

PART VI

FINAL CLAUSES

ARTICLE XLIII

With the coming into force of the present peace treaty Germany shall be freed of all obligations under international treaties and agreements which were concluded by the Government of the German Democratic Republic and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany prior to the coming into force of the present treaty, which stand in contradiction to the provisions of the peace treaty.

ARTICLE XLIV

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or execution of the present treaty which is not settled by direct diplomatic negotiations or in any other way by agreement between the parties to the dispute shall be referred to a commission composed of representatives of the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, France, the German Democratic Republic, and the Federal Republic of Germany. Any such dispute not resolved by the commission for the settlement of this dispute within a period of two months shall, unless the parties to the dispute mutually agree upon another means of settlement, be referred to a commission composed of one representative of each party and a third member selected by mutual agreement of the two sides from the nationals of a third country.

ARTICLE XLV

The present treaty shall be ratified and come into force immediately upon the deposit of instruments of ratification by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by the United States of America, by France and Germany. With respect to every country which will subsequently ratify the present treaty or accede to it, the treaty will come into force upon the deposit of instruments of ratification or accession by this state.

2. If the treaty does not come into force within ten months after the date of deposit of Germany's instruments of ratification, any state which has ratified it may enforce the treaty between itself and Germany by notifying thereof Germany and the depository state within three years from the deposit of instruments of ratification by Germany.