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## CEREMONY OF SIGNATURE OF BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENTS

On December 27, 1945, at 4:00 P.M., there were signed in the Department of State the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund and the Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, known as the Bretton Woods Fund and Bank agreements. The Honorable Fred M. Vinson, Secretary of the Treasury, signed the two agreements on behalf of the United States of America.

The list of the signers of the two agreements in the order in which their signatures were affixed thereto is as follows:

- Belgium - Mr. Louis A. Goffin, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Belgium in Washington;
- Bolivia - His Excellency Señor Don Victor Andrade, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Bolivia in Washington;
- Brazil - The Honorable Fernando Lobo, Minister Counselor of Brazil in Washington;
- Canada - His Excellency Lester B. Pearson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada in Washington;
- China - His Excellency Dr. Wei Tao-ming, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China in Washington;
- Colombia - His Excellency Señor Don Carlos Sanz de Santamaria, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Colombia in Washington;
- Costa Rica - His Excellency Señor Don Francisco de P. Gutierrez, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Costa Rica in Washington;
- Czechoslovakia - His Excellency Vladimír Hurban, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Czechoslovakia;
- Ecuador - His Excellency Señor Galo Plaza, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ecuador in Washington;
- Egypt - The Honorable Anis Azer, Minister Counselor and Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Egypt in Washington;
- Ethiopia - Mr. Getahoun Tesemma, Chargé d'Affaires of Ethiopia in Washington;
- France - His Excellency Henri Bonnet, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France in Washington;

Greece -

- Greece - His Excellency Cimon P. Diamantopoulos,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of Greece in Washington;
- Guatemala - His Excellency Señor Jorge Garcia Granados,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipoten-  
tiary of Guatemala in Washington;
- Honduras - His Excellency Señor Dr. Don Julián R.  
Cáceres, Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of Honduras in Washington;
- Iceland - The Honorable Thor Thors, Envoy Extraordinary  
and Minister Plenipotentiary of Iceland in  
Washington;
- India - The Honorable Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Agent  
General for India in Washington;
- Iraq - The Honorable Ali Jawdat, Envoy Extraordinary  
and Minister Plenipotentiary of Iraq in  
Washington;
- Luxembourg - The Honorable Hugues Le Gallais, Envoy  
Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary  
of Luxembourg in Washington;
- Netherlands - His Excellency Dr. A. Loudon, Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the  
Netherlands in Washington;
- Norway - His Excellency Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstierne,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of  
Norway in Washington;
- Paraguay - His Excellency Señor Dr. Don Celso R.  
Velázquez, Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of Paraguay in Washington;
- Peru - The Honorable Señor Dr. Humberto Fernández-  
Dávila, Minister Plenipotentiary of Peru in  
Washington;
- Philippine Commonwealth - Brigadier General Carlos P.  
Romulo, Resident Commissioner of the Philippines  
in Washington;
- Poland - His Excellency Dr. Oskar Lange, Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Poland  
in Washington;
- Union of South Africa - The Honorable H. T. Andrews,  
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary  
of the Union of South Africa in Washington;
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland -  
His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of  
Halifax, Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-  
potentiary of the United Kingdom in Washington;
- United States of America - The Honorable Fred M. Vinson,  
Secretary of the Treasury of the United States  
of America;

Uruguay - Señor Cesar Montero de Bustamante, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Uruguay in Washington;

Yugoslavia - His Excellency Stanoje Simic, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia in Washington.

The following Members of the Senate and House Banking and Currency Committees of the United States Congress were present:

Senate

Alben W. Barkley  
George L. Radcliffe  
Abe Murdock  
Glen H. Taylor  
E. P. Carville  
Ernest W. McFarland  
Hugh B. Mitchell  
Arthur Capper  
Bourke B. Hickenlooper

House

Brent Spence  
Chase Going Woodhouse  
Fred L. Crawford  
Henry O. Talle

The Honorable Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury and President of the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, at which the agreements were formulated, and the Honorable Jesse P. Wolcott, a member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency and a member of the United States Delegation to the Bretton Woods Conference were also present.

Among others present as participants in or observers of the ceremony were representatives of the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury, the Bureau of the Budget, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems, the Export-Import Bank of Washington, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the International Labor Office, the United Nations Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture, and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Each agreement provides that it shall enter into force when it has been signed on behalf of governments having 65 percent of the total of the amounts subscribed therefor and when instruments of acceptance have been deposited on their behalf. Such instruments of acceptance have been deposited with the Government of the United States of America by Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iraq, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, the Philippine Commonwealth, the Union of South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, thus bringing both of the agreements into force.

The agreements will remain open for signature with respect to countries which may become original members of the Fund and Bank, as set forth in Schedule A of the agreements, through December 31, 1945. After that date, each agreement will continue open for signature on behalf of the government of any country whose membership has been approved by the Fund or Bank, as the case may be.