

1 the Administration therein shall be determined after consul-
2 tation with and with the consent of the member government.

3 (b) To formulate and recommend measures for indi-
4 vidual or joint action by any or all of the member govern-
5 ments for the coordination of purchasing, the use of ships
6 and other procurement activities in the period following the
7 cessation of hostilities, with a view to integrating the plans
8 and activities of the Administration with the total movement
9 of supplies, and for the purpose of achieving an equitable dis-
10 tribution of available supplies. The Administration may ad-
11 minister such coordination measures as may be authorized by
12 the member governments concerned.

13 (c) To study, formulate and recommend for individual
14 or joint action by any or all of the member governments
15 measures with respect to such related matters, arising out of
16 its experience in planning and performing the work of relief
17 and rehabilitation, as may be proposed by any of the member
18 governments. Such proposals shall be studied and recom-
19 mendations formulated if the proposals are supported by a
20 vote of the Council, and the recommendations shall be referred
21 to any or all of the member governments for individual or
22 joint action if approved by unanimous vote of the Central
23 Committee and by vote of the Council.

24 ARTICLE II

25 *Membership*

26 The members of the United Nations Relief and Rehabili-
27 tation Administration shall be the governments or authorities
28 signatory hereto and such other governments or authorities
29 as may upon application for membership be admitted thereto
30 by action of the Council. The Council may, if it desires, au-
31 thorize the Central Committee to accept new members be-
32 tween sessions of the Council.

33 Wherever the term "member government" is used in this
34 Agreement it shall be construed to mean a member of the Ad-
35 ministration whether a government or an authority.

36 ARTICLE III

37 *The Council*

38 1. Each member government shall name one representa-
39 tive, and such alternates as may be necessary, upon the Coun-

1 cil of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Adminis-
2 tration, which shall be the policy-making body of the Adminis-
3 tration. The Council shall, for each of its sessions, select one
4 of its members to preside at the session. The Council shall
5 determine its own rules of procedure. Unless otherwise pro-
6 vided by the Agreement or by action of the Council, the Coun-
7 cil shall vote by simple majority.

8 2. The Council shall be convened in regular session not
9 less than twice a year by the Central Committee.* It may be
10 convened in special session whenever the Central Committee
11 shall deem necessary, and shall be convened within thirty days
12 after request therefor by one-third of the members of the
13 Council.

14 3. The Central Committee of the Council shall consist of
15 the representatives of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist
16 Republics, the United Kingdom, and the United States of
17 America, with the Director General presiding, without vote.
18 Between sessions of the Council it shall when necessary make
19 policy decisions of an emergency nature. All such decisions
20 shall be recorded in the minutes of the Central Committee
21 which shall be communicated promptly to each member gov-
22 ernment. Such decisions shall be open to reconsideration by
23 the Council at any regular session or at any special session
24 called in accordance with Article III, paragraph 2. The Cen-
25 tral Committee shall invite the participation of the repre-
26 sentative of any member government at those of its meetings
27 at which action of special interest to such government is dis-
28 cussed. It shall invite the participation of the representative
29 serving as Chairman of the Committee on Supplies of the
30 Council at those of its meetings at which policies affecting the
31 provision of supplies are discussed.

32 4. The Committee on Supplies of the Council shall con-
33 sist of the members of the Council, or their alternates, repre-
34 senting those member governments likely to be principal sup-
35 pliers of materials for relief and rehabilitation. The members
36 shall be appointed by the Council, and the Council may au-
37 thorize the Central Committee to make emergency appoint-

**Res. No. 50* provides "that the provision in Article III, Paragraph 2, of the Agreement, "that the Council shall be convened in regular session not less than twice a year by the Central Committee" is hereby waived for 1944."

1 ments between sessions of the Council, such appointments to
2 continue until the next session of the Council. The Committee
3 on Supplies shall consider, formulate and recommend to the
4 Council and the Central Committee policies designed to assure
5 the provision of required supplies. The Central Committee
6 shall from time to time meet with the Committee on Supplies
7 to review policy matters affecting supplies.

