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ANNEX II

MANDATE for the Administration of the former German Islands in the Pacific Ocean lying North of the Equator, conferred upon His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, confirmed and defined by the Council of the League of Nations - Geneva, 17th December, 1920.

The Council of the League of Nations:

Whereas, by Article 119 of the Treaty of Peace with Germany, signed at Versailles on the 28th June, 1918, Germany renounced in favour of the Principal Allied and Associated Powers all her rights over her overseas possessions, including therein the group of islands in the Pacific Ocean lying north of the Equator; and

Whereas the Principal Allied and Associated Powers agreed that in accordance with Article 22, Part I (Covenant of the League of Nations), the said Treaty, a Mandate should be conferred upon His Majesty the Emperor of Japan to administer the said islands, and have proposed that the Mandate should be formulated in the following terms; and

Whereas His Majesty the Emperor of Japan has agreed to accept the Mandate in respect of the said islands, and has undertaken to exercise it on behalf of the League of Nations in accordance with the following provisions; and

Whereas, by the afore-mentioned Article 22, paragraph 8, it is provided that the degree of authority; control or administration to be exercised by the Mandatory, not having been previously agreed upon by the members of the League, shall be explicitly defined by the Council of the League of Nations:

Confirming the said Mandate, defines its terms as follows:-

ART. 1. The islands over which a Mandate is conferred upon His Majesty the Emperor of Japan (hereinafter called the Mandatory), comprise all the former German islands situated in the Pacific Ocean and lying north of the Equator.

2. The Mandatory shall have full power of administration and legislation over the territory subject to such local modifications as circumstances may require.

The Mandatory shall promote to the utmost the material and moral well-being and the social progress of the inhabitants of the territory subject to the present Mandate.

3. The Mandatory shall see that the slave trade is prohibited and that no forced labour is permitted, except for essential public works and services, and then only for adequate remuneration.

The Mandatory shall also see that the traffic in arms and ammunition is controlled in accordance with principles analogous to those laid down in the Convention relating to the control of the arms traffic, signed on the 10th September, 1919, or in any convention amending same.