

6. The movement across the Demarcation Line and the entry into the Demilitarized Zones of persons not directly concerned with the administration of the zones are governed by Articles 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Agreement and are closely regulated by a Protocol signed by the two High Commands in September 1954 (Decisions Nos. 6 and 11). This Protocol provides for the practical implementation of these Articles including the establishment of a permit system. Different types of permits are prescribed for the crossing of the Demarcation Line and for the entry of persons into the Demilitarized Zones. These permits are, according to Decision No. 11, to be issued by the Joint Sub-Commission in the Demilitarized Zone and have to be endorsed by the two parties represented therein.

7. However, the actual implementation of the provisions of Decision No. 11 relating to their permit system has been far from satisfactory. The French High Command has since November 1955 unilaterally introduced certain innovations which have resulted in stopping the movement of permit-holders across the Demarcation Line into the Southern Demilitarized Zone. They are required, at the points of crossing on the southern side of the Demarcation Line, to deposit the permits issued by the Joint Sub-Commission in the Demilitarized Zone and to take temporary ones to move within the Southern Demilitarized Zone. They are required to re-cross at the same point in order to collect the original permit even though