

## Tripartite Declaration on Austria (Moscow, 1 November 1943)

**Caption:** On 1 November 1943, in the Tripartite Declaration made in Moscow, the British, Soviet and US Allies assert that 'Austria, the first free country to fall a victim to Hitlerite aggression, shall be liberated from German domination' and regain full and complete independence.

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The Governments of the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and the United States of America are agreed that Austria, the first free country to fall a victim to Hitlerite aggression, shall be liberated from German domination.

They regard the annexation imposed upon Austria by Germany on March 15th 1938, as null and void. They consider themselves as in no way bound by any changes effected in Austria since that date. They declare that they wish to see reestablished a free and independent Austria, and thereby to open the way for the Austrian people themselves, as well as those neighboring states which will be faced with similar problems, to find that political and economic security which is the only basis for lasting peace.

Austria is reminded, however, that she has a responsibility which she cannot evade for participation in the war on the side of Hitlerite Germany, and that in the final settlement account will inevitably be taken of her own contribution to her liberation.