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Here follow the signatures of the Plenipotentiaries of:

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Canada
	Czechoslovakia
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	India
	New Zealand
United States of America	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Australia	Union of South Africa
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Roumania

**(5) Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Finland, Paris, 10 February 1947\***

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The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, India, New Zealand, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, and the Union of South Africa, as the States which are at war with Finland and actively waged war against the European enemy states with substantial military forces, hereinafter referred to as "the Allied and Associated Powers", of the one part,  
and Finland, of the other part;

Whereas Finland, having become an ally of Hitlerite Germany and having participated on her side in the war against the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and other United Nations, bears her share of responsibility for this war;

Whereas, however, Finland on September 4, 1944, entirely ceased military operations against the Union

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\*The text consists of versions in the Russian, English, French and Finnish languages, of which the first two were declared to be "authentic."

of Soviet Socialist Republics, withdrew from the war against the United Nations, broke off relations with Germany and her satellites, and, having concluded on September 19, 1944, an Armistice with the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom, acting on behalf of the United Nations at war with Finland, loyally carried out the Armistice terms; and

Whereas the Allied and Associated Powers and Finland are desirous of concluding a treaty of peace which, conforming to the principles of justice, will settle questions still outstanding as a result of the events hereinbefore recited and will form the basis of friendly relations between them, thereby enabling the Allied and Associated Powers to support Finland's application to become a member of the United Nations and also to adhere to any Convention concluded under the auspices of the United Nations;

Have therefore agreed to declare the cessation of the state of war and for this purpose to conclude the present Treaty of Peace, and have accordingly appointed the undersigned Plenipotentiaries who, after presentation of their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed on the following provisions:

## PART I. TERRITORIAL CLAUSES

ARTICLE 1.—The frontiers of Finland, as shown on the map annexed to the present Treaty (Annex I), shall be those which existed on January 1, 1941, except as provided in the following Article.

ARTICLE 2.—In accordance with the Armistice Agreement of September 19, 1944, Finland confirms the return to the Soviet Union of the province of Petsamo (Pechenga) voluntarily ceded to Finland by the Soviet State under the Peace Treaties of October 14, 1920, and March 12, 1940. The frontiers of the

province of Petsamo (Pechenga) are shown on the map annexed to the present Treaty (Annex I).

## PART II. POLITICAL CLAUSES

### SECTION I

ARTICLE 3.—In accordance with the Armistice Agreement, the effect of the Peace Treaty between the Soviet Union and Finland concluded in Moscow on March 12, 1940, is restored, subject to the replacement of Articles 4, 5 and 6 of that Treaty by Articles 2 and 4 of the present Treaty.

ARTICLE 4.—1. In accordance with the Armistice Agreement, the Soviet Union confirms the renunciation of its right to the lease of the Peninsula of Hango, accorded to it by the Soviet-Finnish Peace Treaty of March 12, 1940, and Finland for her part confirms having granted to the Soviet Union on the basis of a fifty years lease at an annual rent payable by the Soviet Union of five million Finnish marks the use and administration of territory and waters for the establishment of a Soviet naval base in the area of Porkkala-Udd as shown on the map annexed to the present Treaty (Annex I).

2. Finland confirms having secured to the Soviet Union, in accordance with the Armistice Agreement, the use of the railways, waterways, roads and air routes necessary for the transport of personnel and freight dispatched from the Soviet Union to the naval base at Porkkala-Udd, and also confirms having granted to the Soviet Union the right of unimpeded use of all forms of communication between the Soviet Union and the territory leased in the area of Porkkala-Udd.

ARTICLE 5.—The Aaland Islands shall remain demilitarized in accordance with the situation as at present existing.

## SECTIONS II—III

ARTICLES 6–12.<sup>1</sup>— \* \* \*PART III. MILITARY, NAVAL AND AIR  
CLAUSES

ARTICLE 13.—The maintenance of land, sea and air armaments and fortifications shall be closely restricted to meeting tasks of an internal character and local defence of frontiers. In accordance with the foregoing, Finland is authorised to have armed forces consisting of not more than:

(a) A land army, including frontier troops and anti-aircraft artillery, with a total strength of 34,400 personnel;

(b) A navy with a personnel strength of 4,500 and a total tonnage of 10,000 tons;

(c) An air force, including any naval air arm, of 60 aircraft, including reserves, with a total personnel strength of 3,000. Finland shall not possess or acquire any aircraft designed primarily as bombers with internal bomb-carrying facilities.

These strengths shall in each case include combat, service and overhead personnel.

ARTICLE 14.<sup>2</sup>— \* \* \*ARTICLE 15.<sup>3</sup>— \* \* \*

ARTICLE 16.—1. As from the coming into force of the present Treaty, Finland will be invited to join the Barents, Baltic and Black Sea Zone Board of the International Organisation for Mine Clearance of

<sup>1</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Bulgaria," and the British and Soviet heads of mission in Helsinki for the American, British and Soviet heads of mission at Sofia, Section II, Articles 6–9, and Section III, Articles 10–12, correspond to Articles 2–8 of the Bulgarian treaty.

<sup>2</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Bulgaria," Article 14 corresponds to Article 10 of the Bulgarian treaty.

<sup>3</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Bulgaria," Article 15 corresponds to Article 11 of the Bulgarian treaty.

