

**AGREEMENT FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES ARISING UNDER  
ARTICLE 15 (a) OF THE TREATY OF PEACE WITH JAPAN**

The Governments of the Allied Powers signatory to this Agreement and the Japanese Government desiring, in accordance with Article 22 of the Treaty of Peace with Japan signed at San Francisco on September 8, 1951, to establish procedures for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation and execution of Article 15 (a) of the Treaty have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

In any case where an application for the return of property, rights, or interests has been filed in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 (a) of the Treaty of Peace, the Japanese Government shall within six months from the date of such application, inform the Government of the Allied Power of the action taken with respect to such application. In any case where a claim for compensation has been submitted by the Government of an Allied Power to the Government of Japan in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 (a) of the Treaty and the Allied Powers Property Compensation Law (Japanese Law No. 264, 1951), the Japanese Government shall inform the Government of the Allied Power of its Action with respect to each claim within eighteen months from the date of submission of the claim. If the Government of an Allied Power is not satisfied with the action taken by the Japanese Government with respect to an application for the return of property, rights, or interests, or with respect to a claim for compensation, the Government of the Allied Power, within six months after it has been advised by the Japanese Government of such action, may refer such claim or application for final determination to a commission appointed as hereinafter provided.

**ARTICLE II**

A commission for the purpose of this Agreement shall be appointed upon request to the Japanese Government made in writing by the Government of an Allied Power and shall be composed of three members; one, appointed by the Government of the Allied Power, one, appointed by the Japanese Government, and the third, appointed by mutual agreement of the two Governments. Each commission shall be known as the (name of the Allied Power concerned) —Japanese Property Commission.

**ARTICLE III**

The Japanese Government may appoint the same person to serve on two or more commissions; Provided, however, that if, in the opinion of the Government of the Allied Power, the service of the Japanese member on another commission or commissions unduly delays the work of the commission, the Japanese Government shall upon the request of the Government of the Allied Power appoint a new member. The Government of an Allied Power and the Japanese Government may agree to appoint as a third member, a person serving as a third member on other commissions; Provided, however, that if, in the opinion of either the Government of the Allied Power or the Japanese