

Protocol Note to Paragraph 3 of the Exchange of Notes

In granting the approval necessary in accordance with paragraph 3 of the exchange of Notes of 12 September 1994 to the Agreement of 19 June 1951 between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces, the Supplementary Agreement of 3 August 1959, and the Agreements related thereto, German authorities shall apply as generous criteria as possible.

In granting approval for official activities in the Laender Berlin, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia, German authorities shall, as far as possible, apply *mutatis mutandis* the same technical procedures as those applicable in the Laender Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, Bremen, Hamburg, Hesse, Lower Saxony, North-Rhine/Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland and Schleswig-Holstein. In cases in which no suitable procedures exist, German authorities shall apply simple technical procedures or, as far as possible, issue a general approval.

Official visits to the Embassies and consular missions of the sending States in the Laender Berlin, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia are on the basis of reciprocity not subject to approval. Approval for official visits to German authorities in Berlin shall be deemed to have been given when an appointment is agreed.