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*Recognition of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia by South and Central American States*

*Summary*

Three years after the establishment of the joint state, the Government of the Kingdom of Serb, Croats and Slovenians informed South American states of this act and sought recognition. The reasons for such late sending of the note were to be found in the fact that the Government was convinced that recognition of the Kingdom by the big powers and other European countries regulated by itself the issue of international recognition. Thus it was expected that other sovereign states in the world, most of which were on the South American continent, would automatically simply accept it. The reason this problem came to light was a request of the Government of the KSCS to the Argentinean Government to allow the opening of a consular office to offer services in the region, above all, to immigrants from the Kingdom. In principle, the Argentinean Government responded positively to this request, but it requested that beforehand the KSCS sought recognition from the Argentinean Government. This issue was needlessly prolonged all until dissatisfaction of Yugoslav immigrants grew in Argentina but also in other South American states due to the fact that they did not have a Consular office protecting their interests and that forced the Government of the KSCS to send at the end of 1921 and beginning of 1922 a request for recognition to South American states. Positive responses finally regulated the issue.