

(b) The Central authority will determine the responsibilities that each Government must accept in conformity with the general obligations assumed in paragraph 1 to provide the tonnage required from time to time to meet current requirements for ships for the military and other purposes of the United Nations, and ships will be allocated for those purposes by the Government in accordance with the decisions of the central authority. So far as is consistent with the efficient overall use of shipping as determined by the central authority for those purposes, and with the provisions of paragraph 7 (c), each Government may allocate ships under its own authority, wholly or partly to cover the essential import requirements of territories for which it has special shipping responsibilities.

(c) In general, ships under a United Nations flag will be under the control of the Government of that flag, or the Government to which they have been chartered, but in order to meet the special case of military requirements those ships which have been taken up, under agreements made by the U.S. Government and/or the U.K. Government with the other Governments having authority for those ships, for use as troopships, hospital ships, and for other purposes in the service of the armed forces, shall remain on charter as at present to the War Shipping Administration and/or the Ministry of War Transport, as the case may be, under arrangements to be agreed between the Governments severally concerned. Any further ships required for such purposes shall be dealt with in a like manner.

(d) Governments will supply to one another, through the central authority, all information necessary to the effective working of the arrangements, e.g., regarding programmes, employment, and projected programmes, subject to the requirement of military secrecy.

(e) The central authority would also direct action under paragraphs 5 and 6.

(f) The basis and terms of remuneration to be paid by the user of a ship for a particular shipping service would be determined by the central authority in such manner as to give effect to the following two basic principles:

(1) Ships of all flags performing the same or similar services should charge the same freights;

(11) Ships must be employed as required without regard to financial considerations.

8. The principles herein agreed shall apply to all types of merchant ships, irrespective of size, including passenger ships, tankers, and whale factories (but paragraph 7 (b) would not be applicable to ships engaged in coastal trades and short trades between nearby countries, the arrangements for control of which should be appropriate to meet the requirements prevailing in each particular area). The principles shall also be applied, through suitable machinery, to fishing vessels, whale catchers, and other similar craft to the extent necessary in those areas where it is agreed that special measures in respect of such craft are required so as to provide an authority capable of apportioning such craft available in those areas between naval and commercial services.

9. The foregoing principles shall take effect on the coming into operation of the central authority, and shall remain in effect for a period not extending beyond six months after termination of hostilities in Europe or the Far East, whichever may be later, unless it is unanimously agreed among the Governments represented on the duly authorized body of the central authority that any or all of the agreed principles may be terminated or modified earlier.

In discussion of the matter with the French Committee of National Liberation, suitable adjustment will be required in the references to Government.

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