

of-War on any matter relating to their return to their homelands and particularly their full freedom to return.

8. Red Cross teams of both sides shall assist the Repatriation Commission in its work and shall have access, in accordance with the terms of the Draft Armistice Agreement, to Prisoners-of-War while they are under the temporary jurisdiction of the Repatriation Commission.

9. Prisoners-of-War shall have freedom and facilities to make representations and communications to the Repatriation Commission and to bodies and agencies working under the Repatriation Commission, and to inform any or all such bodies of their desires on any matter concerning themselves, in accordance with arrangements made for the purpose by the Commission.

10. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 above nothing in this Repatriation Agreement shall be construed as derogating from the authority of the Repatriation Commission (or its authorized representatives) to exercise its legitimate functions and responsibilities for the control of the prisoners under its temporary jurisdiction.

11. The terms of this Repatriation Agreement and the arrangements arising therefrom shall be made known to all Prisoners-of-War.

12. The Repatriation Commission is entitled to call upon parties to the conflict, its own member governments, or the Member States of the United Nations for such legitimate assistance as it may require in the carrying out of its duties and tasks and in accordance with the decisions of the Commission in this respect.

13. When the two sides have made an agreement for repatriation based on these proposals, the interpretation of that agreement shall rest with the Repatriation Commission. In the event of disagreement in the Commission, majority decision shall prevail. When no majority decision is possible, an umpire agreed upon in accordance with the succeeding paragraph and with Article 132 of the Geneva Convention of 1949 shall have the deciding vote.

14. The Repatriation Commission shall at its first meeting and prior to an armistice proceed to agree upon and appoint the umpire who shall at all times be available to the Commission and shall act as its Chairman unless otherwise agreed. If agreement on the appointment of the umpire cannot be reached by the Commission within the period of three weeks after the date of the first meeting this matter should be referred to the General Assembly.

15. The Repatriation Commission shall also arrange after the armistice for officials to function as umpires with inspecting teams or other bodies to which functions are delegated or assigned by the Commission or under the provisions of the Draft Armistice Agreement, so that the completion of the return of Prisoners-of-War to their homelands shall be expedited.

16. When the Repatriation Agreement is acceded to by the parties concerned and when an umpire has been appointed under paragraph 14 above, the Draft Armistice Agreement, unless otherwise altered by agreement between the parties, shall be deemed to have been accepted by them. The provisions of the Draft Armistice Agreement shall apply except in so far as they are modified by the Repatriation Agreement. Arrangements for repatriation under this agreement will begin when the armistice agreement is thus concluded.