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# INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

**SUBJECT:** BOUNDARIES

ATLANTIC CHARTER

August 14, 1941

Renouncing Territorial or other Aggrandizement (First Principle)

Their countries seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other;

Stating that Territorial Changes Should Conform with Freely Expressed Wishes of Peoples Concerned (Second Principle)

They desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.

YALTA CONFERENCE

11 February 1945

German-Polish Frontier

The three heads of Government consider that the eastern frontier of Poland should follow the Curson Line, with digressions from it in some regions of five to eight kilometers in favor of Poland. They recognize that Poland must receive substantial accessions of territory in the north and west. They feel that the opinion of the new Polish Provisional Government of National Unity should be sought in due course on the extent of these accessions and that the final delimitation of the western frontier of Poland should thereafter await the peace conference.

Occupation and Control

Under the agreed plans the forces of the three Powers will each occupy a separate zone of Germany. Coordinated administration and control has been pro-

YALTA CONFERENCE (cont'd.)

vided for under the plan through a Central Control Commission consisting of the Supreme Commanders of the three Powers with headquarters in Berlin.

It has been agreed that France should be invited by the three Powers, if she should so desire, to take a zone of occupation, and to participate as fourth member of the Control Commission. The limits of the French Zone will be agreed by the four Governments concerned through their representatives on the European Advisory Commission.

DECLARATION REGARDING THE DEFEAT OF GERMANY AND THE ASSUMPTION OF SUPREME AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

5 June, 1945

The Representatives of the Supreme Commands of the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the French Republic, hereinafter called the "Allied Representatives", acting by authority of their respective Governments and in the interests of the United Nations, accordingly make the following Declaration:

Determination of Boundaries

The Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic, will hereafter determine the boundaries of Germany or any part thereof and the status of Germany or of any area at present being part of German territory.

STATEMENT

BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC ON THE ZONES OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY

5 June 1945

The Four Zones of Occupation of Germany

Germany, within her frontiers as they were on 31 December 1937, will, for the purposes of occupation, be divided into four zones, one to be allotted to each Power as follows:

- A eastern zone to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;
- A north-western zone to the United Kingdom;
- A south-western zone to the United States of America;
- A western zone to France.

The occupying forces in each zone will be under a Commander-in-Chief designated by the responsible Power. Each of the four Powers may, at its discretion, include among the forces assigned to occupation duties under the command of its Commander-in-Chief, auxiliary contingents from the forces of any other Allied Power which has actively participated in military operations against Germany.

The Occupation of Greater Berlin

The area of "Greater Berlin" will be occupied by forces of each of the four Powers. An Inter-Allied Governing Authority (in Russian, Komsobdura) consisting of four Commandants, appointed by their respective Commanders-in-Chief, will be established to direct jointly its administration.

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## INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

SUBJECT: BOUNDARIES

POTSDAM AGREEMENT2 August 1945City of Königsberg and Adjacent Area

The Conference examined a proposal by the Soviet Government that, pending the final determination of territorial questions at the peace settlement, the section of the western frontier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics which is adjacent to the Baltic Sea should pass from a point on the eastern shore of the Bay of Danzig to the east, north of Braunsberg-Goldap, to the meeting point of the frontiers of Lithuania, the Polish Republic, and East Prussia.

The Conference has agreed in principle to the proposal of the Soviet Government concerning the ultimate transfer to the Soviet Union of the city of Königsberg and the area adjacent to it, as described above, subject to expert examination of the actual frontier.

The President of the United States and the British Prime Minister have declared that they will support the proposal of the Conference at the forthcoming peace settlement.

Western Frontiers of Poland

The following agreement was reached on the western frontier of Poland:

In conformity with the agreement of Poland reached at the Crimea Conference the three Heads of Government have sought the opinion of the Polish Provisional Government of National Unity in regard to the accession of territory in the north and west which Poland should receive. The President of the National Council of Poland and members of the Polish Provisional Government of

National Unity have been received at the Conference and have fully presented their views. The three Heads of Government reaffirm their opinion that the final delimitation of the western frontier of Poland should await the peace settlement.

The three heads of Government agreed that, pending the final determination of Poland's western frontier, the former German territories east of a line running from the Baltic Sea immediately west of Swinemünde, and thence along the Oder River to the confluence of the western Neisse River and along the western Neisse to the Czechoslovak frontier, including that portion of East Prussia not placed under the administration of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in accordance with the understanding reached at this conference and including the area of the former free city of Danzig, shall be under the administration of the Polish State and for such purposes should not be considered as part of the Soviet Zone of occupation in Germany.

