

These considerations lead to the following practical proposals:

1. The Free City of Danzig shall return to the German Reich in view of its purely German character, as well as of the unanimous will of its population.

2. The territory of the so-called Corridor which extends from the Baltic Sea to the line of the Marienwerde—Graudenz-Kulk-Bromberg (inclusive) and thence may run in a westerly direction to Schonlanke, shall itself decide whether it shall belong to Germany or Poland.

3. For this purpose a plebiscite shall take place in this territory. The following shall be entitled to vote: All Germans who were either domiciled in this territory on the above day (the 14th of January, 1918), or were born there up to that day and similarly Poles, Kashubes, etc. Germans who have been driven from this territory shall return to it in order to exercise their vote with a view of ensuring an objective plebiscite and also with a view to ensuring the extensive preparation necessary therefor. The above territory shall, as in the case of the Saar territory, be placed under the supervision of an international commission to be formed immediately on which shall be represented the four great powers—Italy, Soviet Union, France and England. This commission shall exercise all rights of sovereignty in this territory. With this end in view, the territory shall be evacuated within a period of utmost brevity still to be agreed upon, by the Polish armed forces, Polish police and Polish authorities.

4. The Polish port of Gdynia, which fundamentally constitutes Polish sovereign territory, so far as it is confined territorially to a Polish settlement shall be excluded from the above territory. The exact frontiers of this Polish port should be determined between Germany and Poland and, if necessary, delimited by an international committee of arbitration.

5. With a view to assuring the necessary time for execution of the extensive work involved in carrying out of a just plebiscite, this plebiscite shall not take place before the expiry of 12 months.

6. In order to guarantee unrestricted communication between Germany and East Prussia and between Poland and the sea during this period, roads and railways shall be established to render free transit traffic possible. In this connection, only such taxes as are necessary for the maintenance of means of communication and for provision of transport may be levied.

7. The question as to the party to which the area belongs is to be decided by a simple majority of the votes recorded.

8. In order to guarantee to Germany free communication with her province of Danzig and East Prussia, and to Poland her connection with the sea, after execution of the plebiscite—regardless of the results thereof—Germany shall in the event of the plebiscite area going to Poland receive an extraterritorial traffic zone, approximately in a line from