

THE HAGUE DECLARATIONS OF 1899 (IV, 1) AND 1907 (XIV)  
PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF PROJECTILES  
AND EXPLOSIVES FROM BALLOONS

1899

DECLARATION (IV, 1) to prohibit for the term of five years the launching of projectiles and explosives from balloons, and other new methods of a similar nature.—Signed at The Hague, July 29, 1899.

The undersigned, plenipotentiaries of the Powers represented at the International Peace Conference at The Hague, duly authorized to that effect by their Governments, inspired by the sentiments which found expression in the Declaration of St. Petersburg of the 29th November (11th December), 1868,

Declare that:

The contracting Powers agree to prohibit, for a term of five years, the launching of projectiles and explosives from balloons, or by other new methods of similar nature.

1907

DECLARATION (XIV) prohibiting the discharge of projectiles and explosives from balloons.—Signed at The Hague, October 18, 1907.\*

The undersigned, plenipotentiaries of the Powers *invited to the Second International Peace Conference at The Hague, duly authorized to that effect by their Governments, inspired by the sentiments which found expression in the Declaration of St. Petersburg of the 29th November (11th December), 1868, and being desirous of renewing the declaration of The Hague of the 29th July, 1899, which has now expired,*

Declare:

The contracting Powers agree to prohibit, for a *period extending to the close of the Third Peace Conference*, the discharge of projectiles and explosives from balloons or by other new methods of a similar nature.

International  
Declaration.

Launching  
projectiles  
from balloons,  
etc., prohibited.

\*Italics indicate differences between the Declarations of 1899 and 1907.

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Powers bound.	The present Declaration is only binding on the contracting Powers in case of war between two or more of them.	The present Declaration is only binding on the contracting Powers in case of war between two or more of them.
Exemption.	It shall cease to be binding from the time when, in a war between the contracting Powers, one of the belligerents is joined by a non-contracting Power.	It shall cease to be binding from the time when, in a war between the contracting Powers, one of the belligerents is joined by a non-contracting Power.
Ratification.	The present Declaration shall be ratified as soon as possible.	The present Declaration shall be ratified as soon as possible.
Deposit at The Hague.	The ratifications shall be deposited at The Hague.	The ratifications shall be deposited at The Hague.
Certified copies to Powers	A procès-verbal shall be drawn up on the receipt of each ratification, of which a copy, duly certified, shall be sent through the diplomatic channel to all the contracting Powers.	A procès-verbal shall be drawn up recording the receipt of the ratifications, of which a duly certified copy shall be sent, through the diplomatic channel, to all the contracting Powers.
Adhesion of non-signatory Powers.	The non-signatory Powers may adhere to the present Declaration. For this purpose they must make their adhesion known to the contracting Powers by means of a written notification addressed to the Netherland Government, and communicated by it to all the other contracting Powers.	Non-signatory Powers may adhere to the present Declaration. To do so, they must make known their adhesion to the contracting Powers by means of a written notification, addressed to the Netherland Government, and communicated by it to all the other contracting Powers.
Denunciation.	In the event of one of the high contracting Parties denouncing the present Declaration, such denunciation shall not take effect until a year after the notification made in writing to the Netherland Government, and by it forthwith communicated to all the other contracting Powers.	In the event of one of the high contracting Parties denouncing the present Declaration, such denunciation shall not take effect until a year after the notification made in writing to the Netherland Government, and forthwith communicated by it to all the other contracting Powers.
Notifying Power only affected.	This denunciation shall only affect the notifying Power.	This denunciation shall only have effect in regard to the notifying Power.

## 1899

In faith of which the plenipotentiaries have signed the present Declaration, and affixed their seals thereto.

Done at The Hague, the 29th July, 1899, in a single copy, which shall be kept in the archives of the Netherland Government, and of which copies, duly certified, shall be sent through the diplomatic channel to the contracting Powers.

[Here follow signatures.]

## 1907

In faith whereof the plenipotentiaries have *appended their signatures* to the present Declaration.

Done at The Hague, the 18th October, 1907, in a single copy, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Netherland Government, and duly certified copies of which shall be sent, through the diplomatic channel, to the contracting Powers.

[Here follow signatures.]

Signing.

Deposit  
of original.

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 RATIFICATIONS, ADHESIONS AND RESERVATIONS

The 1899 Declaration was *ratified* by the following signatory Powers on the dates indicated:

Austria-Hungary . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Belgium . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Bulgaria . . . . .	September 4, 1900
China . . . . .	November 21, 1904
Denmark . . . . .	September 4, 1900
France . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Germany . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Greece . . . . .	April 4, 1901
Italy . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Japan . . . . .	October 6, 1900
Luxemburg . . . . .	July 12, 1901
Mexico . . . . .	April 17, 1901
Montenegro . . . . .	October 16, 1900
Netherlands . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Norway . . . . .	(See Sweden and Norway)
Persia . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Portugal . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Roumania . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Russia . . . . .	September 4, 1900

Servia . . . . .	May 11, 1901
Siam . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Spain . . . . .	September 4, 1900
Sweden and Norway . . . . .	September, 4, 1900
Switzerland . . . . .	December 29, 1900
United States . . . . .	September 4, 1900

*Adhesions:* none.

Power which signed but did not ratify: Turkey.

*Reservations:* none.

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**The 1907 Declaration** was *ratified* by the following signatory Powers on the dates indicated:

Belgium . . . . .	August 8, 1910
Bolivia . . . . .	November 27, 1909
Brazil . . . . .	January 5, 1914
China . . . . .	November 27, 1909
Great Britain . . . . .	November 27, 1909
Haiti . . . . .	February 2, 1910
Luxemburg . . . . .	September 5, 1912
Netherlands . . . . .	November 27, 1909
Norway . . . . .	September 19, 1910
Panama . . . . .	September 11, 1911
Portugal . . . . .	April 13, 1911
Salvador . . . . .	November 27, 1909
Siam . . . . .	March 12, 1910
Switzerland . . . . .	May 12, 1910
United States . . . . .	November 27, 1909

*Adhesions:*

Liberia . . . . .	February 4, 1914
Nicaragua . . . . .	December 16, 1909

The following Powers signed the Declaration but have not yet ratified:

Argentine Republic

Austria-Hungary

Bulgaria

Colombia

Cuba

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Greece

Persia

Peru

Turkey

Uruguay

*Reservations:* none.