

ceases to be open for acceptance in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 (b) of Annex I and of Article 15 of the present Agreement.

(3) The acceptance of an offer of settlement or an assent to a settlement by the creditor in respect of a debt in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of the present Agreement shall effect an interruption of periods of prescription and preclusive periods of limitation for the assertion of a claim respecting such debt.

(4) The periods referred to in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this Article shall not include periods for the lodging of an appeal against the decision of a court, arbitral body or an administrative authority, periods covered by Section 12, paragraph 3, of the German Law on Insurance Contracts, or periods provided by the German Laws on the Validation of Bonds.

(5) The above provisions shall apply whether the periods have been established by German or other law, by order of a court, of an arbitral body or of an administrative authority, by contract or other legal act. The Federal Republic of Germany will ensure that they are applied in German courts even though the obligation is one which, as to its content, is governed by foreign law.

#### ARTICLE 19

##### *Subsidiary Agreements*

(1) Agreements resulting from the negotiations provided for in—

- (a) Paragraph 11 of Annex I to the present Agreement (Græco-German Mixed Arbitral Tribunal Claims);
- (b) Paragraph 15 of Annex I to the present Agreement (Liability in respect of Austrian Governmental Debts);
- (c) Article 10 of Annex IV to the present Agreement (Payments into the Deutsche Verrechnungskasse);
- (d) Sub-Annex to Annex IV to the present Agreement (Swiss Franc Land Charges);

shall be submitted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (after its approval, where appropriate) for the approval of the Governments of the French Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

(2) Each such agreement shall enter into force, and shall be treated for all purposes as an Annex to the present Agreement, when it is approved by these Governments. A notification to this effect shall be communicated to all the Parties to the present Agreement by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

#### ARTICLE 20

##### *Reich Debts owing under Multilateral Agreements*

Payments in respect of debts of the Reich or of an agency of the Reich arising out of unpaid contributions or services rendered under the terms of multilateral international agreements or of the statutes of an international organisation are not prohibited by the terms of the present Agreement. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany will, at the request of the interested creditors, enter into direct negotiations with regard to these debts.

#### ARTICLE 21

##### *Renewal of Annex III Agreement*

Annex III to the present Agreement shall be treated as including any agreement or agreements which may be entered into after the date of the