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S.G. 10/2

13 March 1950

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## STANDING GROUP

### DECISION ON S.G. 10/2

A Report by the Permanent Working Team  
on

### ALLOCATION OF MERCHANT SHIPPING

#### Note by the Secretaries

1. At their 15th Meeting on 13 March 1950 the Standing Group approved the Enclosure to S.G. 10/2 and directed that it be transmitted to the Military Committee. This paper was subsequently circulated to the Military Committee as M.C. 12/2.
2. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of S.G. 10/2.

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REPORT BY THE PERMANENT WORKING TEAM

to the

STANDING GROUP

on

ALLOCATION OF MERCHANT SHIPPING

Reference: M.C. 12 Series

1. At its meeting on 29 November 1949, the Military Committee directed the Standing Group to report on the Allocation of Shipping problem in view of international studies being conducted on the subject.

2. It is recommended that the Standing Group approve the attached report and forward it to the Military Committee.

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REPORT BY THE STANDING GROUP

to the

MILITARY COMMITTEE

on

ALLOCATION OF MERCHANT SHIPPING

Reference: M.C. 12 Series

1. At its meeting on 29 November 1949, the Military Committee directed the Standing Group to conduct further analysis of the allocation of merchant shipping question in view of current international discussions which were taking place in Washington on this subject.

2. At the present time these studies, which are continuing, are being undertaken by an international working group who will report to the North Atlantic Council. They are now considering the most effective method of relating NATO shipping requirements to global shipping requirements.

3. At the same time, a second informal international working group whose members represent national shipping authorities are considering technical aspects of civilian requirements and shipping availabilities (the so-called "Conway Group"). The results obtained from this group will be made available to the North Atlantic Council.

4. In view of the above, it is considered that, until the basic problems now under study are resolved no action is required by the Military Committee.

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