

"Communiqué by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Republic of China Concerning the Withdrawal of Soviet Military Units from the Jointly Used Chinese Naval Base of Port Arthur and the Transfer of the Said Base to the Full Control of the People's Republic of China," signed at Peking, on October 12, 1954, *UNTS* 226:54(1956).

Having regard to the change which has taken place in the international situation in the Far East with the cessation of the war in Korea and the restoration of peace in Indochina, and taking into account the enhanced defensive power of the People's Republic of China, the government of the Soviet Union and the government of the People's Republic of China, acting in accordance with the relations of friendship and cooperation which have been established between the two states and are constantly being strengthened, have agreed that Soviet military units shall be withdrawn from the jointly used naval base of Port Arthur and that the installations in that area shall be transferred, without compensation, to the government of the People's Republic of China.

The two Parties have agreed that the application of measures connected with the withdrawal of Soviet military units and the transfer of the installations in the area of the naval base of Port Arthur to the government of the People's Republic of China shall be entrusted to the Joint Soviet-Chinese Military Commission in Port Arthur which was constituted under the Agreement of 14 February 1950.

The withdrawal of the Soviet forces and the transfer of the installations in the area of the naval base of Port Arthur to the government of the People's Republic of China shall be completed by 31 May 1955.

12 October 1954 (Signed) A. I. Mikoyan Chou En-lai