European Waters and shall maintain at the disposal of the Central Mine Clearance Board all Finnish minesweeping forces until the end of the postwar mine clearance period, as determined by the Central Board.

2. During this postwar mine clearance period, Finland may retain additional naval units employed only for the specific purpose of minesweeping, over and above the tonnage permitted in Article 13.

Within two months of the end of the said period, such of these vessels as are on loan to the Finnish Navy from other Powers shall be returned to those Powers, and all other additional units shall be disarmed and converted to civilian use.

3. Finland is also authorised to employ 1,500 additional officers and men for minesweeping over and above the numbers permitted in Article 13. Two months after the completion of minesweeping by the Finnish Navy, the excess personnel shall be disbanded or absorbed within the numbers permitted in the said Article.

ARTICLE 17-22.<sup>4</sup>— \* \* \*

#### PART IV. REPARATION AND RESTITUTION

ARTICLE 23.—1. Losses caused to the Soviet Union by military operations and by the occupation by Finland of Soviet territory shall be made good by Finland to the Soviet Union, but, taking into consideration that Finland has not only withdrawn from the war against the United Nations, but has also declared war on Germany and assisted with her forces in driving German troops out of Finland, the Parties agree that compensation for the above losses will be made by Finland not in full, but only in part, namely in the amount of \$300,000,000 payable over

<sup>4</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Bulgaria," Articles 17 through 22 correspond to Articles 13 through 18 of the Bulgarian treaty.

eight years from September 19, 1944, in commodities (timber products, paper, cellulose, sea-going and river craft, sundry machinery, and other commodities).

2. The basis of calculation for the settlement provided in this Article shall be the United States dollar at its gold parity on the day of the signing of the Armistice Agreement, i.e. \$35 for one ounce of gold.

ARTICLE 24.—Finland, in so far as she has not yet done so, undertakes within the time-limits indicated by the Government of the Soviet Union to return to the Soviet Union in complete good order all valuables and materials removed from its territory during the war, and belonging to State, public or cooperative organisations, enterprises or institutions or to individual citizens, such as: factory and works equipment, locomotives, rolling stock, tractors, motor vehicles, historic monuments, museum valuables and any other property.

## PART V. ECONOMIC CLAUSES

ARTICLE 25.<sup>5</sup>—\* \* \*

ARTICLE 26.<sup>6</sup>—\* \* \*

ARTICLE 27.—In so far as any such rights were restricted on account of Finland's participation in the war on Germany's side, the rights of the Finnish Government and of any Finnish nationals, including juridical persons, relating to Finnish property or other Finnish assets on the territories of the Allied and Associated Powers shall be restored after the coming into force of the present Treaty.

<sup>5</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Bulgaria," "June 22, 1941" for "April 24, 1941," and "Finnish marks" for "levas," Article 25 corresponds to Article 23 of the Bulgarian treaty.

<sup>6</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Bulgaria," Article 26 corresponds to Article 24 of the Bulgarian treaty.

- ARTICLE 28.<sup>7</sup>—\* \* \*
- ARTICLE 29.<sup>8</sup>—\* \* \*
- ARTICLE 30.<sup>9</sup>—\* \* \*
- ARTICLES 31–33.<sup>10</sup>—\* \* \*

## PART VI. FINAL CLAUSES

- ARTICLES 34–36.<sup>11</sup>— \* \* \*

### LIST OF ANNEXES <sup>12</sup>

- I. Map of the Frontiers of Finland and the Areas mentioned in Articles 2 and 4 (*not reproduced here*)
- II. Definition of Military, Military Air and Naval Training
- III. Definition and list of war material
- IV. Special provisions relating to certain kinds of property:
  - A. Industrial, Literary and Artistic Property
  - B. Insurance
- V. Contracts, Prescription and Negotiable Instruments

<sup>7</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Italy" and "September 19, 1944" for "September 3, 1943," Article 28 corresponds to Article 77 of the Italian treaty, with the omission of Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the latter.

<sup>8</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Italy," Article 29 corresponds to Article 76 of the Italian treaty, with the omission of Paragraphs 4 and 6 and the last sentence of Paragraph 2 of the latter

<sup>9</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Italy," Article 30 corresponds to Article 82 of the Italian treaty.

<sup>10</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Bulgaria," Articles 31 through 33 correspond to Articles 31 through 33 of the Bulgarian treaty.

<sup>11</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Italy" and the British and Soviet heads of mission in Helsinki for the Four Ambassadors in Rome, Articles 34 through 36 correspond to Articles 86, 87 and 90 of the Italian treaty, with omission of mention of the United States and France. Article 36 further specifies that the treaty and the instruments of ratification be deposited with the Government of the U. S. S. R.

<sup>12</sup> Substituting "Finland" for "Italy" and "June 22, 1941" for "June 10, 1940," Annex II corresponds to Part B of Annex XIII to the Italian treaty; Annex III to Part C of Annex XIII; Annex IV to Annex XV; Annex V to Annex XVI, with the omission of Paragraph 2 of Part D of the latter; and Annex VI to Annex XVII.

## VI. Prize Courts and Judgments

In faith whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in the city of Paris in the Russian, English, French and Finnish languages this tenth day of February, One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Seven.

Here follow the signatures of the Plenipotentiaries of:

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Canada
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Czechoslovakia
Australia	India
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	New Zealand
	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
	Union of South Africa
	Finland