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# DENAZIFICATION

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## ANNEX M

FOURTH SESSION OF CFM, MOSCOW, 1947

AGREED SUBJECT: Denazification (Part I, 2., CFM/47/M/148)

ORIGIN : Report of Deputy for Germany

### FOUR POWER AGREEMENT

The Control Council is directed

(1) To take all appropriate measures to hasten the process of Denazification throughout Germany in accordance with Control Council Directives Nos. 24 and 38.

(2) To complete as soon as possible the removal of former active Nazis and militarists from public and semi-public office and from positions of responsibility in important private undertakings and to study the possibility of fixing a date for the completion of this process.

(3) To take all measures necessary to ensure that only those individuals are employed in a judicial capacity or as public prosecutors who are considered by reason of their political and moral qualities to be capable of assisting the development of genuine democratic institutions in Germany.

(4) To concentrate upon and to hasten the bringing to trial of war criminals, members of Nazi criminal organizations and of active supporters of the Nazi regime, without requiring the indiscriminate trial of the mass of nominal members of the Nazi Party.

(5) To take action in the near future through Zone Commanders to devolve upon the appropriate German authorities responsibility for carrying out Control Council Directives Nos. 24 and 38, by passing the necessary German legislation and to ensure through the Zone Commanders that the effect of the legislation so passed is such as to produce uniform treatment of all former Nazis and militarists corresponding to their degree of responsibility, while at the same time giving the German authorities discretion as to the precise methods by which they carry out this task.

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NOTE: The recommendations and decisions confirmed or taken by the Council of Foreign Ministers are transmitted to the Control Council for Germany and to the commanders-in-Chief of the occupation forces of Germany for appropriate action within their spheres of competence.

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ACTION TAKEN BY CFM: Referred to Control Council as Directive for Action

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APRIL 1948

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