

could be called to discuss the questions of a peace treaty with Germany and West Berlin. The Soviet Government hereby announces its consent to the proposal of the Governments of the U.S.A., the U.K. and France that both German states, the G.D.R. and the F.R.G., should be represented at this meeting. Whereas both these concrete questions have long been ripe for solution, the Soviet Government considers it expedient to set a time limit of no more than two to three months for the work of a foreign ministers' meeting. The Soviet Government proposes that this meeting of heads of government be called in April of this year in Vienna or Geneva, if this is agreeable to other participants in the meeting, and of course if the Governments of Austria or Switzerland are ready to extend hospitality to the participants in such a meeting. If the governments of the Western powers are not ready for a meeting of heads of government, then the Soviet Government proposes that a meeting of foreign ministers should be convened at the above-stated time, at the above-stated place, and in the above-stated composition. The Soviet Government expresses the hope that its proposals set out in this Note will receive the understanding and support of the Canadian Government.

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