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CONFIDENTIALSUMMARY RECORDAC/8-R/7OR. ENG.22nd November, 1951SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING
GROUP OF NATO HELD AT 13, BELGRAVE SQUARE, LONDON,
S.W.1. at 11.0 a.m. 18th NOVEMBER, 1951PRESENT

Chairman: Mr. C. M. Spofford

M. Leroy Beaulieu (FEB)	Mr. Herod (DPB)
M. Huet (FEB)	Sir Ernest Wood (DPB)
Mr. Glen Taylor (Central Staff)	Mr. Bogdan (DPB)
M. Stinglhamber (Central Staff)	Col. Daum (DPB)
	Mr. Woodworth (DPB)
	Col. de Villeplée (Standing Group)

SECRETARIAT

Miss K. Cameron

I. Coordination of Statistics

1. Mr. Taylor reported on the present situation regarding the coordination of statistics. The FEB questionnaire (FEB-D(51)63) had been examined by the ad hoc committee of experts; it had been agreed that there was no time for revision and this questionnaire would therefore be issued as originally drafted. Before the request for the next quarterly report was issued, however, it would be examined in an attempt to avoid duplication and consider further questions of definition and classification.

2. The members of the Joint Working Group examined the document AC/8-D/7 dealing with the terms of reference of a Statistical Co-ordinating and Screening Group to be set up as a result of the last meeting of the Joint Working Group of NATO. They agreed that it was extremely desirable that the military side of the organization should also be represented on this group. The draft terms of reference for this "Statistical Coordinating and Screening Group" (AC/8-D/7) had been submitted to the Standing Group for comments and its reply was awaited. The members of the Joint Working Group also agreed that it was desirable that the United States agencies (ECA etc.), which were responsible for a large number of questionnaires, should be associated with the work of this group which would have two functions:

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- (a) as a central clearing house for information;
- (b) make recommendations on presentation of questionnaires and on definitions and procedure.

Every effort must be made to reach agreement on all aspects of the questionnaires before final action is taken by the issuing agency which will endeavour to follow as far as possible the final recommendations of the Statistical Coordinating and Screening Group.

3. The Chairman of the FEB put forward a further draft of terms of reference of the coordinating group for consideration.

4. The members of the Joint Working Group agreed that a drafting party should prepare a revised draft of terms of reference for this Statistical Coordinating and Screening Group on the basis of the FEB and AC/8-D/7 documents and taking into account the views expressed at this meeting. They also agreed that a meeting of the Joint Working Group with the Standing Group should be arranged in Rome to discuss co-operation in this field and that this revised draft should be considered there.

II. Coordination between NATO Agencies

5. After discussion the members of the Joint Working Group agreed on certain modifications of the draft presented by the Central Staff (document AC/8-D/8).

- 1) paragraph (c) should be omitted;
- 2) paragraph (b)(ii) should be amplified to include a reference to joint exploration by FEB and DPB on problems of common interest (additional production, steel supply).
- 3) paragraph (b)(iii) should be amplified to include mention of the proposed monthly progress reports from the different agencies.

III. Report by the FEB and DPB to the Council

6. It was agreed that the three reports, from the Council Deputies, the FEB and the DPB, should be presented to the Council at the Rome meeting under one heading, and that the Chairman of the Council Deputies should make a very brief oral introduction of the three reports to the Council.

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