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Done at the National Palace of Guatemala, this 12th day of the month of August, of the year 1914.

MANUEL ESTRADA C.

The Secretary of State in the Department of Government and Justice:

J. M. REINA ANDRADE.

The Secretary of State in the Department of War:

LUIS OVALLE.

The Secretary of State in the Department of Public Education:

J. ED. GIRÓN.

For the Secretary of State in the Department of Finance:

JOAQUIN TORRES, *Under Secretary.*

For the Secretary of State in the Department of Public Works:

JOSE V. MEJIA, *Under Secretary.*

The Secretary of State in the Department of Foreign Affairs:

LUIS TOLEDO HERRARTE.

Neutrality decree, September 1, 1914, referring to Government decree No. 718 of August 12, 1914.

[El Guatemalteco, Official Gazette. Guatemala, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1914.]

PALACE OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER,

Guatemala, September 1, 1914.

The Government of the Republic having issued decree No. 718 of August 12 last, by which the neutrality of Guatemala is declared in the present war between several European nations; and

Whereas, it becomes necessary to take indispensable precautions to make neutrality effective regarding wireless communication in merchant vessels of belligerents in Guatemalan waters;

Therefore, the Constitutional President of the Republic, in order to execute the above-mentioned resolution, decrees:

That from this date all merchant vessels of the belligerent nations when in the territorial waters of Guatemala or upon entering into them shall dismantle their wireless installations during such time as they shall remain in these waters. Vessels not complying with these regulations shall be considered as armed ships, and orders shall be given them to leave Guatemalan waters in conformity to Convention No. 13 of The Hague, 1907.

Let it be communicated.

ESTRADA C.

The Secretary of State in the Department of Foreign Affairs:

LUIS TOLEDO HERRARTE.

HAYTI.

Declaration of neutrality, August 7, 1914.

[Rev. Gén., Doc. 22 : 177.]

War having unfortunately been declared between various powers of Europe with which the Republic of Hayti is at peace, the Government is under a duty to enforce the strictest neutrality during the entire duration of the conflict.

Conformably to the general principles of the law of nations, it is recommended to Haytians and to the nationals of powers at war not to commit on the national territory and surrounding maritime waters any act violating the neutrality of the Republic.

It is especially forbidden to make any demonstration in favor of or against one of the belligerents, to open recruiting stations, to arm vessels of war, or to furnish or aid in furnishing any means of war to any of the belligerents, under penalty of the laws.

Port au Prince, August 7, 1914.

ENOCH DESERT.

HONDURAS.

Declaration of neutrality, decree No. 38, October 5, 1914.

FRANCISCO BERTRAND, CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF HONDURAS.

Considering that he has been notified of the state of war declared between Germany, Austria-Hungary, Serbia, France, Great Britain, and Russia, European nations with which Honduras maintains friendly relations, and that the Government of this Republic has been requested by Great Britain to observe the laws of neutrality;

Therefore, in cabinet of ministers, decrees:

ARTICLE 1. The neutrality of Honduras is declared in the present European conflict.

ART. 2. The national authorities shall observe and cause to be observed the principles and rules concerning the rights and duties of the neutral powers and persons in case of war by land and sea, established by the Hague Conventions of October 8, 1907.

Done in Tegucigalpa, in the Executive Palace, the 5th day of October of 1914.

F. BERTRAND.

The Secretary of State in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Public Instruction:

MARIANO VASQUEZ.

The Secretary of State in the Department of Interior and Justice, acting:

FROYLAN TURCIOS.

The Secretary of State in the Department of Hacienda and Public Credit:

LEOPOLDO CORDOVA.

The Secretary of State in the Department of War and Navy:

FRANCISCO J. MEJIA.

The Secretary of State in the Department of Fomento, Public Works, and Agriculture, acting:

MANUEL S. LOPEZ.