# ALLIED CONTROL COUNCIL, BERLIN, 1947

DATE: 1 March 1947

SUBJECT: BOUNDARIES

LAW NO. 46

ABOLITION OF THE STATE OF PRUSSIA

The Prussian State which from early days has been a bearer of militarism and reaction in Germany has de facto ceased to exist.

Guided by the interests of preservation of peace and security of peoples and with the desire to assure further reconstruction of the political life of Germany on a democratic basis, the Control Council enacts as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Prussian State together with its central government and all its agencies is abolished.

ARTICLE II

Territories which were a part of the Prussian State and which are at present under the supreme authority of the Control Council will receive the status of laender or will be absorbed into laender.

The provisions of this Article are subject to such revision and other provisions as may be agreed upon by the Allied Control Authority, or as may be laid down in the future Constitution of Germany.

ARTICLE III

The State and administrative functions as well as the assets and liabilities of the former Prussian State will be transferred to appropriate laender, subject to such agreements as may be necessary and made by the Allied Control Authority.

ARTICLE IV

This law becomes effective on the day of its signature.

Done at Berlin on 25 February 1947.

P. KOENIG  
General d'Armes

V. SOKOLOVSKY  
Marshal of the Soviet Union

LUCIUS D. CLAY  
for JOSEPH T. MACNARNEY  
General

B.H. ROBERTSON  
for SHELTO DOUGLAS  
Marshal of the Royal  
Air Force

The date of publication is 1 March 1947  
at 1800 hours.

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FOURTH SESSION OF CFM, MOSCOW, 1947

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SUBJECT:

LIQUIDATION OF PRUSSIA (Part IV, CFM/47/W/148)

ORIGIN: Dep. f. Germ.

FOUR POWER AGREEMENT	U S	U K	FR	SOVIET
<p>The Council of Foreign Ministers confirmed at its last Meeting on 10 March 1947 the Control Council Law on the Liquidation of Prussia.</p> <p>The Deputies recommend that this decision be notified to the Control Council.</p> <p>(Page 15, CFM/47/W/148)</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>				

ACTION TAKEN BY CFM: *Approved*

FOURTH SESSION OF CFM, MOSCOW, 1947

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SUBJECT:

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TERRITORIAL REORGANIZATION, Present & Future Territorial Division, (Part I, II, 4. (a), CFM/47/M/148 & CFM/47/M/93)

ORIGIN: DrG. & Spec. Com.

FOUR POWER POSITION	U S	U K	F R	S O V I E T
<p>The Council of Foreign Ministers directs the Control Council for Germany:</p> <p>1. To establish a precise definition of the administrative and territorial division of Germany as of 1 May, 1947, indicating the existing territorial boundaries of lands and provinces.</p> <p>2. To ensure that in the future all territorial changes in Germany are made only in accordance with an agreed decision of the Allied Control Council.</p> <p>(Page 5; CFM/47/M/93)</p>	<p><u>US RESERVATION</u> (re: paragraph 2)</p> <p>Contingent upon agreement being reached on the establishment of provisional Government.</p> <p>(Page 5; para. 2., CFM/47/M/93)</p>	<p><u>UK RESERVATION</u> (re: paragraph 1)</p> <p>The UK Delegation considers that this recommendation is closely linked with the second under this heading and cannot be accepted in isolation.</p> <p>(Page 5; para. 1, CFM/47/M/93)</p>	<p><u>FRENCH PROPOSAL</u> (re: paragraph 2)</p> <p>To study the present boundaries of the Leander and to examine the desirability of making modifications. All proposals on this question will be presented to the Council of Foreign Ministers at its next session.</p> <p>(Page 5; para. 2., CFM/47/M/93)</p>	

ACTION TAKEN BY CFM: Referred to Control Council for Information and Study

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## ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY ACTION, BERLIN, 1947

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Present &amp; Future Territorial Division

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CONTROL COUNCIL	COORDINATING COMMITTEE	DIRECTORATE	COMMITTEE	SUBCOMMITTEE / WP
PAPER(S):  DATE:	PAPER(S): COCC/M/47/27  DATE: 2 June 1947  <u>1st Action</u>  <b>THE MEETING:</b>  (269) (f) agreed to refer the Disagreed Questions (Appendix A, Part I, paragraph II) to the various Directorates and Zone Commanders, as enumerated below, on the understanding that Directorates would discuss any of these Disagreed Questions at the request of any single member.  Item 4(a) (Definition of Administrative & Territorial Divisions) and (b) (Future Territorial Changes) to the Coordinating Committee.  (Page 4; COCC/M/47/27)	PAPER(S):  DATE:	PAPER(S):  DATE:	PAPER(S):  DATE:
STATUS AS OF: 1 February 1948: No action taken by the Control Council.				