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OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF THE
FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE

The delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Soviet Government's Note of 24 June 1952 to the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom on the question of Trieste.

Kindly have this Note issued as a document of the Security Council (the agenda of which includes the question of the Free Territory of Trieste) and distributed to the Governments of the Member States of the United Nations.

NOTES OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM
ON THE QUESTION OF TRIESTE

On 24 June 1952 Mr. A.Y. Vyshinsky, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, delivered to Mr. Gascoigne, Ambassador of the United Kingdom, and to Mr. Cumming, chargé d'affaires of the United States of America, Notes on the subject of the understanding between the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Italy concerning participation by Italy in the administration of the Anglo-American Zone A of the Free Territory of Trieste.

The following is the text of the Note to the Government of the United States of America:

"In connexion with the understanding between the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Italy published on 10 May, concerning participation by Italy in the administration of the Anglo-American Zone A of the Free Territory of Trieste, the Soviet Government considers it essential to make the following statement.

"On 17 November 1951 the Soviet Government addressed to the Government of the United States of America, and to the Governments of the United Kingdom and France, a Note concerning certain statements by official representatives of the above-mentioned Western Powers which had been published in the Press. The Note pointed out that as was apparent from those statements, the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France were preparing, with the participation of the Italian and Yugoslav Governments, to partition the Free Territory of Trieste between Italy and Yugoslavia. The Soviet Government also pointed out that the purpose of the projected partition of the Free Territory of Trieste was to adapt that Territory (which under the Treaty of Peace with Italy was to be neutral) and its human and material resources to the military plans of the aggressive Atlantic bloc and to establish the Trieste area as a permanent military and naval base of the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

"It was also pointed out in the note that this partition, which was a continuation of the policy of violation of the Treaty of Peace with Italy, was incompatible with the maintenance of peace and security in Europe, and
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was contrary to the interests of the people of the Territory, since it prevented them from exercising the democratic rights provided for in the Permanent Statute of the Free Territory of Trieste.

"In its Note of 17 November, the Soviet Government insisted on the fulfilment of their obligations in respect of the Free Territory of Trieste by the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France, and in particular on the withdrawal of all foreign troops from the Territory and the liquidation of the illegal Anglo-American military and naval base at Trieste, and proposed that the Security Council should immediately take steps to secure the appointment of a Governor of the Free Territory of Trieste.

"The Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom not only failed to take the action within their power to secure the appointment of a Governor of the Free Territory of Trieste, by the Security Council, the liquidation of the occupation regime and the withdrawal of foreign troops from the Territory of Trieste, which would have been a first step towards the execution of the Treaty of Peace with Italy in respect of Trieste, but went on to commit further violations of the above-mentioned Treaty.

"The negotiations between the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Italy which took place in London from 3 April to 9 May led to the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding giving Italy a share in the administration of Zone A of the Free Territory of Trieste. The text of that agreement, which states that 'the commander of the United Kingdom and United States troops retains all powers of government in the Zone', shows that the Anglo-American occupation authorities remain the absolute masters of Zone A of the Free Territory of Trieste; and they are using the Zone to further the aggressive purposes of the North-Atlantic Bloc. Having concluded the above-mentioned agreement, the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom are endeavouring to maintain the military occupation of the Free Territory of Trieste indefinitely, in order to retain possession of the Anglo-American military and naval base illegally established in Trieste.

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"The agreement concluded on 9 May between the Governments of United States of America, the United Kingdom and Italy was dictated by interests which bear no relation to the task of maintaining peace in Europe. The aim of the agreement is further to violate the provisions of the Treaty of Peace with Italy of 10 February 1947 relating to the Free Territory of Trieste, and at the same time to debar the people of Trieste from enjoyment of the democratic rights and fundamental freedoms guaranteed to them by the Treaty of Peace with Italy.

"The USSR Government deems it essential to draw the attention of the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom to the illegality of the agreement signed by them in London on 9 May 1952, and lays upon them full responsibility for this new violation of the obligations which they assumed under the Treaty of Peace with Italy.

"A similar Note has been addressed to the Government of the United Kingdom."

Mr. Gascoigne and Mr. Cumming stated that they would communicate the terms of the Notes handed to them by Mr. Vyshinsky to their Governments.

