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A REPORT BY THE STANDING GROUP

to the

MILITARY COMMITTEE

on

ACP 178 - MARITIME ELECTRONIC WARFARE INSTRUCTIONS

Reference: MCM-138-59

SECTION I

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTORY MEMORANDUM

1 1. The Standing Group has examined the Allied Communications
2 Publication "ACP 178 - Maritime Electronic Warfare Instructions"
3 which has been offered for combined use of the military forces of the
4 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Its
5 detailed report is contained in Section II.

CONCLUSIONS

6 2. It is concluded that the Allied Communications
7 Publication "ACP 178 - Maritime Electronic Warfare Instructions" is
8 suitable for combined use of the military forces of the member
9 nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and should be
10 adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

11 3. The Standing Group recommends that the Military Committee
12 approve the above conclusions.

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SECTION II

ACP 178 - MARITIME ELECTRONIC WARFARE INSTRUCTIONS

THE PROBLEM

1 1. To develop a Maritime Electronic Warfare Instructions
2 publication for the combined use of the military forces of the
3 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

FACTORS AFFECTING THE PROBLEM

4 2. An adequate Maritime Electronic Warfare Instructions
5 publication for world-wide use does not exist.

DISCUSSION

6 3. ACP 178 - Maritime Electronic Warfare Instructions, has
7 been developed to provide guidance for military personnel whose
8 duties require them to be acquainted with the theory and practice
9 of electronic warfare. It has been designed for world-wide allied
10 military application wherever electronic warfare instructions of
11 this type are required.

12 4. Maritime Electronic Warfare Instructions provides guidance
13 on the applications of electronic warfare to tactical aspects of
14 maritime warfare to:

15 a. Reduce the effectiveness of enemy equipment employing
16 or affected by electronic emissions and to exploit the enemy's
17 use of such emissions.

18 b. Reduce the effectiveness of enemy electronic counter-
19 measures.

20 5. The maritime electronic warfare guidance provided in ACP
21 178 is considered adequate for use by the military forces of the
22 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

23 6. There has been a long felt need for a publication of this
24 nature and NATO Commanders have strongly emphasized the need to have

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- 1 ACP 178 in use by the military forces of the member nations at as
- 2 early a date as practicable.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 7. See Section I, paragraphs 2 and 3.

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