ARBITRATION

Agreement signed at Washington August 23, 1918, extending agreement of May 5, 1908, as extended
Senate advice and consent to ratification October 10, 1918
Ratified by the President of the United States October 23, 1918
Ratified by Japan November 9, 1918
Ratifications exchanged at Washington December 30, 1918
Entered into force December 30, 1918; operative from August 24, 1918
Proclaimed by the President of the United States February 25, 1919
Expired August 23, 1923

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, desiring to extend for another five years the period during which the Arbitration Convention concluded between them on May 5, 1908,[1] and extended by the Agreement concluded between the two Governments on June 28, 1913,[2] shall remain in force, have authorized the undersigned, to wit: Robert Lansing, Secretary of State of the United States, and Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Washington, to conclude the following Agreement:

ARTICLE I

The Convention of Arbitration of May 5, 1908, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, the duration of which by Article III thereof was fixed at a period of five years from the date of the exchange of ratifications, which period, by the Agreement of June 28, 1913, between the two Governments was extended for five years from August 24, 1913, is hereby extended and continued in force for the further period of five years from August 24, 1918.

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,

[1] TS 509, *ante*, p. 406.
[2] TS 591, *ante*, p. 423.

and by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, 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 language at Washington this twenty-third day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, corresponding to the twenty-third day of the eighth month of the seventh year of Taisho.

ROBERT LANSING [SEAL]
K. ISHII [SEAL]