

## Agreement between the Allies on Control Machinery in Germany (London, 14 November 1944)

**Caption:** On 14 November 1944, in London, the governments of the United States, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union sign an agreement on Control Machinery in the occupation zones of defeated Germany.

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## Agreement on Control Machinery in Germany, Adopted by the European Advisory Commission, November 14, 1944

The Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have reached the following Agreement with regard to the organisation of the Allied control machinery in Germany in the period during which Germany will be carrying out the basic requirements of unconditional surrender:—

### Article 1

Supreme authority in Germany will be exercised, on instructions from their respective Governments, by the Commanders-in-Chief of the armed forces of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, each in his own zone of occupation, and also jointly, in matters affecting Germany as a whole, in their capacity as members of the supreme organ of control constituted under the present Agreement.

### Article 2

Each Commander-in-Chief in his zone of occupation will have attached to him military, naval and air representatives of the other two Commanders-in-chief for liaison duties.

### Article 3

(a) The three Commanders-in-Chief, acting together as a body, will constitute a supreme organ of control called the Control Council.

(b) The functions of the Control Council will be:—

(i) to ensure appropriate uniformity of action by the Commanders-in-Chief in their respective zones of occupation;

(ii) to initiate plans and reach agreed decisions on the chief military, political, economic and other questions affecting Germany as a whole, on the basis of instructions received by each Commander-in-Chief from his Government;

(iii) to control the German central administration, which will operate under the direction of the Control Council and will be responsible to it for ensuring compliance with its demands;

(iv) to direct the administration of “Greater Berlin” through appropriate organs.

(c) The Control Council will meet at least once in ten days; and it will meet at any time upon request of any one of its members. Decisions of the Control Council shall be unanimous. The chairmanship of the Control Council will be held in rotation by each of its three members.

(d) Each member of the Control Council will be assisted by a political adviser, who will, when necessary, attend meetings of the Control Council. Each member of the Control Council may also, when necessary, be assisted at meetings of the Council by naval or air advisers.

### Article 4

A permanent Co-ordinating Committee will be established under the Control Council, composed of one representative of each of the three Commanders-in-Chief, not below the rank of General Officer or the equivalent rank in the naval or air forces. Members of the Co-ordinating Committee will, when necessary, attend meetings of the Control Council.

**Article 5**

The duties of the Co-ordinating Committee, acting on behalf of the Control Council and through the Control Staff, will include:—

- (a) the carrying out of the decisions of the Control Council;
- (b) the day-to-day supervision and control of the activities of the German central administration and institutions;
- (c) the co-ordination of current problems which call for uniform measures in all three zones;
- (d) the preliminary examination and preparation for the Control Council of all questions submitted by individual Commanders-in-Chief.

**Article 6**

(a) The members of the Control Staff appointed by their respective national authorities, will be organized in the following Divisions:—

Military; Naval; Air; Transport; Political; Economic; Finance; Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution; Internal Affairs and Communications; Legal; Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons; Man-power.

Adjustments in the number and functions of the Divisions may be made in the light of experience.

(b) At the head of each Division there will be three high-ranking officials, one from each Power. The duties of the three heads of each Division, acting jointly, will include:—

- (i) exercising control over the corresponding German Ministries and German central institutions;
  - (ii) acting as advisers to the Control Council and, when necessary, attending meetings thereof;
  - (iii) transmitting to the German central administration the decisions of the Control Council, communicated through the Co-ordinating Committee.
- (c) The three heads of a Division will take part in meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee at which matters affecting the work of their Division are on the agenda.
- (d) The staffs of the Divisions may include civilian as well as military personnel. They may also, in special cases, include nationals of other United Nations, appointed in their personal capacity.

**Article 7**

(a) An Inter-Allied Governing Authority (Kommandatura) consisting of three Commandants, one from each Power, appointed by their respective Commanders-in-Chief, will be established to direct jointly the administration of the "Greater Berlin" area. Each of the Commandants will serve in rotation, in the position of Chief Commandant, as head of the Inter-Allied Governing Authority.

(b) A Technical Staff, consisting of personnel of each of the three Powers, will be established under the Inter-Allied Governing Authority, and will be organised to serve the purpose of supervising and controlling

the activities of the local organs of “Greater Berlin” which are responsible for its municipal services.

(c) The Inter-Allied Governing Authority will operate under the general direction of the Control Council and will receive orders through the Co-ordinating Committee.

#### **Article 8**

The necessary liaison with the Governments of other United Nations chiefly interested will be ensured by the appointment of such Governments of military missions (which may include civilian members) to the Control Council, having access, through the appropriate channels, to the organs of control.

#### **Article 9**

United Nations’ organisations which may be admitted by the Control Council to operate in Germany will, in respect to their activities in Germany, be subordinate to the Allied control machinery and answerable to it.

#### **Article 10**

The Allied organs for the control and administration of Germany outlined above will operate during the initial period of the occupation of Germany immediately following surrender, that is, the period when Germany is carrying out the basic requirements of unconditional surrender.

#### **Article 11**

The question of the Allied organs required for carrying out the functions of control and administration in Germany in a later period will be the subject of a separate Agreement between the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The above text of the Agreement on Control Machinery in Germany between the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has been prepared and unanimously adopted by the Representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the European Advisory Commission at a meeting held on 14th November, 1944, and is now submitted to their respective Governments for approval.

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