

## ARTICLE XIV

1. Materials, supplies, equipment and services which are required from local sources for the support of the United Nations forces and the procurement of which may have an adverse effect on the economy of Japan shall be procured in co-ordination with, and, when desirable, through or with the assistance of, the competent authorities of Japan.

2. Disputes arising out of contracts concerning the procurement of materials, supplies, equipment, services and labour by or for the United Nations forces, which are not resolved by the parties to the contract concerned, may be submitted to the Joint Board for conciliation, provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not prejudice any right which the parties to the contract may have to file a suit.

3. Materials, supplies, equipment and services procured for official purposes in Japan by the United Nations forces, or by authorized procurement agencies of the United Nations forces upon appropriate certification by the authorities of such forces shall be exempt from the following Japanese taxes:

- (a) Commodity tax
- (b) Travelling tax
- (c) Gasoline tax
- (d) Electricity and gas tax

Materials, supplies, equipment and services procured for ultimate use by the United Nations forces shall be exempt from commodity and gasoline taxes upon appropriate certification by the United Nations forces. With respect to any present or future Japanese taxes not specifically referred to in this Article which might be found to constitute a significant and readily identifiable part of the gross purchase price of materials, supplies, equipment and services procured by the United Nations forces, Japan and the United Nations forces will agree upon a procedure for granting such exemption or relief therefrom as is consistent with the purposes of this Article.

4. Except as such disposal may be authorized by the Japanese authorities and the United Nations forces in accordance with mutually agreed conditions, goods purchased in Japan exempt from taxes referred to in the preceding paragraph shall not be disposed of in Japan to persons not entitled to purchase such goods exempt from such taxes.

5. Neither members of the United Nations forces or of the civilian components nor their dependents shall by reason of this Article enjoy any exemption from taxes or similar charges relating to personal purchases of goods and services in Japan chargeable under Japanese legislation.

6. Local labour requirements of the United Nations forces shall be satisfied with the assistance of the Japanese authorities.

7. The obligations for the withholding and payment of income tax, local inhabitant tax and social security contributions, and, except as may otherwise be mutually agreed, the conditions of employment and work, such as those relating to wages and supplementary payments, the conditions for the protection of workers, and the rights of workers concerning labour relations shall be those laid down by the legislation of Japan.