

ANNEX A

Text of Statement of Association by Mr. Pearson at the Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council, October 22, 1954

Mr. Chairman, my Government welcomes the farsighted and valuable declaration of the Three Powers at the London Conference with regard to the future of Germany and the security and welfare of Berlin. The discharge by the Three Powers of their special responsibilities in this matter represents, I think, an important contribution to peace and security; and we should be grateful to them for that.

My own Government is not in a position to share in all those special responsibilities which flow from the Potsdam Agreement, but it fully endorses and associates itself with the declaration which has been made; and we will do what we can, or should, to ensure that the objectives behind the declaration, to which we subscribe, are realized.