January 10, 1959.

Text of draft peace treaty distributed by the Soviet Union as an attachment to Soviet Notes of January 10, 1959, relating to proposals for a peace conference on Germany. Notes were sent to 28 countries, including Canada. In all cases, the draft peace treaty was the same. (This text, along with the Soviet Note to Canada on January 10, 1959, was tabled in the House of Commons on February 9, 1959)

PEACE TREATY WITH GERMANY

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the French Republic, Australia, the People's Republic of Albania, Belgium, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, Brazil, the Hungarian People's Republic, Greece, Denmark, India, Italy, Canada, the People's Republic of China, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Polish People's Republic, the Rumanian People's Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Finland, the Czechoslovak Republic, the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia, and the Union of South Africa, as states which took part with their armed forces in the war against Germany, and hereinafter referred to as "the Allied and Associated Powers", on the one hand,

and Germany, now represented by the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany (or in case a German Confederation is set up by the time the peace treaty is signed, the German Confederation, and also the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany) of the other part;

noting that there is no further justification for the continuation of the profoundly abnormal situation when, 14 years after the ending of hostilities, foreign troops remain in the territory of Germany and the German nation is still deprived of the right to fully exercise its state sovereignty, to maintain equal relations with the other states and is outside the United Nations;

guided by the desire to implement in the prevailing conditions the principal propositions stipulated by the documents of the anti-Hitlerite coalition and particularly the Potsdam Agreement;