

Republics, one from the United Kingdom and one from the United States of America.

4. With regard to the fixing of the total sum of the reparation as well as the distribution of it among the countries which suffered from the German aggression the Soviet and American delegations agreed as follows:

"The Moscow Reparation Commission should take in its initial studies as a basis for discussion the suggestion of the Soviet Government that the total sum of the reparation in accordance with the points (a) and (b) of the paragraph 2 should be 20 billion dollars and that 50% of it should go to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

The British delegation was of the opinion that pending consideration of the reparation question by the Moscow Reparation Commission no figures of reparation should be mentioned.

The above Soviet-American proposal has been passed to the Moscow Reparation Commission as one of the proposals to be considered by the Commission.

VI. MAJOR WAR CRIMINALS

The Conference agreed that the question of the major war criminals should be the subject of enquiry by the three Foreign Secretaries for report in due course after the close of the Conference.

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The foregoing Protocol was approved and signed by the three Foreign Secretaries at the Crimean Conference, February 11, 1945.

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Amending Agreement on Control Machinery in Germany, May 1, 1945¹

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE 14TH NOVEMBER, 1944 ON CONTROL MACHINERY IN GERMANY.

I.

In the preamble add "the Provisional Government of the French Republic" to the names of the three Governments.

¹ Treaties and Other International Acts Series 3070. This agreement amended the agreement of November 14, 1944 (*supra*) to provide for the participation of France. It was approved by the United States on May 14, 1945; the United Kingdom, May 17, 1945; France, May 18, 1945; and the Soviet Union, May 25, 1945.

II.

In Article 1 add "the French Republic" to the names of the three Powers.

III.

In Article 2 substitute "three" for "two" before the word "Commanders-in-Chief".

IV.

In Article 3(a) substitute "four" for "three" before the word "Commanders-in-Chief".

V.

In the last sentence of Article 3(c) substitute "four" for "three" before the word "members".

VI.

In the first sentence of Article 4 substitute "four" for "three" before the word "Commanders-in-Chief".

VII.

In Article 5(c) substitute "four" for "three" before the word "zones".

VIII.

In Article 6(b) substitute "four" for "three" before the words "high-ranking officials" and before the words "heads of each Division".

IX.

In Article 6(c) substitute "four" for "three" before the words "heads of a Division".

X.

In the first sentence of Article 7(a) substitute "four" for "three" before the word "Commandants".

XI.

In Article 7(b) substitute "four" for "three" before the word "Powers".

XII.

In Article 11 add "the Provisional Government of the French Republic" to the names of the three Governments.

The above text of the Agreement between the Governments of the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom and the Provisional Government of the French Republic regarding Amendments to the Agreement of the 14th November, 1944 on Control Machinery in Germany has been prepared

and unanimously adopted by the European Advisory Commission at a meeting held on 1st May, 1945.

Representative of the Government of the United States of America on the European Advisory Commission :	Representative of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the European Advisory Commission :	Representative of the Government of the United Kingdom on the European Advisory Commission :	Representative of the Provisional Government of the French Republic on the European Advisory Commission :
JOHN G. WINANT.	F T GOUSEV	WILLIAM STRANG	MASSIGLI

LANCASTER HOUSE, LONDON, S.W. 1.

1st May, 1945.

*German Act of Surrender, May 8, 1945*¹

1. We the undersigned, acting by authority of the German High Command, hereby surrender unconditionally to the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force and simultaneously to the Supreme High Command of the Red Army all forces on land, at sea, and in the air who are at this date under German control.

2. The German High Command will at once issue orders to all German military, naval and air authorities and to all forces under German control to cease active operations at 2301 hours Central European time on 8th May 1945, to remain in the positions occupied at that time and to disarm completely, handing over their weapons and equipment to the local allied commanders or officers designated by Representatives of the Allied Supreme Commands. No ship, vessel, or aircraft is to be scuttled, or any damage done to their hull, machinery or equipment, and also to machines of all kinds, armament, apparatus, and all the technical means of prosecution of war in general.

3. The German High Command will at once issue to the appropriate commanders, and ensure the carrying out of any further orders issued by the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force and by the Supreme High Command of the Red Army.

4. This act of military surrender is without prejudice to, and will be superseded by any general instrument of surrender imposed by, or on behalf of the United Nations and applicable to GERMANY and the German armed forces as a whole.

5. In the event of the German High Command or any of the forces under their control failing to act in accordance with this Act of Surrender, the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force and the Supreme High Command of the Red Army will take such punitive or other action as they deem appropriate.

6. This Act is drawn up in the English, Russian and German languages. The English and Russian are the only authentic texts.

Signed at Berlin on the 8. day of May, 1945

FRIEDEBURG KEITEL STUMPF
On behalf of the German High Command

¹ *A Decade of American Foreign Policy*, pp. 505-506.