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XXVIII. ARGENTINE NON-BELLIGERENCY

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The American Ambassador at Buenos Aires, Argentina, reported on December 13, 1941 the issuance on that date by the Argentine Government of a decree declaring that the United States is not considered as a belligerent by Argentina in the state of war existing between the United States and Germany and Italy. The decree stated:

"In view of the communications received from the Embassies of the United States of America, Germany and Italy regarding the state of war existing among these nations, considering the terms of the decree issued by this government by a general ministerial resolution of the 9th instant in view of the war into which that American country has been drawn as a result of the aggression carried out against it and in accordance with the declarations and agreements applicable to the case under the terms of which the Argentine position is defined within principles of continental unity, the Vice President of the Argentine Nation exercising executive power decrees—Article 1: The position established by decree on the 9th instant is hereby extended to the state of war existing between the United States of America and Germany and Italy in so far as it declares that the Republic does not consider the United States of America in the situation of a belligerent country and there are hereby applied to Germany and Italy the provisions of the decree of neutrality issued through a ministerial resolution on September 4th, 1939."

XXIX. DECLARATIONS OF WAR