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**NATO DEFENCE PROCUREMENT CHIEFS TO MEET IN BRUSSELS
TO ADDRESS NEW ALLIANCE INITIATIVES**

Allied National Armaments Directors, senior procurement executives from the Ministries of Defence, will hold a special joint meeting with NATO Military Representatives and the Chief of the French Military Mission on *Monday, 7 November 1994* to address the equipment implications of peacekeeping operations. The discussion will be chaired by the Deputy Secretary General, Ambassador Sergio Balanzino. The Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, Admiral Leighton Smith, will also attend the meeting, and will give a presentation on equipment-related "lessons learned" from peacekeeping operations in the Former Yugoslavia.

The growing involvement of Alliance nations in peacekeeping operations has highlighted the need for a co-ordinated approach within the NATO community to the development of military requirements in this field. According to Deputy Secretary General Balanzino, "this first-ever meeting of National Armaments Directors and Military Representatives provides a unique opportunity to focus attention on the new demands of peacekeeping operations."

On *Tuesday, 8th November at 09:45*, Secretary General Willy Claes will open the 55th session of the **Conference of National Armaments Directors (CNAD)**. At this meeting, NATO Armaments Directors are expected to make recommendations on the way ahead towards an Alliance Ground Surveillance Capability, and to propose new areas of co-operation within the framework of Partnership for Peace.

At the conclusion of the meeting of National Armaments Directors on *Wednesday, 9 November at 11:00*, Assistant Secretary General for Defence Support and Permanent Chairman of the CNAD, Mr. Robin Beard, will hold a news conference at NATO Headquarters.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

7 November 1994, at 16:00 in Room 16:

Beginning of the meeting of National Armaments Directors with NATO Military Representatives and the Chief of the French Military Mission

Photo opportunity
beginning of the meeting

8 November 1994, at 09:45 in Room 16:

Opening address by the Secretary General, Mr. Willy Claes (10 minutes)

OPEN Coverage
of Secretary General's speech

9 November 1994, at 11:00 in Joseph Luns Press Theatre:

News Conference by Assistant Secretary General for Defence Support, Mr. Robin Beard.

OPEN Coverage

ACCREDITATION

Journalists wishing to cover these events will be allowed onto the NATO premises on presentation of a NATO accreditation pass or a valid press pass.

ENQUIRIES

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Film, video, TV, radio
Photos

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