

the preceding sentence within accommodation made available for its use as well as to its members, members of its civilian component and dependents provided that neither public health (Oeffentliche Gesundheit) nor the cultivation of plants is endangered thereby."

ARTICLE 31

Following Article 54 of the Supplementary Agreement, the following new Article 54A shall be added:

"Article 54A

1. The sending States recognize and acknowledge the importance of environmental protection in the context of all the activities of their forces within the Federal Republic.

2. Without prejudice to the respect for and application of German law pursuant to the present Agreement, the authorities of a force and of a civilian component shall examine as early as possible the environmental compatibility of all projects. In this context they shall identify, analyse and evaluate potential effects of environmentally significant projects on persons, animals, plants, soil, water, air, climate and landscape, including interactions among them, as well as on cultural and other property. The objective of the examination shall be to avoid environmental burdens and, where detrimental effects are unavoidable, to offset them by taking appropriate restorative or balancing measures. In this connection, the authorities of a force and of a civilian component may call upon the assistance of German civil and military authorities."

ARTICLE 32

Before Article 55 of the Supplementary Agreement the following new Article 54B shall be added:

"Article 54B

The authorities of a force and of a civilian component shall ensure that only fuels, lubricants and additives that are low-pollutant in accordance with German environmental regulations are used in the operation of aircraft, vessels and motor vehicles, insofar as such use is compatible with the technical requirements of such aircraft, vessels and motor vehicles. They shall further ensure that, with respect to passenger and utility motor vehicles, especially in the case of new vehicles, the German rules and regulations for the