

this purpose there shall sit in Berne or Zurich a Joint Commission composed of representatives of each of the four Governments, which shall act by majority vote. The functions of the Joint Commission are enumerated below.

C. The Compensation Office and the Joint Commission will enter upon their functions as soon as possible after the coming into force of the Accord.

D. The Compensation Office will exercise its functions in collaboration with the Joint Commission. It will keep the Joint Commission periodically informed about its activities; it will reply to inquiries submitted by the Joint Commission relative to the common objective, i.e., the uncovering, the census, and the liquidation of German property. The Compensation Office will consult the Joint Commission before making important decisions. The Compensation Office and the Joint Commission shall place at the disposal of each other all information and documentary evidence likely to facilitate the accomplishment of their tasks.

E. The Compensation Office shall as hitherto investigate the locus and status of items of property suspected by it or reported to it by the Joint Commission as being or believed to comprise a German property, or to be of doubtful or disputed *bona fide* Swiss ownership. The conclusions of the Compensation Office will be discussed with the Joint Commission.

F. The Compensation Office will settle, in general or particular, in consultation with the Joint Commission, the terms and conditions of sales of German property, taking into reasonable account the national interests of the signatory Governments and those of the Swiss economy together with the opportunity of obtaining the best price and of favoring freedom of trade. Only persons of non-German nationality who are in a position to present suitable guarantees will be permitted to participate in the purchase of such property, and all possible measures will be taken to prevent resales to German persons.

III

If the Joint Commission after consultation with the Compensation Office is unable to agree to the decision of that office, or if the party in interest so desires, the matter may within a period of one month, be submitted to a Swiss Authority of Review. This Authority shall be composed of three members and shall be presided over by a Judge. This review will be administrative in form and the procedure shall be prompt and simple. The decisions of the Compensation Office, or of the Authority of Review, should the matter be referred to it, shall be final.

Nevertheless, if the Joint Commission is in disagreement with any decision of the Authority of Review, the three Allied Governments may, within one month, require the difference to be submitted to arbitration as follows: if the difference concerns matters covered by the Accord or the Annex or their interpretations, the difference may, if the Allied Governments desire, be submitted to an Arbitral Tribunal. This Tribunal shall be composed of one member designated by the three Allied Governments, a member designated by the Swiss Government, and a third member designated by the four Governments. Any such difference which is not of primary importance may, if the Joint Commission and the Compensation Office agree, be submitted for decision to the member of the Tribunal who has been designated by agreement of the four Governments, who in such cases will sit as the Arbitral Tribunal.