

Memorandum

The governments of Japan, Germany and Italy have reached an agreement regarding the mutual technical commission provided for in Article IV of the Tripartite Pact concluded in Berlin on 27 September 1940.

Upon instructions from their governments, the Imperial Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Yosuke MATSUOKA, the German Ambassador, Mr. Eugen Ott, and the Royal Italian Ambassador, Mr. Mario INDELLI, met in order to confirm and sign the agreement which had been reached. The text agreed upon has the following wording:

A general commission and two technical commissions (a military and an economic one) are to be formed in each of the three capitals--Tokyo, Berlin, and Rome.

The general commission to be formed in Tokyo is to consist of the Imperial Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs (as chairman), the German Ambassador and the Royal Italian Ambassador.

The general commissions to be formed in Berlin and Rome respectively are to consist in Berlin of the German Reichs Minister for Foreign Affairs (as chairman), the Imperial Japanese Ambassador, and the Royal Italian Ambassador, in Rome of the Royal Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs (as chairman), the Imperial Japanese Ambassador, and the German Ambassador.

The members of the general commission can, if necessary, take into consultation military, economic, or other technical experts for their sessions.

The general commissions have the task of executing the Tripartite Pact. For this purpose they can claim the support of the military and economic commissions.

The military and economic commissions are to consist of permanent members appointed by the governments of the three countries.

The military commission in Tokyo is to be composed of the representatives of the Japanese Army and Navy as well as of the Military, Naval and Air Attaches of the German and the Royal Italian Embassy.

The economic commission in Tokyo is to be composed of the number of experts found necessary by the Japanese Government, and the German and the Royal Italian Embassy.

The military as well as the economic commissions may, if necessary, take into consultation also non-permanent co-workers and technical experts.

A number of secretaries are to be appointed for every commission.

The military and economic commissions in Berlin and Rome are to be composed in a similar way as they are in Tokyo.

The chairman of each commission is principally appointed by the government of the country in which the commission is formed.

The military and economic commissions convene either upon invitation from the appertaining general commission, or when the necessity arises to discuss questions which come up. In each case they will submit their proposals to the general commission.

All proposals of the general commission will be submitted to the governments of the three powers for the final approval.

Drawn up and signed in three copies in the Japanese, the German, and the Italian language.

Tokyo, 20 December 1940

/s/ OTT
/s/ INDELLI
/s/ MATSUOKA

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Signed at Tokyo on this
24th day of August, 1946

K. Hayashi
Signature of Official
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/s/
Witness: Nagaharu Odo

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I, Edward P. Monaghan, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this
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