

present Agreement or would have been payable if the claim had not been waived or the sending State had not been relieved of liability for such claims under that Article.

3. A sending State shall not be required to remove improvements, articles of equipment, or supplies from accommodation or other property legally owned by the Federal Republic or by a Land (rechtlich im Eigentum des Bundes oder eines Landes stehend). Where the accommodation or other property is legally owned by a Land, the Federal Republic shall relieve the sending State from the liability for any possible claim that may be due to the Land under German law by reason of such non-removal.

4. A sending State shall not assert any claim in respect of the residual value of improvements to property of the kind referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article or in respect of improvements to property made available to the force or to the civilian component for use free of charge and owned by juristic persons in which the Federation or a Land financially participates, if the improvements have been financed out of funds made available to the sending State by the Federation or a Land. This shall not affect the setting off of the residual value of such improvements against compensation for damage caused during the period of use of such property by the force or the civilian component or during the removal of such improvements.

ARTICLE 53

1. Within accommodation made available for its exclusive use, a force or a civilian component may take all the measures necessary for the satisfactory fulfilment of its defence responsibilities. Within such accommodation, the force may apply its own regulations in the fields of public safety and order where such regulations prescribe standards equal to or higher than those prescribed in German law.

2. The first sentence of paragraph 1 of this Article shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to measures taken in the air space above accommodation, provided that measures which might interfere with air traffic are taken only in coordination with the German authorities. The provisions of paragraph 7 of Article 57 of the present Agreement shall remain unaffected.

3. In carrying out the measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the force of the civilian component shall ensure that the German authorities are enabled to take, within the accommodation, such measures as are necessary to safeguard German interests.

4. The German authorities and the authorities of the force or of the civilian component shall co-operate to ensure the smooth implementation of the measures referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article. The details of such co-operation are set forth in paragraphs 5 to 7 of the Section of the Protocol of Signature referring to this Article.

5. Where accommodation is used jointly by a force or a civilian component and the German Armed Forces or German civilian agencies, the regulations required for such use shall be laid down in administrative agreements or in special agreements in which appropriate consideration