

PROTOCOL FOR THE PROLONGATION OF THE SANITARY CONVENTION OF 1944

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Note: The Philippines was an original signatory to this Protocol. The Philippine instrument of accession was deposited with the UN, January 13, 1948. The Protocol entered into force, April 30, 1946, and with respect to the Philippines, January 13, 1948.

Reference: This agreement is also published in 17 UNTS, p. 3.

The Governments signatory to the present Protocol, Considering that, unless prolonged in force by action taken for that purpose by the interested Governments, the International Sanitary Convention, 1944, Modifying the International Sanitary Convention of June 21, 1926, will expire on July 15, 1946, the expiration of eighteen months from the date on which the said 1944 Convention entered into force; and Considering that it is desirable that the said 1944 Convention shall be prolonged in force after July 15, 1946 between the Governments parties thereto; Have appointed their respective Plenipotentiaries who, having deposited their full powers, found in good and proper form, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Subject to the limitation provided for in Article II of the present Protocol, the International Sanitary Convention, 1944, Modifying the International Sanitary Convention of June 21, 1926, shall be prolonged in force on and after July 15, 1946, in respect of each of the Governments parties to the present Protocol, until the date on which such Government shall become bound by a further Convention amending or superseding the said 1944 Convention and the said 1926 Convention.

ARTICLE II

The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (hereinafter referred to as UNRRA) shall continue to perform the duties and functions assigned to it by the said 1944 Convention, as prolonged by the present Protocol, until such time as a new International Health Organization shall be established, at which time such duties and functions shall be transferred to and shall be assumed by such new International Health Organization, provided that if the new International Health Organization has not been formed or, having been formed, is unable to perform the above duties and functions by the date on which UNRRA, owing to the termination of its activities in Europe or for any other reason, ceases to be able to perform them, those duties and functions shall be entrusted to the Office International d'Hygiene Publique and the countries signatory to this Protocol will, in that event, make appropriate financial provisions so as to enable the Office to perform those duties and functions.

ARTICLE III

The present Protocol shall remain open for signature until May 1, 1946.

ARTICLE IV

The present Protocol shall come into force when it has been signed without reservation in regard to ratification, or instruments of ratification have been deposited or notifications of accession have been received on behalf of at least ten Governments. The present Protocol shall come into force in respect of each of the other signatory Governments on the date of signature on its behalf, unless such signature is made with a reservation in regard to ratification, in which event the present Protocol shall come into force in respect of such Government on the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification.

ARTICLE V

After May 1, 1946, the present Protocol shall be open to accession by any Government which is a party to the 1944 Convention and is not a signatory to the present Protocol. Each accession shall be notified in writing to the Government of the United States of America. Accessions notified on or before the date on which the present Protocol enters into force shall be effective as of that date. Accessions notified after the date of the entry into force of the present Protocol shall become effective in respect of each Government upon the date of the receipt of that Government's notification of accession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries sign the present Protocol, on the date indicated opposition their respective signatures, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic, in a single original which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America and of which certified copies shall be furnished by the Government of the United States of America to each of the signatory and acceding Governments and to each of the Governments parties to the said 1944 Convention or the said 1926 Convention.

DONE at Washington this twenty-third day of April, 1946.

Parties to the Agreement:

Australia Italy

Canada Luxembourg

China Netherlands

Denmark Nicaragua

Dominican Republic Philippines

France Poland

Greece South Africa

Haiti Syria

Honduras United Kingdom

India United States

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