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*Treaty between the United States of America and the Philippines and protocol respecting general relations. Signed at Manila July 4, 1946; ratification advised by the Senate of the United States of America July 31, 1946; ratified by the President of the United States of America August 16, 1946; ratified by the President of the Philippines September 30, 1946; ratifications exchanged at Manila October 22, 1946; proclaimed by the President of the United States of America October 31, 1946; effective October 22, 1946. And interim agreement effected by exchange of notes signed at Manila July 10 and 12, 1946; effective July 4, 1946.*

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS a treaty of general relations between the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines and a protocol to accompany that treaty were signed at Manila on the fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-six, the originals of which treaty and protocol are word for word as follows:

#### TREATY OF GENERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

The United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines, being animated by the desire to cement the relations of close and long friendship existing between the two countries, and to provide for the recognition of the independence of the Republic of the Philippines as of July 4, 1946 and the relinquishment of American sovereignty over the Philippine Islands, have agreed upon the following articles:

#### ARTICLE I

The United States of America agrees to withdraw and surrender, and does hereby withdraw and surrender, all right of possession, supervision, jurisdiction, control or sovereignty existing and exercised by the United States of America in and over the territory and the people of the Philippine Islands, except the use of such bases, necessary appurtenances to such bases, and the rights incident thereto, as the United States of America, by agreement with the Republic of the Philippines, may deem necessary to retain for the mutual protection of the United States of America and of the Republic of the Philippines. The United States of America further agrees to recognize, and does hereby recognize, the independence of the Republic of the Philippines as a separate self-governing nation and to acknowledge, and does hereby acknowledge, the authority and control over the same of the Government instituted by the people thereof, under the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines.

Recognition by U.S.  
of independence of  
the Republic of the  
Philippines.

## ARTICLE II

The diplomatic representatives of each country shall enjoy in the territories of the other the privileges and immunities derived from generally recognized international law and usage. The consular representatives of each country, duly provided with exequatur, will be permitted to reside in the territories of the other in the places wherein consular representatives are by local laws permitted to reside; they shall enjoy the honorary privileges and the immunities accorded to such officers by general international usage; and they shall not be treated in a manner less favorable than similar officers of any other foreign country.

Diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities.

## ARTICLE III

Pending the final establishment of the requisite Philippine Foreign Service establishments abroad, the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines agree that at the request of the Republic of the Philippines the United States of America will endeavor, in so far as it may be practicable, to represent through its Foreign Service the interests of the Republic of the Philippines in countries where there is no Philippine representation. The two countries further agree that any such arrangements are to be subject to termination when in the judgment of either country such arrangements are no longer necessary.

U. S. representation of Philippines in foreign countries.

## ARTICLE IV

The Republic of the Philippines agrees to assume, and does hereby assume, all the debts and liabilities of the Philippine Islands, its provinces, cities, municipalities and instrumentalities, which shall be valid and subsisting on the date hereof. The Republic of the Philippines will make adequate provision for the necessary funds for the payment of interest on and principal of bonds issued prior to May 1, 1934 under authority of an Act of Congress of the United States of America by the Philippine Islands, or any province, city or municipality therein, and such obligations shall be a first lien on the taxes collected in the Philippines.

Debts, liabilities, etc., of Philippine Islands.

48 Stat. 456.  
48 U. S. C. § 1232 *et seq.*

## ARTICLE V

The United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines agree that all cases at law concerning the Government and people of the Philippines which, in accordance with Section 7 (6) of the Independence Act of 1934, are pending before the Supreme Court of the United States of America at the date of the granting of the independence of the Republic of the Philippines shall continue to be subject to the review of the Supreme Court of the United States of America for such period of time after independence as may be necessary to effectuate the disposition of the cases at hand. The contracting parties also agree that following the disposition of such cases the Supreme Court of the United States of America will cease to have the right of review of cases originating in the Philippine Islands.

Review of cases at law by U. S. Supreme Court.

48 Stat. 462.  
48 U. S. C. § 1237 (6).

## ARTICLE VI

Settlement of  
claims.

Property rights.

