

## APPENDIX E

### COMMENTARY

#### AGREED BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS

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The extent to which certain of the additional Conditions of Armistice have been implemented or modified is shown in the following comments, which have been agreed between His Majesty's Government and the United States Government. The remaining Articles have either been superseded by events and are, therefore, dormant, or are still in force. These Articles are not commented upon.

*Articles 1-5.*—Were complied with.

*Articles 6-12.*—With the co-operation of the Italian Government, the Italian armed forces have been used to the maximum useful extent in the services of the United Nations and have contributed materially towards the liberation of Italy and final victory. The Italian Navy has operated with Allied warships in the Mediterranean and elsewhere, and since the cessation of hostilities has largely been employed in the Italian interest in minesweeping and the transport of displaced persons. The Army fought alongside Allied formations during the campaign in Italy and the Air Force took its place with the Allied Air Forces.

*Article 14.*—While Italian merchant ships have been employed in the general interests of the United Nations they have been primarily employed in the Italian interest. Italian inland transport and ports have now been largely returned to Italian administration except in so far as redeployment and maintenance of Allied forces has had to be effected.

*Article 15.*—The provisions of this Article, as regards small vessels and craft, have not been fully satisfied owing to the difficulty of locating and identifying the vessels and craft concerned.

*Article 16.*—Control of radio has been returned to the Italian Government. All military and rehabilitated civilian telecommunications are being handed over to the Italians as military requirements decrease. Internal censorship has been abolished in the areas under Italian Government control.

*Article 18.*—The second sentence of this Article has never been invoked, except in two frontier areas, i.e., on the Franco-Italian frontier and in Venezia Giulia.

*Article 19.*—Care has been taken to conserve, wherever possible, Italian resources for the use of the civil economy and to utilise local goods and services only when military necessity demanded. The Allied forces Local Resources Board, on the Committees of which Italian representatives have sat, was established as the Allocation Agency. While the legal rights of the Allied forces under this Article have not been modified, in practice it has been administered with as much regard as possible for Italian needs. With the redeployment of Allied troops from Italy, the utilisation of local resources and facilities is