

Title: Exchange of notes between Peru and Bolivia establishing a joint commission for study of the Puno-Guaqui Railway line and joint use of the waters of Lake Titicaca

Parties: Bolivia, Peru

Basin: Lake Titicaca

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES¹ BETWEEN PERU AND BOLIVIA ESTABLISHING A JOINT COMMISSION FOR STUDY OF THE PUNO-GUAQUI RAILWAY LINE AND JOINT USE OF THE WATERS OF LAKE TITICACA. LA PAZ, 20 APRIL 1955

REPUBLIC of BOLIVIA

MINISTRY of FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP

La Paz, 20 April 1955

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Bolivia is in agreement with the Government of Peru concerning the usefulness of studying important questions of common interest the solution of which should effectively strengthen the economic ties between the two countries and further improve the friendly relations they now maintain.

For that purpose and in view of the need to organize and develop a coordinated technical plan for linking the Bolivian La Paz-Guaqui railway with the Peruvian Mollendo (Matarani)-Puno railway and utilizing the waters of Lake Titicaca, my Government has agreed with your Government as follows:

1. A joint Bolivian-Peruvian Commission shall be established for the purpose of preparing studies concerning the Puno-Guaqui railway line and the use of the waters of Lake Titicaca for hydroelectric and other mutually beneficial purposes.
2. The Joint Commission shall be composed of twelve members, six from each country, who shall be chosen as follows: two officials appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of each country, two railway experts and two hydroelectricity experts.
3. In order to carry out the functions assigned to it, the Joint Commission shall be divided into two sub-commissions, one for preparing the studies concerning the Pun-Guaqui railway line, and the other the studies concerning the use of the waters of Lake Titicaca.
4. The Commission shall meet at La Paz on a date agreed on by the two Governments in order to establish the rules under which it will function and to make whatever arrangements it considers desirable.
5. The sessions of the Joint Commission shall be held alternately at Lima and La Paz, and shall be presided over by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the country concerned or a person appointed by him.
6. The appointment of the members of the joint Bolivian-Peruvian Commission shall be made simultaneously by the two Governments twenty days after the date of signature of this note.

¹ Came into force on 20 April 1955 by exchange of the said Notes,

This note and your reply shall constitute evidence of the agreement reached by the two Governments.

EMBASSY OF PERU

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Peru is in agreement with the Government of Bolivia concerning the usefulness of studying important questions of common interest the solution of which should effectively strengthen the economic ties between the two countries and further improve the friendly relations they now maintain.

For that purpose and in view of the need to organize and develop a coordinated technical plan for linking the Peruvian Mollendo (Matarani)-Puno railway with the Bolivian La Paz-Guaqui railway and utilizing the waters of Lake Titicaca, my Government has agreed with your Government as follows: