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COMMITTEE ON FREEDOM OF
MOVEMENT

The International Commission

Bearing in mind the primary responsibilities of both parties for the implementation of the Geneva Agreement, and in particular of Article 14, sections (c) and (d), dealing with the guarantee of democratic liberties and with the principles of freedom of movement from one zone to the other:

Considering its own responsibilities for supervision and control of any action taken by both Parties, either individually or jointly, towards the fulfilment of their obligations under the Agreement:

Having reviewed the proposals put forward by both Parties to facilitate the settlement of any difficulties which may arise regarding the application of Article 14, sections (c) and (d) of the Agreement:

DECIDES:

(a) to establish a Committee of the International Commission, to be known as the Committee on Freedoms, to control and supervise action taken by the two Parties under the provisions of Article 14, sections (c) and (d) of the Geneva Agreement;

(b) to instruct this Committee on Freedoms to maintain close liaison with the two Parties as proposed in paragraph (d) of the recommendation below, in order to be at all times informed on the various steps taken, and plans developed by both Parties towards the full implementation of the provisions of Article 14, sections (c) and (d);

(c) to authorize the Committee on Freedoms, whenever it considers it appropriate, on its own initiative or at the request of either or both Parties, to have recourse to the Commission's teams for carrying out any action deemed necessary to discharge the responsibilities assigned to it by the Commission;

(d) to request the Committee on Freedoms to submit to the Commission monthly reports on the progress achieved by both Parties in the implementation of Article 14, sections (c) and (d) of the Agreement, and by itself in the carrying out of its responsibilities;

(e) to authorize the Committee on Freedoms, whenever it may deem it advisable, on the basis of the information submitted by the two Parties, to make to the International Commission recommendations or suggestions on principles, procedures and other arrangements which may provide acceptable solutions to any problem which may have arisen in the fields covered by Article 14, sections (c) and (d).