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III.

**Liquidation of Extraordinary Hitler Courts**

The People's Court, Courts of the NSDAP and Special Courts are abolished and their re-establishment, prohibited.

IV.

**Independence of the Judiciary**

1. Judges will be independent from executive control when exercising their functions and owe obedience only to the law.

2. Access to judicial functions will be open to all who accept democratic principles without account of their race, social origin or religion. The promotion of judges will be based solely on merit and legal qualifications.

V.

**Concluding Clause**

Justice will be administered in Germany in accordance with the principles of this proclamation by a system of Ordinary German Courts.

Done at Berlin, 20 October 1945.

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