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The following general comments, which have been agreed between His Majesty's Government and the United States Government, show the extent to which certain provisions of the Cunningham-de Courten Agreement have been implemented or modified:—

1. As explained in the document this agreement was produced in modification of the Armistice Terms so that the Italian Fleet and mercantile marine could assist in the prosecution of the war against the Axis Powers.

2. The additions to the agreement were inserted at the Allied request after the original agreement had been concluded and were accepted in view of an amelioration of certain articles in the original terms of the armistice. Signature was accompanied by the formal statement by Admiral de Courten printed above.\*

3. The provisions of this agreement have been carried out and those provisions that remain operative with the cessation of hostilities and change of circumstances are still being carried out. Furthermore, many Italian war-ships are undertaking work of direct benefit to the Italians themselves, for example, transport of displaced persons.

4. While the employment of Italian ships has been of use to the United Nations it is pointed out that considerable United Nations resources have been expended in Italy and elsewhere to help the Italian Government in keeping the Italian ships running and their crews fed and clothed.

5. In addition to the use of Italian mercantile shipping under this agreement a number of the smaller Italian merchant ships has been returned to the control of the Italian authorities.

\*See Appendix C above.

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