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## CONSULAR FORMALITIES

At the twenty-second session, after a review of progress toward abolition of consular formalities, in which written and oral statements by some delegations were reviewed, it was decided to place this item on the agenda of the twenty-third session, and to ask countries still maintaining consular formalities to submit positive information on progress achieved by that time. These countries were urged to hasten the removal of such formalities.

Accordingly, the secretariat reminded the following countries, believed still to require consular formalities regularly, to submit reports in time for consideration by the twenty-third session:

Argentina	Peru
Brazil	Portugal
Dominican Republic	Spain
Haiti	Turkey
Nicaragua	Uruguay

The reports received in response to this enquiry are reproduced below.

## TURKEY

1. As will be remembered, the Turkish Government prepared two bills designed to eliminate fees paid for certificates of origin and legalization and to amend the existing provisions pertaining to procedures and legalizations. The first bill was adopted by the Parliament and came into force on 2 July 1964. The second bill although passed by the competent committees, was not finally enacted before the re-election of the Parliament and became nullified.
2. The Turkish Government has decided to reintroduce the second bill which would amend substantially the existing provisions by empowering the Ministry of Customs to lay down the conditions of legalization of certificates of origin by specified authorities.

3. The Turkish Government believes that the new bill, although nominally maintaining the institution of certificates of origin for goods imported into the country, will conform in all respect to the Standard Practices for consular formalities recommended by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

URUGUAY

The delegation of Uruguay has submitted, for the information of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the following text of a Decree of 2 December 1965 establishing new rates of exchange to be used exclusively in determining the value, in Uruguayan currency, of imports for purposes of calculating the applicable consular fees.

Decree of 2 December 1965

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of Article 17 of Law No. 11,924 of March 1933, which states that the Executive will from time to time fix the rate of exchange into Uruguayan pesos of the currency of each foreign country, to be used for calculating the amount, in stamps, of the proportional (percentage) charge provided for in the tariff of consular duties;

CONSIDERING:

(1) that at the present time it is necessary to adjust the conversion rates for foreign currencies into Uruguayan pesos, used for calculating the amount, in stamps, of the proportional (percentage) charge, so as to take account of fluctuations in foreign currencies in terms of Uruguayan pesos;

(2) that at the same time it is appropriate to regulate the situation caused by variations in currency matters;

(3) the overriding need to adjust the amount of charges and duties levied in foreign currencies to the real costs of the service;

HAVING REGARD

(1) to the rates quoted for foreign currencies in the free exchange market;

(2) to the earlier reports drawn up by the Ministry of External Relations and the Ministry of Finance,

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNMENT  
HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 - For the sole purpose of applying the tariff of consular duties which provides for proportional (percentage) charges, the equivalents to be used for the conversion of foreign currency values into Uruguayan currency values shall be those resulting from the rate for the United States dollar established for this purpose by the Bank of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, namely 55 Uruguayan pesos per United States dollar.

Article 2 - The provisions of this Decree shall take effect on 1 January 1966.

Article 3 - This Decree shall be communicated, published, etc.

Equivalents for the Conversion of Values in Foreign  
Currencies into Value in Uruguayan Currency

Peso (Argentina) = 0.289 Urug. pesos; pound (Australia) = 123.20 Urug. pesos.  
schilling (Austria) = 2.145 Urug. pesos; franc (Belgium) = 1.1055 Urug. pesos;  
franc (Luxemburg) = 1.1055 Urug. pesos; boliviano (Bolivia) = 4.675 Urug. pesos;  
cruzeiro (Brazil) = 0.025 Urug. pesos; dollar (Canada) = 50.875 Urug. pesos;  
escudo (Chile) = 23.485 Urug. pesos; peso (Colombia) = 5.5275 Urug. pesos;  
colon (Costa Rica) = 8.3105 Urug. pesos; peso (Cuba) = 55.00 Urug. pesos;  
krone (Denmark) = 7.795 Urug. pesos; peso (Dominican Republic) = 32.2025 Urug.  
pesos; sucre (Ecuador) = 3.091 Urug. pesos; colon (El Salvador) = 22.00 Urug.  
pesos; markka (Finland) = 17.32 Urug. pesos, franc (France) = 11.2255 Urug. pesos.  
mark (Germany) = 13.75 Urug. pesos; drachma (Greece) = 1.8425 Urug. pesos.  
quetzal (Guatemala) = 55.00 Urug. pesos; lempira (Honduras) = 27.50 Urug. pesos;  
pound (Great Britain) = 154.00 Urug. pesos, pound (Israel) = 18.70 Urug. pesos;  
lira (Italy) = 0.08855 Urug. pesos; pound (Lebanon) = 17.82 Urug. pesos;  
peso (Mexico) = 4.4055 Urug. pesos; pound (New Zealand) = 153.45 Urug. pesos;  
cordoba (Nicaragua) = 7.865 Urug. pesos; krone (Norway) = 7.70 Urug. pesos;  
balboa (Panama) = 55.00 Urug. pesos; guilder (Netherlands) = 15.2295 Urug. pesos;  
sol (Peru) = 2.0625 Urug. pesos, peso (Philippines) = 14.135 Urug. pesos;  
escudo (Portugal) = 1.9305 Urug. pesos; peseta (Spain) = 0.9212 Urug. pesos;  
krona (Sweden) = 10.714 Urug. pesos; franc (Switzerland) = 12.749 Urug. pesos;  
lira (Turkey) = 6.1105 Urug. pesos, dollar (United States of America) =  
55.00 Urug. pesos, bolivar (Venezuela) = 16.50 Urug. pesos; gourde (Haiti) =  
11.00 Urug. pesos; guarani (Paraguay) = 0.44 Urug. pesos.

