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and
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 7300. CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF
THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES OF
BRAZIL CONCERNING FREE LEGAL AID. SIGNED
AT RIO DE JANEIRO, ON 16 MARCH 1959

Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands and the President of the Republic of the United States of Brazil, desiring to ensure by means of an agreement free legal aid for their nationals on a basis of reciprocity, have resolved for this purpose to conclude a Convention concerning Free Legal Aid and to that end have appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands : His Excellency Jonkheer Marc Willem van Weede, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands at Rio de Janeiro;

His Excellency the President of the Republic of the United States of Brazil : His Excellency Mr. Francisco Negrão de Lima, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows :

Article I

The nationals of each of the High Contracting Parties shall be entitled in the territory of the other Party to receive free legal aid; such aid shall be granted in the same conditions to the nationals of each of the High Contracting Parties in proceedings before the criminal, civil and military courts and labour tribunals.

Article II

1. An applicant for free legal aid in Brazil shall be required to furnish proof, in the form of a certificate issued in Brazil by the police authorities or by the *Prefeito municipal*, that his financial position is such that he cannot pay either the costs of legal proceedings or counsel's fees without endangering his own and his family's subsistence. In the Federal District and in the capitals of the States and Territories, the certificate may be issued by the authorities expressly designated by the *Prefeito*.

¹ Came into force on 30 April 1964, one month after the exchange of the instruments of ratification which took place at The Hague on 30 March 1964, in accordance with article VII (1).