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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ITALY
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Memorandum of understanding regarding administration
in Zone A of the Free Territory of Trieste. Dated at
London, 9 May 1952**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE,
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et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif à l'administration de la
zone A du Territoire libre de Trieste. Daté de Londres,
le 9 mai 1952**

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No. 2213. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES REGARDING ADMINISTRATION IN ZONE A OF THE FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE. DATED AT LONDON, 9 MAY 1952

1. In accordance with the decision announced on the 27th March, 1952, and with a view to arriving at arrangements for a closer collaboration among themselves and with the local authorities in the administration of Zone A, the Governments of Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States have approved the following conclusions and understandings reached by their representatives.
2. The three Governments have started from the premises, which they all share, that such arrangements should be of a nature so as not to prejudice the ultimate solution of the future of the Territory as a whole and so as to continue to ensure to all inhabitants of the Zone the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion.
3. Since the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States retain the responsibilities with regard to the administration of Zone A devolving on them under the Treaty of Peace with Italy,² particularly Annex VII thereof, the Commander of the United Kingdom and United States troops retains all powers of government in the Zone.
4. Taking the foregoing into account, the three Governments have approved the following arrangements.
5. An Italian Political Adviser to the Zone Commander will be appointed by the Italian Government to represent it in all matters affecting Italy in regard to the Zone. The Italian Political Adviser will have a status similar to that of the United Kingdom and United States Political Advisers.
6. A Senior Director of Administration will be proposed by the Italian Government and will be appointed by the Zone Commander. The Senior Director of Administration will be responsible to the Zone Commander and under the

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² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vols. 49 and 50.

latter's direction will administer, by means of two directorates, the functions of civil government indicated in the following sub-paragraphs. He will have under his administration :

- (a) a Directorate of Interior consisting of the following branches : Local Government (Zone Presidency and Communes), Department of Labour, Department of Social Assistance, Public Health Office, Education Office, Census and Survey Office, Fire Service.
- (b) a Directorate of Finance and Economics consisting of the following branches : Department of Commerce, Department of Production, Department of Finance (including Customs and Finance Guards), Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works and Utilities (with the exception of construction and housing for the United Kingdom and United States troops), Office of Agriculture and Fisheries, Loans Section.

7. Italians in a number adequate to ensure efficient administration of the directorates, departments and offices mentioned in paragraph 6 above will be proposed by the Italian Government and will in the same manner be appointed by the Zone Commander to staff those directorates, departments and offices. They shall be responsible to the Zone Commander through the Senior Director of Administration. Persons appointed in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph and of paragraph 6 above may be replaced by the Zone Commander, who shall ask the Italian Government to propose their successors. The Italian Government retains the right to recall persons proposed by it, on due notification to the Zone Commander. Employees who have been recruited locally and who are now exercising civil functions in the Military Government will be retained to the maximum practicable extent; any dismissal shall be effected with the prior approval of the Zone Commander.

8. While it is intended initially to retain the present organisation of the directorates administered by the Senior Director of Administration, he may recommend modifications thereof to the Zone Commander and effect them with the latter's approval.

9. The three Governments have noted the intimate connexions that exist between the economy of the Zone and the Italian economy as a whole and the essential contribution that is made to the well-being of the Zone by the Italian Government. The three Governments therefore reaffirm that all the existing Economic and Financial Agreements between them concerning Zone A, and the understandings reached pursuant thereto, remain in full force and effect. Security controls over international trade shall continue to be administered by United Kingdom and United States officers appointed by and responsible to the Zone Commander.

10. The Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States will instruct the Zone Commander concerning the application of the present understandings and the necessary readjustments to be made in the present organisation of the Military Government, in order to carry out the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding as soon as practicable with a view to substantial completion by the 15th July, 1952.

London, 9th May, 1952.

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