Arbitration Convention.

I have the honour to be with the highest consideration, Sir, your most obedient, humble servant,

A. GEDDES

The Honourable

CHARLES E. HUGHES,

*Secretary of State of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.*