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No. 1.

The Swiss Minister to Sir Edward Grey.

Légation de Suisse, Londres,

le 21 avril, 1908.

M. le Secrétaire d'État,

PAR note du 17 mars dernier, le Département d'État de la République de Cuba a informé le Conseil fédéral suisse que, par décret du même jour, le gouverneur provisoire de la République a déclaré l'adhésion de Cuba à la convention, signée à Genève le 6 juillet, 1906, pour l'amélioration du sort des blessés et malades dans les armées en campagne.

Aux termes de l'article 32, alinéa 3, de cet acte international, la demande d'accession de la République de Cuba, laquelle a adhéré le 25 juin, 1907, seulement à la Convention de Genève du 22 août, 1864, ne produira effet que si, dans le délai d'un an à partir de la notification qui en a été faite au Conseil fédéral, celui-ci n'a reçu d'opposition de la part d'aucune des Puissances contractantes.

Dans ces circonstances, je serais fort obligé à votre Excellence de vouloir bien consentir à me faire connaître si son Gouvernement a quelque observation à présenter au sujet de la demande dont il s'agit.

Veuillez agréer, &c.

CARLIN.

(Translation.)

Swiss Legation, London,

April 21, 1908.

M. le Secrétaire d'État,

By a note of the 17th March last, the Department of State of the Republic of Cuba has notified the Swiss Federal Council that, by a decree of the same date, the provisional governor of the Republic has declared the accession of Cuba to the convention, signed at

* "Treaty Series, No. 15 (1907)."

Geneva on the 6th July, 1906, for the amelioration of the condition of the wounded and sick in armies in the field.

By the terms of article 32, paragraph 3, of this international act, the notification of accession made by the Republic of Cuba, which adhered on the 25th June 1907 to the Geneva Convention of the 22nd August 1864 alone, cannot take effect unless, within a year from the date of such notification to the Federal Council, no objection has been raised by any of the contracting Powers.

In these circumstances I should be much obliged if your Excellency would be so good as to inform me whether your Government has any observation to make with regard to this application.

Accept, &c.

CARLIN.

No. 2.

Sir E. Grey to the Swiss Minister.

Sir,

Foreign Office, May 11, 1908.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 21st ultimo, in which you inform me that, by a note dated the 17th March last, the Department of State of Cuba have notified to the Swiss Federal Council the accession of that Republic to the convention, signed at Geneva, the 6th July, 1906, for the amelioration of the condition of the wounded and sick in time of war.

As regards the provisions of article 32 of the convention, to which you call attention, I have to observe that His Majesty's Government have no objection to offer to the accession in question; and I thank you for this communication, of which I have duly taken note.

You will no doubt be so good as to inform me at the proper time whether all the Powers concerned have assented to the accession of Cuba, and whether it may be deemed to have been completed.

I have &c.

E. GREY.

No. 3.

The Swiss Chargé d'Affaires to Sir Edward Grey.

Légation de Suisse, Londres,

le 1^{er} juin, 1909.

M. le Secrétaire d'État,

En réponse à la note verbale en date du 18 mai dernier, j'ai, sur l'ordre du Conseil fédéral suisse, l'honneur d'informer votre Excellence qu'aucune opposition n'a été formulée par les Puissances contractantes au sujet de l'adhésion de la République de Cuba à la Convention de Genève du 6 juillet, 1906 (Croix-Rouge), et que cette adhésion est ainsi devenue définitive.

Veillez agréer, &c.

PROBST,

(Translation.)

Swiss Legation, London,
June 1, 1909.

M. le Secrétaire d'État,

IN reply to your enquiry of the 18th May last, I have the honour, by direction of the Swiss Federal Council, to inform your Excellency that no objection has been raised by the contracting Powers to the accession of the Republic of Cuba to the Geneva Convention of the 6th July, 1906 (Red Cross), and that this accession has thus become definitive.

Accept, &c.
PROBST.