

PART V

REPARATION AND RESTITUTION

Article 22

1. Losses caused to the Soviet Union by military operations and by the occupation by Roumania of Soviet territory shall be made good by Roumania to the Soviet Union, but, taking into consideration that Roumania has not only withdrawn from the war against the United Nations, but has declared and, in fact, waged war against Germany, it is agreed that compensation for the above losses will be made by Roumania not in full but only in part, namely in the amount of \$300,000,000 payable over eight years from September 12, 1944, in commodities (oil products, grain, timber, seagoing and river craft, sundry machinery and other commodities).

2. The basis of calculation for the settlement provided in this Article will be the United States dollar at its gold parity on the day of the signing of the Armistice Agreement, i.e. \$35 for one ounce of gold.

Article 23

1. Roumania accepts the principles of the United Nations Declaration of January 5, 1943, and shall return property removed from the territory of any of the United Nations.

2. The obligation to make restitution applies to all identifiable property at present in Roumania which was removed by force or duress by any of the Axis Powers from the territory of any of the United Nations, irrespective of any subsequent transactions by which the present holder of any such property has secured possession.

3. The Government entitled to restitution and the Roumanian Government may conclude agreements which will replace the provisions of the present Article.

4. The Roumanian Government shall return the property referred to in this Article in good order and, in this connection, shall bear all costs in Roumania relating to labour, materials and transport.

5. The Roumanian Government shall co-operate with the United Nations, and shall provide at its own expense all necessary facilities for, the search for and restitution of property liable to restitution under this Article.

6. The Roumanian Government shall take the necessary measures to effect the return of property covered by this Article held in any third country by persons subject to Roumanian jurisdiction.

7. Claims for the restitution of property shall be presented to the Roumanian Government by the Government of the country from whose territory the property was removed, it being understood that rolling stock shall be regarded as having been removed from the territory to which it originally belonged. The period during which such claims may be presented shall be six months from the coming into force of the present Treaty.

8. The burden of identifying the property and of proving ownership shall rest on the claimant Government, and the burden of proving that the property was not removed by force or duress shall rest on the Roumanian Government.