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CONTROL OF THE OBSERVANCE BY BULGARIA OF THE MILITARY AND AIR
CLAUSES OF THE TREATY OF NEUILLY.

Annex to the letter, dated December 6th, 1922, from the Conference of Ambassadors to General Savoff, Bulgarian Minister at Paris.

(See para. 3 of Annex 1 to Document C.235.)

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ANNEX TO THE LETTER OF DECEMBER 6th, 1922.

A. CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF GUARANTEE.

A single "Committee of Military and Air Guarantee" for Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria will be set up after the dissolution of the Organs of Control in these countries.

B. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF GUARANTEE.

a) The Committee of Guarantee is designed to provide the Allied Powers with guarantees for the faithful observance by the Austrian, Hungarian and Bulgarian Governments of the military and air clauses of the Treaties of St. Germain, Trianon and Neuilly, and also the supplementary decisions taken by the Allied Governments with the view to the execution of these clauses.

The powers of the Committee of Guarantee will also include the supervision in Hungary of the execution of the contract regarding the cession of air installations for international civil aviation.

b) In the exercise of these powers, the Committee of Guarantee shall be entitled to make such communications and apply for such information to the Austrian, Hungarian and Bulgarian authorities as it may deem necessary.

c) The Committee (or any member of the Committee being a delegate) may at any time proceed to any point within Austrian, Hungarian and Bulgarian territory, and remain there for any period which the President of the Committee may think desirable.

On written authorisation by the President of the Committee, any member may visit and inspect any arsenal, establishment or factory which is capable of being used for the manufacture, storing or sale of war material or air material of any description; he may undertake the inspections which are regarded as necessary for supervising the effectives and armament of the Austrian, Hungarian and Bulgarian armies, and

also for the control of the categories of officials referred to in Article 123 (Treaty of St. Germain), Article 107 (Treaty of Briançon) and Article 69 (Treaty of Neuilly), and for the control of any establishment or any unauthorised organisation which the Committee suspects to be of a military character. The member of the Committee must be accompanied by a representative of the Government of the country in which he is carrying out his duties.

C. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee shall consist of

a) seven officers (including the President) to be appointed by the Principal Allied Powers (France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan) and

b) a small auxiliary staff consisting of as few persons as possible, i.e.,

one to two secretaries for each delegation.

D. SEAT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The seat of the Committee will be in one of the capitals of the three countries. It will be installed first of all in Vienna, on the understanding that the whole of the Committee or any part of it shall for the performance of its duties, have full freedom to travel and reside in the territory of the three States.

E. SPECIAL INSPECTIONS BY AN ADDITIONAL STATE.

On a decision of the Conference of Ambassadors (taken independently in each individual case) the Committee may, if necessary, be provided with the services of an additional staff for special inspections.

The Conference of Ambassadors will determine, in strict accordance with the requirements of the situation, the additional staff to be placed for this purpose under the direction of the

Committee of guarantee. Previous notice of such special inspections, together with a statement regarding their extent and probable duration, will be given to the Governments concerned (Austrian, Hungarian and Bulgarian), which must afford all the necessary facilities to enable the proposed inspections to be fully carried out.

F. CONDITIONS TO BE FULFILLED BY THE AUSTRIAN, HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN GOVERNMENTS RESPECTIVELY.

Each of the Governments shall

- 1) officially recognise the Committee of guarantee, and the powers conferred upon it;
- 2) appoint an authority with powers to represent its Government in dealings with the Committee;
- 3) provide the President with all passports and written authorisations, and all information and permits which he may consider necessary for discharging the duties defined above.
- 4) undertake not to interfere with or hamper the carrying out of inspections by members of the Committee, and those inspections by the additional experts which are provided for in s E above.
- 5) install the Committee in suitable premises (in return for payment);
- 6) grant diplomatic privileges to the members of the Committee and extra-territorial status to the premises occupied by the Committee;
- 7) send, when requested to do so, a liaison officer to accompany the members and staff of the Committee during their inspections.

G. EXPENDITURE.

The upkeep and cost of the various delegations constituting the Committee of guarantee shall not fall upon the Governments which are to be supervised, but will be borne by the various Governments sending the delegations. Any general expenditure, duly authorised and necessitated by the work of the Committee considered

as a whole, will be divided up equally and defrayed by the Powers represented.

H. BEGINNING OF THE COMMITTEE'S DUTIES.

The Committee of Guarantee will be set up in Vienna on December 15th, and during the second fortnight of December it must obtain from the Vienna and Sofia Organs of Liquidation and also from the Budapest Military Commission of Control all such documents and information as may be required to enable it to take the place of these Organs and Commission as from January 1st, 1923.