

Constitutional Law on the Neutrality of Austria (26 October 1955)

Caption: On 26 October 1955, the Austrian National Council passes the Constitutional Law which lays down Austria's permanent neutral status.

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“Article I

(1) For the purpose of the lasting maintenance of her independence externally, and for the purpose of the inviolability of her territory, Austria declares of her own free will her perpetual neutrality. Austria will maintain and defend this with all means at her disposal.

(2) For the securing of this purpose in all future times Austria will not join any military alliances and will not permit the establishment of any foreign military bases on her territory.

Article II

The Federal Government is charged with the execution of this Federal Constitutional Law.”

A copy of the authentic text in the German language is enclosed.

In bringing this constitutional law to the knowledge of the Government of the United States of America, the Austrian Federal Government has the honor to request that the Government of the United States of America recognize the perpetual neutrality of Austria as defined in the aforementioned law.