

No. 7525. CONVENTION ON CONSENT TO MARRIAGE, MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE AND REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES. OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT NEW YORK ON 10 DECEMBER 1962¹

DECLARATION relating to the declaration made upon accession by the German Democratic Republic,² concerning application to Berlin (West)

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FRANCE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

“The Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States wish to point out that the [German Democratic Republic is not a party] to the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971,³ which was concluded in Berlin by the Governments of the French Republic, the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, and [is] not therefore competent to comment authoritatively on its provisions.

“The Quadripartite Agreement does not impose any requirement regarding terminology to be used by the Federal Republic of Germany when extending to the Western Sectors of Berlin treaties or agreements to which it has become a party nor, of course, does the Agreement affect terminology used in the past.

“In any case the use by the Federal Republic of Germany of the terminology mentioned in the [communication] under reference can in no way affect quadripartite agreements or decisions relating to Berlin.

“Consequently the validity of the Berlin Declaration made by the Federal Republic of Germany is unaffected by the use of this terminology.

“The Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States do not consider it necessary to respond to any further communications of a similar nature by States which are not signatories to the Quadripartite Agreement. This should not be taken to imply any change in the position of those Governments in this matter.”

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¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 521, p. 231; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 7, and 9 to 11, as well as annex A in volumes 789, 943 and 951.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 943, p. No. A-7525.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 880, p. 115.