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MEMORANDUM

To: All Permanent Representatives
From: The Secretary General

The Council might think it desirable to issue a short statement to allay the apprehensions that appear to exist even in very well-informed quarters about the possibility of imminent unilateral reductions in the military strength of NATO.

2. In case the Council should think well of this idea, I attach a draft statement as a basis of discussion.

3. I propose to raise this question at our meeting on Wednesday.

(Signed) ISMAY

23rd July, 1956

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The North Atlantic Council think it desirable to issue this statement in view of the misunderstandings which appear to exist in many quarters with regard to the possibility of reductions in the military strength of NATO.

2. Developments in the technical field clearly call for a thorough reappraisal of the pattern of NATO's defensive shield.

3. This reappraisal is being conducted as a matter of urgency by the NATO military authorities, whose recommendations will be reviewed by the North Atlantic Council as soon as they are available.

4. In the meantime member countries have, one and all, undertaken not to take unilateral action in regard to their existing military commitments to NATO without consultation with their allies.