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To : Permanent Representatives

From: Executive Secretary

Attached is a Draft Resolution on Co-operation in Scientific Research, Education and Training, prepared by the International Staff.

2. If approved by the Ministers, it could be included in the Communiqué.

(Signed) COLERIDGE

10th December, 1957

NATO SECRET

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CO-OPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

We consider the full development of our scientific resources and technology essential to the economic well-being and to the continuing political and military strength of the North Atlantic Community. It is also the basis for free world leadership and assistance to the less-developed countries.

2. The vital importance of scientific research and manpower in the NATO countries was called to our attention a year ago by the Committee of Three Foreign Ministers. Since then many useful proposals for action in these fields have been put forward by countries themselves, by the OEEC, by the NATO Parliamentary Conference, and by the NATO Task Force on Scientific and Technical Co-operation set up in February 1957.

3. We view with concern the shortages of trained manpower in nearly all branches of science which exist in most of our countries and which affect progress in research and development. We are agreed that each of our member nations must take individual action to remedy these shortages. International co-operation in this field is also essential and NATO should support other international organizations such as OEEC which are already doing effective work.

4. We are convinced that NATO has an important rôle in the promotion of effective action - wherever possible through existing organizations - to ensure the optimum use of existing scientists, engineers and scientific facilities and increased exchange of information on scientific research for the benefit of all free nations.

5. We have therefore decided:

- (a) to establish immediately a Scientific Committee composed of representatives of all member states, able to speak authoritatively on scientific policy, and who will advise the Council on all aspects of scientific and technical co-operation;
- (b) to appoint immediately an individual of high calibre and standing in the scientific world as Scientific Adviser to the Secretary General.

6. We have also considered and referred for early attention by the Scientific Committee:

- (a) a proposal by the French Government to create a Western Foundation for Scientific Research whose concern would be to stimulate and co-ordinate the work performed on a co-operative basis in many fields of basic and oriented general research;
- (b) the question of whether a conference on scientific and technical co-operation should be held and, if so, when and under what auspices.

✓The Scientific Committee should also review and suggest appropriate action in respect of other recommendations contained in the Task Force and Jackson reports.✓

7. We have, as an initial and immediate step, approved the following proposals, the details and best method of implementation to be worked out by the Scientific Committee:

- (a) ✓the creation, in collaboration with NATO military authorities, of a group to conduct adequate studies in the fields of weapons systems evaluation and weapons systems development planning. (This paragraph to be inserted if agreement is reached on the principle of co-ordinated production.)✓
- (b) The establishment of an annual talent development programme for some 500 pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellows in the field of science and technology to be carried out primarily in institutions of higher learning throughout Europe;
- (c) an increase in the number and variety of summer study institutes in Europe in the fields of science and technology;
- (d) the promotion of a programme for the exchange of scientific information and the translation of scientific periodicals (from whatever source), preferably to be carried out through existing institutions.
- (e) ✓a programme to expand short-term visits and long-term interchanges of military and civilian scientific personnel among NATO nations.✓