

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
and
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
the extension of the period of joint use of the naval
base of Port Arthur. Moscow, 15 September 1952**

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Moscow, 15 September 1952

Sir,

Since Japan has refused to conclude a general peace treaty and has concluded a separate treaty with the United States of America and certain other countries, so that Japan has no peace treaty, and apparently does not wish to have a peace treaty, with the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union, conditions have been created which are dangerous to the cause of peace and favourable to a renewal of Japanese aggression.

In view of this and in order to preserve peace, and pursuant to the Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance between the People's Republic of China and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,¹ the Government of the People's Republic of China proposes and requests the Soviet Government to agree that the time-limit fixed by article 2² of the Sino-Soviet Agreement concerning Port Arthur for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the jointly used Chinese naval base of Port Arthur should be extended until peace treaties have been concluded between the People's Republic of China and Japan and between the Soviet Union and Japan.

If the Soviet Government agrees to the above proposal of the Government of the People's Republic of China, this note and your reply will constitute an

integral part of the Agreement of 14 February 1950 between the People's Republic of China and the USSR concerning the naval base of Port Arthur,¹ with effect from the date of the exchange of the notes.

I have the honour to be, etc.

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¹ See p. 3 of this volume.

² See p. 40 of this volume.