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of America

for the

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*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Parliament  
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His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, and the President of the United States of America, being desirous of extending for another five years the period during which the Arbitration Convention concluded between them on the 4th April, 1908, extended by the agreement concluded between the two Governments on the 31st May, 1913, and further extended by the agreement concluded between the two Governments on the 3rd June, 1918, shall remain in force, have respectively authorised the undersigned, to wit: Sir Auckland Geddes, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States; and Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State of the United States, to conclude the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1.

The Convention of Arbitration of the 4th April, 1908, between 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, and the Government of the United States of America, the duration of which by article 4 thereof was fixed at a period of five years from the date of the exchange of ratifications of the said convention on the 4th June, 1908, which period by the agreement of the 31st May, 1913, between the two Governments was extended for five years from the 4th June, 1913, and was extended by the agreement between them of the 3rd June, 1918, for the further period of five years from the 4th June, 1918, is hereby extended and continued in force for the further period of five years from the 4th June, 1923.

ARTICLE 2.

The present agreement shall be ratified by His Britannic Majesty and by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, 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 23rd day of June, 1923.

(L.S.) A. C. GEDDES.  
(L.S.) CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.

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

The Honourable Charles E. Hughes,  
Secretary of State of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of to-day's date in which you were so good as to inform me, in connection with the renewal of the Arbitration Convention of the 4th April, 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 the 16th December, 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 honour 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, &c.

A. GEDDES.

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*Department of State,  
Washington, June 23, 1923.*

The Right Honourable  
Sir Auckland Geddes, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Ambassador of Great Britain.

Excellency,

In connection with the signing to-day of an agreement for the renewal of the Convention of Arbitration concluded between the United States and Great Britain, the 4th April, 1908, and renewed from time to time, I have the honour, 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 the 24th February 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 the 16th December, 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 British Government will not be averse

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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, &c.

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

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