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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY OF PETRÓPOLIS OF 17 NOVEMBER 1903¹

The Republic of the United States of Brazil and the Republic of Bolivia, being desirous of permanently consolidating their long-standing friendship by removing the causes of potential disagreement, and wishing at the same time to facilitate the development of their commerce and good-neighbourly relations, have agreed to conclude a Treaty for an exchange of territories and other forms of compensation, in accordance with the provision in article 5 of the Treaty of friendship, boundaries, navigation and commerce of 27 March 1867.

And for this purpose have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the Republic of the United States of Brazil: Mr. José Maria da Silva Paranhos do Rio-Branco, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Joaquim Francisco de Assis Brasil, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States of America; and

The President of the Republic of Bolivia: Mr. Fernando E. Guachalla, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary on a special assignment in Brazil, Senator of the Republic and Mr. Claudio Pinilla, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Brazil, who has been designated Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bolivia;

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

Article 1. The frontier between the Republic of the United States of Brazil and Bolivia shall be determined as follows:

(1) Starting from 20° 08' 35" south latitude, facing the outlet of the Bahia Negra into the Paraguay river, it shall follow this river up to a point on the right bank at a distance of 9 kilometres in a straight line from the fort of Coimbra, i.e., to a point in approximately 19° 58' 05" latitude and 14° 39' 14" longitude west of the Observatory of Rio de Janeiro (57° 47' 40" west of Greenwich) according to the map of the frontier drawn by the Mixed Boundary Commission of 1875; and it shall continue from this point on the right bank of the Paraguay in a geodesic line to another point 4 kilometres away in the true direction of 27° 1' 22" north-east of the mark known as "the mark of the lower part of Bahia Negra", the distance being 4 kilometres accurately measured along the present frontier, so that this point shall be in approximately 19° 45' 36.6" latitude and 14° 55' 46.7" longitude west of Rio de Janeiro (58° 04' 12.7" west of Greenwich). From here the frontier shall continue along the line fixed by the Mixed Commission of 1875 as far as 19° 02' latitude, and thence eastward along this line of latitude to the watercourse known as Conceição (Concepción), which it shall follow as far as the mouth on the southern bank of the outlet of Caceres lagoon, also called Tamengos river. It shall follow the outlet up to the meridian which traverses the extremity of the Tamarindeiro (Tamarinero); thence in a northerly direction along the meridian of the Tamarindeiro (Tamarinero) to 18° 54' latitude, which line of latitude it shall follow as far as the present frontier.

¹ Came into force on 10 March 1904 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Rio de Janeiro, in accordance with article X.