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Press Communiqué

The attached is the text of the press communiqué agreed by the Council at its meeting on 18th September 1950 for release to the press on that day.

T.A.G. CHARLTON
SECRETARY

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PRESS COMMUNIQUE

The North Atlantic Council has devoted its three day meeting to a thorough discussion of the major questions presented by the urgent need to strengthen collective defence. The Council was determined to proceed with the necessary measures to this end. The discussions dealt with matters of far-reaching importance and related principally to the creation, in the shortest possible time, of an integrated military force adequate for the defence of freedom in Europe, and to the related questions of the character of participation in the force, its military organization and matters of supply, finance and raw materials. The proposal for such a force supported by appropriate supply and financial arrangements, based on collective effort, was warmly welcomed and it was decided that the Ministers should promptly consult their Governments as to the way in which such a plan could be put into effect. Many of the problems involve considerations of a character which make such consultations necessary so as to enable definite decisions to be taken promptly.

To permit these consultations to take place, the Council has recessed subject to call by the Chairman during the next two weeks.