

**B-29(1): PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE (RIO TREATY)**

ADOPTED AT: SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

DATE: 07/26/75

CONF/ASSEM/MEETING: CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE

ENTRY INTO FORCE: / / WHEN TWO THIRDS OF THE SIGNATORY STATES HAVE DEPOSITED THEIR INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII OF THE PROTOCOL

DEPOSITORY: GENERAL SECRETARIAT, OAS (ORIGINAL INSTRUMENT AND RATIFICATIONS)

TEXT: OAS, TREATY SERIES, NOS. 46 AND 61

UN REGISTRATION: / / No. Vol.

OBSERVATIONS: This protocol shall remain open for signature by the states parties to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.

GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE TREATY: B-29(1)

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SIGNATORY COUNTRIES      SIGNATURE REF    RA/AC/AD REF    DEPOSIT INST    INFORMA
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Argentina .....        07/26/75          / /              / /              / /
Bolivia .....          07/26/75 D 1      / /              / /              / /
Brazil .....           07/26/75          06/30/77         07/14/77 RA      / /
Chile .....            07/26/75          / /              / /              / /
Colombia .....         07/26/75          / /              / /              / /
Costa Rica .....       07/26/75          / /              04/08/76 RA      / /
Dominican Republic ..  07/26/75          01/06/76         02/18/76 RA      / /
Ecuador .....          07/26/75          / /              / /              / /
El Salvador .....      07/26/75 DR 2        / /              / /              / /
Guatemala .....        07/26/75 R4         09/11/78 Rb      10/04/78 RA      / /
Haiti .....            07/26/75          03/31/76         04/15/76 RA      / /
Honduras .....         07/26/75          / /              / /              / /
Mexico .....           07/26/75 D 5       12/09/76 D c     02/24/77 RA      / /
Nicaragua .....        07/26/75          / /              / /              / /
Panama .....           07/26/75 D 6       / /              / /              / /
Paraguay .....         07/26/75 R 7        / /              / /              / /
Peru .....             07/26/75 R 8       12/26/91 Rd      01/21/92 RA      / /
Trinidad and Tobago .  07/26/75          / /              / /              / /
United States .....    07/26/75 R 3       04/14/78 R a     09/20/79 RA      / /

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Uruguay ..... 07/26/75 / / / / / /  
Venezuela ..... 07/26/75 / / / / / /

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REF = REFERENCE  
INSTRUMENT

INST = TYPE OF

D = DECLARATION

RA = RATIFICATION

R = RESERVATION

AC = ACCEPTANCE

INFORMA = INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE TREATY

AD = ACCESSION

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1. Bolivia:

(Declaration made at the time of signature)

Bolivia signs this Protocol of Amendment to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance without reservation in the conviction that this Protocol updates and improves the stipulations of the original instrument in the light of the changed circumstances.

2. El Salvador:

(Declaration and reservation made at the time of signature)

The Delegation of El Salvador states its firm conviction that no provision of this Protocol impairs the principle of hemispheric solidarity in the face of aggression, whatever its origin may be. Without prejudice to any other reservations the Government of the Republic may make in due course, it signs this Protocol with the reservation that its articles contain no commitment by the Parties to use compulsory methods or procedures for the settlement of disputes, which El Salvador cannot accept.

3. United States:

(Reservation made at the time of signature)

The United States, in signing this Protocol of Amendment to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, accepts no obligation or commitment to negotiate, sign or ratify a treaty or convention on the subject of collective economic security.

4. Guatemala:

(Reservation made at the time of signature)

On signing this Protocol, Guatemala reiterates the reservation it made on ratifying the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, which reads: "The present Treaty poses no impediment whatever to Guatemala's assertion of its rights over the Guatemalan Territory of Belize by whatever means it

considers most appropriate; a Treaty that may at any time be invoked by the Republic with respect to the aforesaid territory."

5. Mexico:

(Declarations made at the time of signature)

1. The Delegation of Mexico reiterates its conviction that, in establishing the boundaries of the security zone as indicated in Article 4, regions protected by other international instruments that have been expressly or tacitly approved by the United Nations should, as far as possible, not have been included.

2. The Delegation of Mexico continues to consider that, except in case of self-defense, the collective measures to which Article 8 refers cannot be applied in mandatory form, given their coercive nature, without authorization by the Security Council of the United Nations.

6. Panama:

(Declaration made at the time of signature)

Panama signs this Protocol of Amedment to Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance with the reservation that the new text can only be accepted with the provisions of the Constitution of Panama with respect to the ratification of treaties; in the meantime, Panama will not accept any new clause that might be in contravention of the mandates of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Panama or the national interest.

7. Paraguay:

(Reservation made at the time of signature)

In signing the Protocol of Amendment ad referendum, the Delegation of Paraguay makes an express reservation concerning Article 20, on the grounds that it is inappropriate to use different criteria for applying measures and for removing them; this is tantamount to requiring different majorities for the two cases. The Delegation of Paraguay therefore considers that since the decisions or recommendations of the Organ of Consultation must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the States Parties, a two-thirds vote of those States must also be required to rescind them.

8. Peru:

(Reservation made at the time of signature)

In signing the Protocol of Amendment to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, Peru makes an express reservation with regard to Article 3, paragraph 3.

a. United States:

(Reservation made at the time of ratification)

With the reservation made at the time of signature.

b. Guatemala:

(Reservation made at the time of ratification)

The present Treaty poses no impediment whatever to Guatemala's assertion of its rights over the Guatemalan territory of Belize by whatever means it considers most appropriate; a Treaty that may at any time be invoked by the Republic with respect to the aforesaid territory.

The Government of Guatemala declares formally that this reservation does not imply any alteration in the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, and that Guatemala is ready to act at all times within the bounds of international agreements to which it is a party.

c. Mexico:

(Declaration made at the time of ratification)

The Government of Mexico continues to consider that, except in case of self-defense, the collective measures to which Article 8 refers cannot be applied in mandatory form, given their coercive nature, without authorization by the Security Council of the United Nations.

d. Peru:

(Declaration and reservation made at the time of ratification)

The Government of Peru upon ratifying the present Protocol reiterated and maintained an express reservation to number 3 of article 3 of the referred Protocol. The expressed reservation had already been formulated by the Government of Peru in the signatory act.

The Government of Peru formally declared that it reaffirms its complete compliance with the principles which the Interamerican System upholds, in particular those of nonintervention with respect to treaties and regional solidarity.