

ment of its defence mission and in accordance with orders or recommendations which the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe or any other competent authority of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization may issue. Except where otherwise provided in paragraphs 2 to 6 of this Article, the exercise of this right shall be governed by German regulations on the use of air space and the utilization of aviation installations and facilities which fall within the scope of the Standards and Recommended Practices of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

2. A force shall not, without the specific consent of the persons entitled and of the German authorities, temporarily occupy or close airfields not made available for its exclusive use. The same shall apply to installations designed to ensure air traffic safety.

3. The authorities of a force and the German authorities shall reach agreement regarding areas which may be flown over at altitudes lower than otherwise permissible.

4. Air manoeuvres and other air exercises which affect controlled air space and which cannot be cleared by normal air traffic clearance procedure, or which require the issue of a navigational warning, shall be notified to the German authorities in good time. Notification procedure shall follow the decisions of the Standing Commission for co-ordination of aviation or its successor organization.

5. Where agreement on particular measures for co-ordination is not reached between the authorities of a force and the air traffic control authorities within an appropriate period of time, the matter shall be referred to the Standing Commission for co-ordination of aviation or its successor organization.

6. The provisions of Article 45 of the present Agreement shall be applicable to off-base landings as well as to parachute jumps or drops on to accommodation not made available to a force for its permanent use.

ARTICLE 47

1. The Federal Republic shall accord to a force or a civilian component treatment in the matter of procurement of goods and services not less favourable than is accorded to the German Armed Forces.

2. Having regard to any measures which may become necessary under the second sentence of paragraph 2 of Article IX of the NATO Status of Forces Agreement, the authorities of a force or of a civilian component shall, on request, inform the German authorities of their requirements for defined categories of supplies.

3. A force or a civilian component may procure goods and services which they need either direct, or, after prior agreement, through the appropriate German authorities.

4. Where the authorities of a force or of a civilian component procure goods and services direct,

(a) they may apply their normal procedure, provided, however, that they respect the principles applying in the Federal Republic regarding public procurement which are reflected in the regula-