

No. 8192

**VENEZUELA
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Agreement to resolve the controversy over the frontier
between Venezuela and British Guiana. Signed at
Geneva, on 17 February 1966**

Official texts : Spanish and English.

Registered by Venezuela on 5 May 1966.

**VENEZUELA
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Accord tendant à régler le différend relatif à la frontière
entre le Venezuela et la Guyane britannique. Signé à
Genève, le 17 février 1966**

Textes officiels espagnol et anglais.

Enregistré par le Venezuela le 5 mai 1966.

No. 8192. AGREEMENT¹ TO RESOLVE THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND OVER THE FRONTIER BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND BRITISH GUIANA. SIGNED AT GENEVA, ON 17 FEBRUARY 1966

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in consultation with the Government of British Guiana, and the Government of Venezuela ;

Taking into account the forthcoming independence of British Guiana ;

Recognising that closer cooperation between British Guiana and Venezuela could bring benefit to both countries ;

Convinced that any outstanding controversy between the United Kingdom and British Guiana on the one hand and Venezuela on the other would prejudice the furtherance of such cooperation and should therefore be amicably resolved in a manner acceptable to both parties ;

In conformity with the agenda that was agreed for the governmental conversations concerning the controversy between Venezuela and the United Kingdom over the frontier with British Guiana, in accordance with the joint communiqué of 7 November, 1963, have reached the following agreement to resolve the present controversy :

Article I

A Mixed Commission shall be established with the task of seeking satisfactory solutions for the practical settlement of the controversy between Venezuela and the United Kingdom which has arisen as the result of the Venezuelan contention that the Arbitral Award of 1899² about the frontier between British Guiana and Venezuela is null and void.

Article II

(1) Within two months of the entry into force of this Agreement, two representatives shall be appointed to the Mixed Commission by the Government of British Guiana and two by the Government of Venezuela.

(2) The Government appointing a representative may at any time replace him, and shall do so immediately should one or both of its representatives be unable to act through illness or death or any other cause.

¹ Came into force on 17 February 1966, the date of signature, in accordance with article VII.

² *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 92, p. 160 (see also United Kingdom : *Treaty Series No. 5* (1897), C. 8439, for text of Treaty of 2 February 1897).