

4. The authorities of the force shall issue firearms certificates only to persons as to whose reliability there is no reasonable doubt. They shall sympathetically examine requests by the German authorities for withdrawal of such certificates and shall withdraw a firearms certificate if it is established that the holder has misused his firearm or if reasonable doubt exists as to his reliability.

#### ARTICLE 13

1. Except where expressly provided otherwise, international agreements or other provisions in force in the Federal territory concerning social security, including social and medical assistance, shall not apply to members of a force or of a civilian component or to dependents. However, rights and obligations of such persons in the field of social security which have arisen during previous presence in the Federal territory remain unaffected. Furthermore, the fact that a person belongs to one of the categories referred to in the preceding sentences shall not preclude the possibility of his paying contributions to the German social security (soziale Kranken- und Rentenversicherung) for the purpose of continuing insurance on a voluntary basis (Weiterverssicherung) nor the possibility of his acquiring and asserting rights deriving from existing insurance.

2. Nothing in this Article shall affect the obligations of a member of a force or of a civilian component or of a dependent in the capacity of an employer.

#### ARTICLE 14

Where a member of a force, of a civilian component or a dependent is granted exemption from the production of a certificate of eligibility to marry, the fee payable, to be determined in accordance with the scope and difficulties of the administrative work involved, shall not exceed the sum of fifty Deutsche Mark.

#### ARTICLE 15

1. The obligation under German law to report births and deaths to a German registrar shall not apply either with respect to a child born to, or with respect to the death of, a member of a force or of a civilian component or a dependent; where, however, such birth or death is reported to a German registrar, registration shall take place in accordance with the provisions of German law.

2. The obligation to report births and deaths remains unaffected in cases where the child is, or the deceased was, a German.

#### ARTICLE 16

1. The military authorities of a sending State shall have the right, in accordance with applicable regulations of such sending State, to take charge and dispose of the remains of members of the force or of the civilian component and of dependents in the event of their death in the Federal territory and to perform such autopsy as may be required for medical reasons or purposes of criminal investigation. Requests by German authorities that an autopsy be performed shall be granted if such autopsy is admissible under the law of the sending State. A German medical officer of the court (Gerichtsarzt) or public health officer (Amtsarzt) and, in the