8 5. The Committee of the Council for Europe shall con-
9 sist of all the members of the Council, or their alternates,
10 representing member governments of territories within the
11 European area and such other members of the Council repre-
12 senting other governments directly concerned with the prob-
13 lems of relief and rehabilitation in the European area as shall
14 be appointed by the Council; the Council may authorize the
15 Central Committee to make these appointments in cases of
16 emergency between sessions of the Council, such appoint-
17 ments to continue until the next session of the Council. The
18 Committee of the Council for the Far East shall consist of all
19 the members of the Council, or their alternates, representing
20 member governments of territories within the Far Eastern
21 area and such other members of the Council representing
22 other governments directly concerned with the problems of
23 relief and rehabilitation in the Far Eastern area as shall be
24 appointed by the Council; the Council may authorize the Cen-
25 tral Committee to make these appointments in cases of emer-
26 gency between sessions of the Council, such appointments to
27 continue until the next session of the Council. The regional
28 committees shall normally meet within their respective areas.
29 They shall consider and recommend to the Council and the
30 Central Committee policies with respect to relief and rehabili-
31 tation within their respective areas. The Committee of the
32 Council for Europe shall replace the Inter-Allied Committee
33 on European Post-War Relief established in London on Sep-
34 tember 24, 1941 and the records of the latter shall be made
35 available to the Committee for Europe.

36 6. The Council shall establish such other standing re-
37 gional committees as it shall consider desirable, the functions
38 of such committees and the method of appointing their mem-
39 bers being identical to that provided in Article III, paragraph
40 5 with respect to the Committees of the Council for Europe
41 and for the Far East. The Council shall also establish such

1 other standing committees as it considers desirable to advise
2 it, and, in intervals between sessions of the Council, to advise
3 the Central Committee. For such standing technical commit-
4 tees as may be established, in respect of particular problems
5 such as nutrition, health, agriculture, transport, repatriation,
6 and finance, the members may be members of the Council or
7 alternates nominated by them because of special competence in
8 their respective fields of work. The members shall be ap-
9 pointed by the Council, and the Council may authorize the
10 Central Committee to make emergency appointments between
11 sessions of the Council, such appointments to continue until
12 the next session of the Council. Should a regional committee
13 so desire, subcommittees of the standing technical committees
14 shall be established by the technical committees in consultation
15 with the regional committees, to advise the regional committees.

16 7. The travel and other expenses of members of the
17 Council and of members of its committees shall be borne by
18 the governments which they represent.

19 8. All reports and recommendations of committees of the
20 Council shall be transmitted to the Director General for dis-
21 tribution to the Council and the Central Committee by the
22 secretariat of the Council established under the provisions of
23 Article IV, paragraph 4.

24 ARTICLE IV

25 *The Director General*

26 1. The executive authority of the United Nations Relief
27 and Rehabilitation Administration shall be in the Director
28 General, who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomi-
29 nation by unanimous vote of the Central Committee. The
30 Director General may be removed by the Council on recom-
31 mendation by unanimous vote of the Central Committee.

32 2. The Director General shall have full power and au-
33 thority for carrying out relief operations contemplated by
34 Article I, paragraph 2 (a), within the limits of available re-
35 sources and the broad policies determined by the Council or
36 its Central Committee. Immediately upon taking office he
37 shall in conjunction with the military and other appropriate
38 authorities of the United Nations prepare plans for the emer-
39 gency relief of the civilian population in any area occupied by
40 the armed forces of any of the United Nations, arrange for
41 the procurement and assembly of the necessary supplies and

1 create or select the emergency organization required for this
2 purpose. In arranging for the procurement, transportation,
3 and distribution of supplies and services, he and his represent-
4 atives shall consult and collaborate with the appropriate au-
5 thorities of the United Nations and shall, wherever practicable,
6 use the facilities made available by such authorities. Foreign
7 voluntary relief agencies may not engage in activity in any
8 area receiving relief from the Administration without the
9 consent and unless subject to the regulation of the Director
10 General. The powers and duties of the Director General are
11 subject to the limitations of Article VII.

12 3. The Director General shall also be responsible for the
13 organization and direction of the functions contemplated by
14 Article I, paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c).

15 4. The Director General shall appoint such Deputy Di-
16 rectors General, officers, expert personnel, and staff at his
17 headquarters and elsewhere, including field missions, as he
18 shall find necessary, and he may delegate to them such of his
19 powers as he may deem appropriate. The Director General,
20 or upon his authorization the Deputy Directors General, shall
21 supply such secretariat and other staff and facilities as shall
22 be required by the Council and its committees, including the
23 regional committees and subcommittees. Such Deputy Direc-
24 tors General as shall be assigned special functions within a
25 region shall attend meetings of the regional standing com-
26 mittee whenever possible and shall keep it advised on the
27 progress of the relief and rehabilitation program within the
28 region.

