

No. 29

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND COSTA RICA

Agreement relating to a military mission to Costa Rica. Signed at Washington, on 10 December 1945. Came into force on 10 December 1945 by signature

English and Spanish official texts communicated by the United States representative to the United Nations. The registration took place on 20 May 1947.

ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET COSTA-RICA

Accord relatif à l'envoi d'une mission militaire au Costa-Rica. Signé à Washington, le 10 décembre 1945. Entré en vigueur le 10 décembre 1945, par signature

Textes officiels anglais et espagnol communiqués par le représentant des Etats-Unis auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 20 mai 1947.

NO. 29. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA RELATING TO A MILITARY MISSION TO COSTA RICA. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON ON 10 DECEMBER 1945

In conformity with the request of the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica to the Government of the United States of America, the President of the United States of America has authorized the appointment of officers and enlisted men of the United States Army to constitute a Military Mission to the Republic of Costa Rica under the conditions specified below.

Title I

PURPOSE AND DURATION

Article 1. The purpose of this Mission is to cooperate with the Minister of Public Security of the Republic of Costa Rica and with the personnel of the Costan Rican Army, with a view to enhancing the efficiency of the Costan Rican Army.

Article 2. This Mission shall continue for a period of four years from the date of the signing of this Agreement by the accredited representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, unless previously terminated or extended as hereinafter provided. Any member of the Mission may be recalled by the Government of the United States of America after the expiration of two years of service, in which case another member shall be furnished to replace him.

Article 3. If the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica should desire that the services of the Mission be extended beyond the stipulated period, it shall make a written proposal to that effect six months before the expiration of this Agreement.

Article 4. This Agreement may be terminated before the expiration of the period of four years prescribed in Article 2, or before the expiration of the extension authorized in Article 3, in the following manner:

(a) By either of the Governments, subject to three months' written notice to the other Government;

(b) By the recall of the entire personnel of the Mission by the Government of the United States of America in the public interest of the United States of America, without necessity of compliance with provision (a) of this Article.

Article 5. This Agreement is subject to cancellation upon the initiative of either the Government of the United States of America or the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica at any time during a period when either Government is involved in domestic or foreign hostilities.

Title II

COMPOSITION AND PERSONNEL

Article 6. This Mission shall consist of such number of personnel of the United States Army as may be agreed upon by the Minister of Public Security of the Republic of Costa Rica through his authorized representative in Washington and by the War Department of the United States of America. The individuals to be assigned shall be those agreed upon by the Minister of Public Security of the Republic of Costa Rica or his authorized representative and by the War Department of the United States of America or its authorized representative.

Title III

DUTIES, RANK AND PRECEDENCE

Article 7. Prior to inception of operations by the Mission under this Agreement, a tentative program for the Mission will be informally agreed upon between the Minister of Public Security of the Republic of Costa Rica and representatives of the War and State Departments of the United States of America. Any changes in this program which experience may demonstrate to be desirable shall be similarly agreed upon. The Mission shall carry out such duties as may be determined in pursuance of this Article and such other duties consistent with the purposes of this Agreement, as set forth in Article 1, as may be assigned by the Minister of Public Security of the Republic of Costa Rica. The members of the Mission shall be responsible directly to the Minister of Public Security of the Republic of Costa Rica through the Chief of the United States Military Mission.

Article 8. Each member of the Mission shall serve on the Mission with the rank he holds in the United States Army, and shall wear the uniform of his rank in the United States Army, but shall have precedence over all Costa Rican officers of the same rank.

Article 9. Each member of the Mission shall be entitled to all benefits and privileges which the Regulations of the Costa Rican Army provide for Costa Rican officers of corresponding rank.

Article 10. The personnel of the Mission shall be governed by the disciplinary regulations of the United States Army.