

during the above-mentioned period on ships of enemy Powers. The Allies will devise measures to be taken jointly or severally for preventing enemy subjects from exercising in their territories certain industries or professions which concern national defence or economic independence.

*C. Permanent Measures of Mutual Assistance and Collaboration among the Allies.*

1. The Allies decide to take necessary steps without delay to render themselves independent of enemy countries in so far as regards raw material and manufactured articles essential to normal development of their economic activities. These measures should be directed to assuring the independence of the Allies not only so far as concerns their source of supply, but also as regards their financial, commercial, and maritime organization. The Allies will adopt such measures as may seem to them mostly suitable for carrying out this resolution according to the nature of the commodities and having regard to the principles which govern their economic policy. They may, for example, have recourse either to enterprises subsidized direct or controlled by Governments themselves, or to grant financial assistance for the encouragement of scientific and technical research and the development of national industries and resources; to Customs duties or prohibitions of temporary or permanent character, or to combination. In these different methods, whatever may be the methods adopted, the object aimed at by the Allies is to increase production within their territories as a whole to a sufficient extent to enable them to maintain and develop their economic position and independence in relation to enemy countries.

2. In order to permit the interchange of their products the Allies undertake to adopt measures for the facilitation of their mutual trade relations, both by the establishment of direct and rapid land and sea transport services at low rates and by the extension and the improvement of postal, telegraphic, and other communications.

3. The Allies undertake to convene a meeting of technical delegates to draw up measures for the assimilation so far as may be possible of their laws governing patents, indications of origin, and trade-marks. In regard to patents, trade-marks, and literary and artistic copyright which have come into existence during war in enemy countries, the Allies will adopt so far as possible identical procedure to be applied as soon as hostilities cease. This procedure will be elaborated by technical delegates of Allies.

D. Whereas for purpose of their common defence against enemy the Allied powers have agreed to adopt a common economic policy on the lines laid down in the resolutions which have been passed; and whereas it is recognized that the effectiveness of this policy depends absolutely upon these resolutions being put into operation forthwith: the Representatives of the Allied Governments undertake to recommend to their respective Governments, to be taken without delay, all measures, whether temporary or permanent, requisite for giving full and complete effect to this policy forthwith, and to communicate to each other the decisions arrived at to attain their object.

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