

ARTICLE 9

The present treaty is valid for a period of 10 years.

The treaty is subject to ratification in conformity with the legislative powers of the signatory states of the treaty.

ARTICLE 10

The treaty is open for the adherence of all European states.

ARTICLE 11

The present treaty, the Russian, English, French and German texts of which are authentic, will be submitted to the custody of the Secretary General of the UN.

In witness thereof, the plenipotentiaries have signed the present treaty and have affixed their seals thereto.

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***Note from the American Embassy to the Soviet Foreign Ministry,
Regarding European Security, August 22, 1958***¹

The United States Government has examined the Soviet Government's note of July 15 and the draft Treaty attached to it. It does not propose at present to comment on the substance of either. This is not because it agrees with what is said or with the premise on which the Soviet Government bases its arguments. The reason is simply that the United States Government notes that the proposals embodied in the draft Treaty are largely a reflection of proposals already included in the Soviet Memorandum of May 5 about an agenda for a meeting of Heads of Government, although surprisingly no mention is made of such meeting in the Soviet note of July 15. The Western powers have made their own suggestions for topics to be examined by Heads of Government. They are prepared to express their views about the Soviet proposals and to receive Soviet views about their own. For this purpose, the Western powers suggested, as long ago as May 31, a practical procedure for discussing the agenda which would be fair to both parties. They still await a reply to this and also to their letter of July 1. In the meantime, to their regret, the preparatory discussions in Moscow are at a standstill. The United States Government believes that the first thing to be done, before the proposals of either party are discussed, is to resolve this question.

¹ Department of State press release 490, August 23, 1958. The British and French Embassies delivered identical notes.