

UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATIONREVISED DRAFT OF AGREEMENT ON CONTROL MACHINERY(October 3rd, 1944)

The Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have reached the following agreement with regard to the organisation of the Allied control machinery in Germany in the period during which Germany will be carrying out the basic requirements of unconditional surrender:-

1. Supreme authority in Germany will be exercised, on instructions from their respective governments, by the Commanders-in-Chief of the armed forces of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, each in his own zone of occupation, and also jointly, in matters affecting Germany as a whole, in their capacity as members of the supreme organ of control constituted under the present agreement.

2. Each Commander-in-Chief in his zone of occupation will have attached to him military, naval and air representatives of the other two Commanders-in-Chief for liaison duties.

3. (a) The three Commanders-in-Chief, sitting together as a body, will constitute a supreme organ of control called the Control Council.

(b) The function of the Control Council will be:-

- (i) to ensure uniformity of action by the Commanders-in-Chief in their respective zones of occupation;
- (ii) to initiate plans and reach agreed decisions on the chief military, political, economic and other questions affecting Germany as a whole, on the basis of instructions received by each Commander-in-Chief from his Government;
- (iii) to control the German central administration, which will operate under the direction of the Control Council and will be responsible to it for ensuring compliance with its demands.

(c) The Control Council will meet at least once in ten days; and it will meet at any time upon request of any one of its members. Decisions of the Control Council shall be unanimous. The chairmanship of the Control Council will be held in rotation by each of its three members.

(d) Each member of the Control Council will be assisted by a political, a naval, and an air adviser. Such advisers will, when necessary, attend meetings of the Control Council.

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