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To: Permanent Representatives

From: Secretary General

DISARMAMENT - ELEVENTH TELEGRAM FROM THE  
SECRETARY GENERAL

I attach hereto the text of the telegram which I have today sent to the Representatives of the four Western members of the United Nations Sub-Committee.

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*Public opinion*

(Signed) P.-H. SPAAK.

26th August, 1957.

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Eleventh Telegram

From the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to the Representatives of the Governments of Canada, France, the United Kingdom and the United States on the United Nations Sub-Committee on Disarmament

The North Atlantic Council today examined the working paper it is intended should serve as the basis of the Western proposals for a first stage partial disarmament agreement which was communicated to the Council on 21st August (RDC/57/305 as amended).

2. The Council is able to agree with the general lines of the document. Aware of the need to act rapidly, members of the Council have thought it unnecessary to propose amendments to parts of the text which do not seem altogether clear to them, this on the reservation already made that no undertakings will be given on behalf of the member countries of NATO without their agreement.

3. However, the Council draws the attention of the Four Western Delegations to points I, C and D, and in particular to point D.3. The Council has not clearly understood how the Annex mentioned in paragraph D. could be drafted without raising difficulties of a political nature such as the question of recognition of the governments of Communist China and the Soviet zone of Germany. The Council also believes that the reduction of forces mentioned in the same paragraph should not be fixed at a level lower than that which is considered indispensable for the defence and the security of the members of the Alliance, taking into account their individual circumstances.

4. Taking these comments into consideration, the Council wonders whether paragraph I.C would not be made clearer by the deletion of the words "where not otherwise provided for". The Council would also wish account to be taken of the points made in connection with paragraph I.D.3 and to receive communication of any modification to the latter. It points out that the German Delegation requested the complete deletion of paragraph I.D.3.

5. The Council also considers it useful to point out that in paragraph VII.D. the phrase "and to any mutually agreed exceptions" should be understood as meaning that this agreement must be given by all parties to the Convention. In addition certain delegations have insisted upon the fact that it would in their opinion be necessary, with regard to the Working Groups mentioned in paragraph VII.B, and the Sub-Committee referred to in paragraph VIII.B, that the representation should be assured of those countries particularly interested in the problems to be discussed.

6. The Council wishes to emphasise the importance it attaches to fully informing public opinion in western countries of the proposals which the Western members have put forward in the UN Sub-Committee on Disarmament after consultation with the North Atlantic Council. In this connection the Council would be grateful to learn what plans the four governments have in mind to inform public opinion of their efforts in the Sub-Committee.