

ARTICLE 28

The Protocol of Signature re Article 53 to the Supplementary Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. Following paragraph 1, the following new paragraph 1bis shall be added:

"1bis. Measures necessary to meet national training standards of a force shall be among the measures referred to in the first sentence of paragraph 1 of Article 53."

2. Following paragraph 4, the following new paragraph 4bis shall be added:

- "4bis. (a) The authorities of a force shall give the competent German authorities at federal, Land and local level all reasonable assistance necessary to safeguard German interests, including access to accommodation after prior notification, so that they can fulfill their official duties. The German Federal authorities responsible for the accommodation shall assist the authorities of the force on request. In emergencies and where there is danger in delay, the authorities of the force shall make immediate access possible without prior notification. The authorities of the force shall decide in each case whether they will accompany the German authorities.
- (b) In all cases access shall be subject to considerations of military security, in particular of the inviolability of classified areas, equipment and documents.
- (c) The authorities of the force and the German authorities shall arrange access in such a way that neither the safeguarding of German interests nor military exercises which are in progress or about to start are unreasonably prejudiced.
- (d) Should there be no agreement in the cases of sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) of this paragraph, the competent higher authorities on both sides shall be seized of the matter."

3. The introduction to paragraph 5 and sub-paragraphs (c) and (g) thereof shall be replaced as follows:

"5. Co-operation between the authorities of a force and the German authorities in accordance with Article 53, and, if appropriate, in conjunction with Article 53A, shall extend in particular to the following fields: