

shall be given to the position of the Federal Republic as receiving State as well as to the defence responsibilities of the force.

6. In order to enable a force or a civilian component satisfactorily to fulfil its defence responsibilities, the German authorities shall take appropriate measures, at the request of the force to

(a) establish restricted areas (Schutzbereiche):

(b) supervise or restrict construction cultivation and movement in the vicinity of accommodation made available to the force for its use.

#### ARTICLE 54

1. The German regulations for the prevention and control of infectious diseases of humans, animals and plants as well as for the prevention and control of plant pests shall apply to a force and a civilian component insofar as the regulations of the force in these fields do not prescribe equal or higher standards. Within the accommodation made available for its use, a force may apply its own regulations, provided that neither public health (öffentliche Gesundheit) nor the cultivation of plants is endangered thereby.

2. The authorities of a force and the German authorities shall promptly inform each other of the outbreak, or suspected outbreak, development and elimination of an infectious disease, as well as of the measures taken.

3. If the authorities of a force deem it necessary to take health protection measures in the vicinity of accommodation made available for its use, they shall reach agreement with the German authorities regarding the execution of such measures.

4. Where German law prohibits the importation of certain articles, these articles may, with the approval of the German authorities, and provided that neither public health nor the cultivation of plants is endangered thereby, be imported by the authorities of a force. The German authorities and the authorities of the force shall agree on categories of articles the import of which is approved by the German authorities under this provision.

5. The authorities of a force may, with the approval of the German authorities, carry out the examination and control of articles imported by them. They shall ensure that neither public health nor the cultivation of plants is endangered as a result of the importation of such articles.

#### ARTICLE 55

1. (a) Defensive works required to execute NATO plans for common defence within the areas for the defence of which the authorities of a force are responsible shall be planned and exercised by agreement between the authorities of the force and the Federal authorities.

(b) The work shall be carried out by the German authorities in liaison with the authorities of the force. However where there is a special need for secrecy or security, the force shall have the