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Article 15. Uniting of States

When two or more States unite and so form one successor State, the State property of the predecessor States shall pass to the successor State.

*Article 23. Absence of effect of a succession of States on the archives
of a third State*

A succession of States shall not as such affect archives which, at the date of the succession of States, are situated in the territory of the predecessor State and which, at that date, are owned by a third State according to the internal law of the predecessor State.

Article 27. Uniting of States

When two or more States unite and so form one successor State, the State archives of the predecessor States shall pass to the successor State.

¹ See the decision of the Committee of the Whole recorded in paragraphs 9, 11 and 12 of its report (sect. C of this volume).