

to a considerable degree in an effort to improve the plan and to clarify the language. It is the hope of my government that your government will share the opinion that the text submitted herewith is now in the form in which it will be most acceptable to all of the governments which have been giving consideration to this matter. Many governments have stressed the urgent need of prompt action on the lines proposed. The Government of the United States fully shares this sense of urgency and is taking the initiative therefore in placing before each of the governments concerned the following specific proposals:

1. That each government inform the government of the United States at the earliest possible moment whether it is prepared to sign the draft agreement in the form in which it is now presented.

2. That each government also inform the Government of the United States as to whether it is prepared to sign the Agreement without any reservation under Article IX. It is hoped that all governments can take this action so that the Agreement may enter into force immediately after signature with respect to all signing governments.

3. That each government appoint a representative with full power and authority to join with the representatives of the other governments in signing the Agreement at the White House in Washington on or about November 9.

4. That each government select in advance its representative on the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration which will be brought into existence by signature of the Agreement, and such alternates, advisers and assistants to this representative as it shall wish to have present at the first session of the council.

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