

Such material and supplies shall be admitted under temporary or permanent Customs exemption on the following conditions:—

- (a) The equipment, as well as the means of air, land or water transport imported by the Commission shall be admitted into French territory on the strength of a temporary Customs clearance granted without bond, valid for two years and renewable. These clearances shall be returned to the Customs Service, and discharged when the equipment and means of transport are finally re-exported.
- (b) All objects and products intended for use in the construction, decoration or maintenance of cemeteries, graves or memorials and for any other operation of the Commission covered by the present Agreement, shall, at the time of their importation, be the subject of a Customs clearance granted without bond, which shall be sent back to the office of origin after being endorsed either by the responsible official of the Commission (the name of this official must previously have been communicated to the Administration of the French Customs) or by the Municipal Authority of the place of destination, or by the authority responsible for the cemetery, with a note to the effect that the objects and products in question have been put to their proper use. Any object or product in this category which is no longer required for the purposes of the Commission shall be re-exported or subjected to Customs charges.

ARTICLE 11

The French Government is prepared, within the framework of the existing regulations, to grant all necessary movement facilities to Commonwealth personnel of the Commission to enable them to enter and leave French territory. The Commission shall have the right to recruit and to employ any local French labour which may be necessary and undertakes to ensure the payment of wages, allowances and social security charges on behalf of any persons so employed in accordance with the scales and regulations in force.

ARTICLE 12

In place of the Mixed Franco-British Committee constituted by the Commission in conformity with the provisions of Article 6 of the 1918 Agreement, the Commission shall appoint a Joint Committee entitled the "Commonwealth-French Joint Committee" to represent the Commission in French territory in dealing with the civil and military authorities concerned, and in particular to exercise in the Commission's name any or all of the rights granted to it by the present Agreement. This Committee shall be competent to perform in the name of the Commission, and within the limits of the powers delegated by the latter, all civil acts necessary to enable it to fulfil its purposes.

ARTICLE 13

The Committee mentioned in the previous Article shall consist of not more than twenty members, including eight honorary members and twelve official members, and shall be composed in equal numbers under each heading of representatives of France on the one hand, and of the Commonwealth countries on the other. The French honorary members, who shall be chosen among notable personalities in the Navy, the Army, the Air Force, literary, scientific or artistic circles, shall be nominated by the Commission, their names having been proposed by the French Government and presented through the diplomatic channel. The French official members shall be chosen by virtue