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LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE  
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
ENCLOSING DECISION BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED  
22 APRIL 1947 CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF TRIESTE

MCSGCW, 7 September 1947

Sir,

I have the honour to forward to you herewith the decision taken by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Moscow on 22 April 1947 on the report of the Commission which investigated the financial position of Trieste, together with the report of this Commission of 27 February 1947.\*\*

Twenty-five copies of the texts of both documents in each of the working languages of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs are being forwarded to you.

(Signed) A. VYSHINSKY

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

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\* The annex appeared originally in English, French and Russian.

\*\* NOTE: This report has been circulated to the Governments represented on the Security Council, in a limited number of copies.

FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE

Decision Taken by the Council of Foreign Ministers  
on April 22nd, 1947, concerning the Report of the  
Trieste Commission of Inquiry

The Council of Foreign Ministers having considered the report of the Trieste Commission of Inquiry as well as the comments on the report submitted by the Government of the Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia and by the Government of Italy, have reached the following conclusions:

(1) The solution of the questions of the budget, balance of payments, currency, customs and other financial and economic questions concerning the Free Territory of Trieste which were discussed in the report of the Commission falls within the competence of the Governor and the Council of Government and the Popular Assembly of the Free Territory in accordance with the relevant Articles of the Permanent Statute of the Free Territory of Trieste. Until the coming into force of the Permanent Statute the solution of these questions falls within the competence of the Governor and the Provisional Council of Government in accordance with the relevant Articles of the Instrument for the Provisional Regime of the Free Territory of Trieste. In the solution of these questions the economic independence of the Free Territory should be provided for in accordance with the above mentioned provisions, particularly Paragraph 4 of Article 24 of the Permanent Statute.

(2) The Council of Foreign Ministers recommends that, as from the date of the establishment of the Provisional Council of Government of the Free Territory of Trieste and until a new customs regime is introduced by the authorities of the Free Territory of Trieste the present regime should be maintained and goods of Italian and Yugoslav origin should be imported into the Free Territory of Trieste without payment of customs duty, provided that reciprocal arrangements will be granted by these countries to the products originating in the Free Territory of Trieste; and that the Governor and the Provisional Council of Government should make every effort to institute the new customs regime within a period of three months.

(3) As the balance of payments may show a deficit in free foreign exchange over the period July-September, 1947, the Council of Foreign Ministers is of the opinion that in the event of the Security Council receiving from the Governor and the Provisional Council of Government

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a request for financial assistance from outside to cover the urgent needs of the first period, the Security Council should recommend that an amount up to \$5,000,000 be made available to the Government of the Free Territory from the resources of the United Nations Organisation.

(4) The Council of Foreign Ministers decides to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations as soon as the Governor of the Free Territory of Trieste has been appointed, to transmit to him for his information the report of the Trieste Commission of Inquiry, the observations on it of the Italian and Yugoslav Governments, and the text of this decision.

MOSCOW,  
Aviation Industry House,  
April 23, 1947.

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