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NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII:4 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification has been received from the delegation of Chile.

1. **Member notifying:** Chile
2. Notification under Article VII, paragraph 4, of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (recognition of diplomas).
3. **Date of entry into force/duration:**
 - "Convención sobre Ejercicio de Profesiones Liberales" (Agreement on the Exercise of Professions), signed by Chile and Uruguay in 1916 and published in the Diario Oficial (Official Journal) of 4 December 1918.
 - "Convenio sobre Mutuo Reconocimiento de Exámenes y Títulos Profesionales entre Chile y Ecuador" (Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Examinations and Diplomas between Chile and Ecuador) of 1917, published in the Diario Oficial (Official Journal) of 16 July 1937; complemented by exchanges of notes on 6 and 18 May 1987, published in the Diario Oficial (Official Journal) on 17 August 1988.
 - "Convención sobre Ejercicio de Profesiones Liberales" (Agreement on the Exercise of Professions), signed between Colombia and Chile in 1921 and published in the Diario Oficial (Official Journal) of 11 July 1922.
 - "Convenio Cultural entre Chile y España" (Cultural Agreement between Chile and Spain) of 1967, published in the Diario Oficial (Official Journal) of 19 June 1969.
 - "Convenio de Intercambio Cultural entre el Gobierno de la República de Chile y el Gobierno de la República del Perú" (Agreement on Cultural Exchange between the Government of the Republic of Chile and the Government of the Republic of Peru) of 1978 published in the Diario Oficial (Official Journal) of 30 September 1978.
 - "Convenio de Cooperación Cultural y Científica entre el Gobierno de la República de Chile y el Gobierno de la República Federativa de Brasil" (Agreement on Cultural and Scientific Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Chile and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil) of 1976, published in the Diario Oficial (Official Journal) of 1 February 1979.

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- "Convención de México sobre ejercicio de profesiones liberales" (Mexico Agreement on the Exercise of Professions), signed in Mexico on 28 January 1902 and published in the Diario Oficial (Official Journal) of 2 July 1909. This Agreement has been ratified by the following countries: Costa Rica, Peru, Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Chile, El Salvador and Guatemala.

4. Agencies responsible for implementation and enforcement of the measures:

The University of Chile has the exclusive right to recognize, confirm and accredit professional diplomas granted abroad, without prejudice to the provisions contained in international agreements (Decree with Force of Law by the Ministry of Education No. 153/81, Article 3). Since 1 April 1994, the national authority responsible for recognizing foreign professional diplomas subject to international agreements has been the Chief of the Higher Education Division of the Ministry of Education.

5. Description of the measures:

If the foreign diploma has been granted in a country signatory to an international bilateral or multilateral instrument to which Chile is also a State party the diploma will be recognized in Chile. This recognition is founded on the reciprocal trust among the States Parties, which is based on the nature and type of educational institutions in the countries concerned, as well as the equivalence and similarity of study programmes and plans.

6. Members specifically affected:

The States parties to the Agreements referred to under Section 3: Uruguay, Ecuador, Colombia, Spain, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala.

7. The full texts of the treaties are available from:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of Legal Affairs (address: Morandé 441, Santiago, Chile); and
- Ministry of Education (address: Av. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 1371, Santiago, Chile).