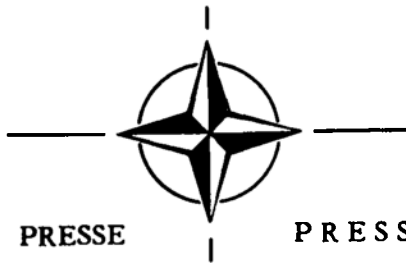


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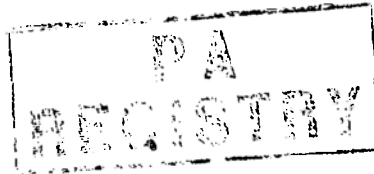


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(News Release concerning Second Meeting of Working Group III)

The second meeting of the Working Group for Nuclear Planning of NATO's Special Committee of Defense Ministers will be held in London on April 28 and 29. Defense Ministers attending will be Kai-Uwe von Hassel, Germany; Roberto Tremelloni, Italy; Ahmet Topaloglu, Turkey; Denis Healey, United Kingdom; and Robert S. McNamara, United States, who will serve as Chairman. Manlio Brosio, the Secretary General of NATO, also will attend. The Working Group is studying ways of improving and extending allied participation in the planning for nuclear forces in the defense of NATO.

The first meeting of the Nuclear Planning Working Group, held in February, was devoted to questions concerning planning with regard to strategic nuclear weapons.

Two other Working Groups have been meeting regularly at NATO headquarters in Paris to discuss the work programs assigned to them and have made substantial progress.

In the forthcoming meeting the Ministers will address themselves to a consideration of various aspects of tactical nuclear weapons.

The Working Group on Planning, as well as the others, will in due course submit their recommendations to the Special Committee of Defense Ministers which in turn will report to the North Atlantic Council.