29 5. The Director General shall make periodic reports to
30 the Central Committee and to the Council covering the prog-
31 ress of the Administration's activities. The reports shall be
32 made public except for such portions as the Central Committee
33 may consider it necessary, in the interest of the United Na-
34 tions, to keep confidential; if a report affects the interests of
35 a member government in such a way as to render it question-
36 able whether it should be published, such government shall
37 have an opportunity of expressing its views on the question of
38 publication. The Director General shall also arrange to have
39 prepared periodic reports covering the activities of the Ad-
40 ministration within each region and he shall transmit such
41 reports with his comments thereon to the Council, the Central
42 Committee and the respective regional committees.

1 ARTICLE V

2 *Supplies and Resources*

3 1. In so far as its appropriate constitutional bodies shall
4 authorize, each member government will contribute to the
5 support of the Administration in order to accomplish the pur-
6 poses of Article I, paragraph 2 (a). The amount and char-
7 acter of the contributions of each member government under
8 this provision will be determined from time to time by its ap-
9 propriate constitutional bodies. All such contributions re-
10 ceived by the Administration shall be accounted for.

11 2. The supplies and resources made available by the mem-
12 ber governments shall be kept in review in relation to pros-
13 pective requirements by the Director General, who shall ini-
14 tiate action with the member governments with a view to as-
15 suring such additional supplies and resources as may be re-
16 quired.

17 3. All purchases by any of the member governments, to
18 be made outside their own territories during the war for re-
19 lief or rehabilitation purposes, shall be made only after con-
20 sultation with the Director General, and shall, so far as prac-
21 ticable, be carried out through the appropriate United Nations
22 agency.

23 ARTICLE VI

24 *Administrative Expenses*

25 The Director General shall submit to the Council an an-
26 nual budget, and from time to time such supplementary
27 budgets as may be required, covering the necessary adminis-
28 trative expenses of the Administration. Upon approval of a
29 budget by the Council the total amount approved shall be al-
30 located to the member governments in proportions to be de-
31 termined by the Council. Each member government under-
32 takes, subject to the requirements of its constitutional proce-
33 dure, to contribute to the Administration promptly its share
34 of the administrative expenses so determined.

35 ARTICLE VII

36 Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained,
37 while hostilities or other military necessities exist in any area,
38 the Administration and its Director General shall not under-
39 take activities therein without the consent of the military
40 command of that area, and unless subject to such control as
41 the command may find necessary. The determination that

1 such hostilities or military necessities exist in any area shall
2 be made by its military commander.

3 ARTICLE VIII

4 *Amendment*

5 The provisions of this Agreement may be amended as
6 follows:

7 a. Amendments involving new obligations for member
8 governments shall require the approval of the Council by a
9 two-thirds vote and shall take effect for each member govern-
10 ment on acceptance by it;

11 b. Amendments involving modification of Article III or
12 Article IV shall take effect on adoption by the Council by a
13 two-thirds vote, including the votes of all the members of the
14 Central Committee;

15 c. Other amendments shall take effect on adoption by the
16 Council by a two-thirds vote.

17 ARTICLE IX

18 *Entry into Force*

19 This Agreement shall enter into force with respect to
20 each signatory on the date when the Agreement is signed by
21 that signatory, unless otherwise specified by such signatory.

22 ARTICLE X

23 *Withdrawal*

24 Any member government may give notice of withdrawal
25 from the Administration at any time after the expiration of
26 six months from the entry into force of the Agreement for
27 that government. Such notice shall take effect twelve months
28 after the date of its communication to the Director General,
29 subject to the member government having met by that time
30 all financial, supply or other material obligations accepted or
31 undertaken by it.

32 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is signed by the
33 following representatives, duly authorized for that purpose
34 by their respective Governments or Authorities.

35 DONE in Washington this ninth day of November, one
36 thousand nine hundred forty-three, in the English language,
37 the original to be deposited in the archives of the Department
38 of State of the United States of America, and certified copies
39 thereof to be furnished by the Government of the United
40 States of America to each of the Governments and Authorities
41 on whose behalf this Agreement is signed.