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Whence as a result of the Allied victory Austria was liberated from the domination of Hitlerite Germany; ...

Whereas the Allied and Associated Powers and Austria, taking into account the importance of the efforts which the Austrian people themselves have made and will have to continue to make for the restoration and economic reconstruction of their country, desire to conclude a treaty re-establishing Austria as a free independent and democratic State, this constituting the restoration of peace in Europe;

Whereas the Allied and Associated Powers desire by means of the present Treaty to settle in accordance with the principles of justice all questions which are still outstanding in connection with the events referred to above, including the question of Austria by Hitlerite Germany and its participation therein in the war as an integral part of Germany, and as arising in a distributive manner;

Whereas the Allied and Associated Powers and Austria intend to continue their progress of concluding the present Treaty to secure a permanent friendly relations between them, through regular diplomatic relations, and to support Austria's application for admission to the United Nations Organization;

Have therefore appointed the undersigned plenipotentiaries who after presentation of their full powers found in good and due form, have concluded the following provisions:—

ARTICLE

Without prejudice to the provisions of the present Treaty, the plenipotentiaries of Austria and the plenipotentiaries of the Allied and Associated Powers shall have the right to meet in Vienna for the purpose of discussing the details of the present Treaty and of the application of its provisions.

The Allied and Associated Powers recognize that Austria is a sovereign, independent, and democratic State, and that the rights of Austria as a sovereign, independent, and democratic State shall be fully respected.