In so far as they are not covered by existing legislation, all claims of the Government of the United States of America or its nationals against the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and all claims of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and its nationals against the Government of the United States of America shall be promptly adjusted and settled. The property rights of the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines shall be promptly adjusted and settled by mutual agreement, and all existing property rights of citizens and corporations of the United States of America in the Republic of the Philippines and of citizens and corporations of the Republic of the Philippines in the United States of America shall be acknowledged, respected and safeguarded to the same extent as property rights of citizens and corporations of the Republic of the Philippines and of the United States of America respectively. Both Governments shall designate representatives who may in concert agree on measures best calculated to effect a satisfactory and expeditious disposal of such claims as may not be covered by existing legislation.

## ARTICLE VII

30 Stat. 1754.

31 Stat. 1942.

The Republic of the Philippines agrees to assume all continuing obligations assumed by the United States of America under the Treaty of Peace between the United States of America and Spain concluded at Paris on the 10th day of December, 1898, by which the Philippine Islands were ceded to the United States of America, and under the Treaty between the United States of America and Spain concluded at Washington on the 7th day of November, 1900.

## ARTICLE VIII

Entry into force.

Ratification.

This Treaty shall enter into force on the exchange of instruments of ratification.

This Treaty shall be submitted for ratification in accordance with the constitutional procedures of the United States of America and of the Republic of the Philippines; and instruments of ratification shall be exchanged and deposited at Manila.

Signed at Manila this fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-six.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

[SEAL]

PAUL V. McNUTT

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES:

[SEAL]

MANUEL ROXAS

PROTOCOL

TO ACCOMPANY THE TREATY OF GENERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, SIGNED AT MANILA ON THE FOURTH DAY OF JULY 1946.

It is understood and agreed by the High Contracting Parties that this Treaty is for the purpose of recognizing the independence of the Republic of the Philippines and for the maintenance of close and harmonious relations between the two Governments.

It is understood and agreed that this Treaty does not attempt to regulate the details of arrangements between the two Governments for their mutual defense; for the establishment, termination or regulation of the rights and duties of the two countries, each with respect to the other, in the settlement of claims, as to the ownership or control of real or personal property, or as to the carrying out of provisions of law of either country; or for the settlement of rights or claims of citizens or corporations of either country with respect to or against the other.

It is understood and agreed that the conclusion and entrance into force of this Treaty is not exclusive of further treaties and executive agreements providing for the specific regulation of matters broadly covered herein.

It is understood and agreed that pending final ratification of this Treaty, the provisions of Articles II and III shall be observed by executive agreement.

Signed at Manila this fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-six.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

[SEAL] PAUL V. McNUTT

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES:

[SEAL] MANUEL ROXAS

WHEREAS the Senate of the United States of America by their Resolution of July 31, 1946 (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein) did advise and consent to the ratification of the said treaty and protocol;

WHEREAS the said treaty and protocol were duly ratified by the President of the United States of America on August 16, 1946, in pursuance of the aforesaid advice and consent of the Senate;

WHEREAS the said treaty and protocol have been duly ratified on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines;

Exchange of instruments of ratification.

AND WHEREAS the instruments of ratification of the said treaty and protocol were duly exchanged at Manila on the twenty-second day of October, one thousand nine hundred forty-six;

Effective date.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and make public the said treaty and accompanying protocol to the end that the same and every article and clause thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith, on and from the twenty-second day of October, one thousand nine hundred forty-six, by the United States of America and by the citizens of the United States of America and all other persons subject to the jurisdiction thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-six [SEAL] and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred seventy-first.

HARRY S TRUMAN

By the President:

JAMES F BYRNES

*Secretary of State*

*The Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Malacañan

JULY 10, 1946

## EXCELLENCY:

In accordance with the provisions of the Protocol accompanying the Treaty of General Relations between the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines signed at Manila on the 4th day of July, 1946, I have the honor to inform you that the Republic of the Philippines shall observe the provisions of Articles II and III pending the final ratification of said treaty effective as of July 4, 1946.

*Ante, p. 1177.*

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO  
*Vice-President and concurrently  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs*

His Excellency PAUL V. McNUTT  
*American Ambassador  
Manila*

*The American Ambassador to the Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*July 12, 1946.*

## EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of July 10, 1946, confirming that, in accordance with the Protocol Accompanying the Treaty of General Relations Between the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines signed at Manila on July 4, 1946, your Government will observe the provision of Articles II and III of the Treaty pending final ratification thereof.

In reply I have the honor to confirm to you that my Government intends similarly to observe the provisions of the above mentioned protocol.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

PAUL V. McNUTT

His Excellency  
ELPIDIO QUIRINO,  
*Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the  
Republic of the Philippines.*