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THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. SIGNED AT BUENOS
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The Holy See, reaffirming the principles of Vatican Ecumenical Council II, and the Argentine State, prompted by the principle of freedom repeatedly stated in the National Constitution and in order to bring up to date the legal position of the Roman Apostolic Catholic Church, which the Federal Government supports, have decided to conclude an Agreement.

To this end, His Holiness the Supreme Pontiff Paul VI has appointed as his Plenipotentiary His Excellency the Very Reverend Monsignor Umberto Mozzoni, Apostolic Nuncio in Argentina, and His Excellency the President of Argentina, Lieutenant-General Juan Carlos Onganía, has appointed as his Plenipotentiary His Excellency Dr. Nicanor Costa Mendez, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Religious Worship.

The Plenipotentiaries, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, agree upon the following:

Article I

The Argentine State shall recognize and guarantee the right of the Roman Apostolic Catholic Church to free and full exercise of its spiritual power, free and public practice of its worship and jurisdiction within its sphere of competence, for the purpose of achieving its specific aims.

Article II

The Holy See may establish new ecclesiastical districts and change the boundaries of existing ones or abolish them, if deemed necessary or advantageous for the assistance of the faithful and development of its organization.

Before establishing a new Diocese or Prelature or making other changes in diocesan districts, the Holy See shall, in confidence, inform the Government of its intentions and plans in order to ascertain whether the Government has any legitimate observations to make, except in the event of negligible territorial rectifications required for the well-being of souls.

¹ Came into force on 28 January 1967, the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification at the Vatican, in accordance with article VII.