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ANNUAL REVIEW OF NATO DEFENCE BUILD-UP

ACTION REQUIRED AND DRAFT TIME SCHEDULE

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The resolution on the TCC Report adopted by the North Atlantic Council on 23rd February 1952 (C9-D/20) recommends inter alia that an annual review be completed in the fall of 1952 on the requirements for building and maintaining adequate defensive strength on a realistic foundation of politico-economic capabilities (para. 17(b)(ii)).

2. The Annual Review in 1952 will involve the following:

- (i) Civil staff and military agencies of the Council to reach agreement on a revised basis for costing military requirements;
- (ii) Drafting of questionnaires on the state of military preparedness of each country on a given date (31st December 1952), on each country's planned military build-up in 1953, 1954 and 1955, on the budgetary, financial and economic measures taken or to be taken by each country to achieve its targets, and on the politico-economic factors which in each country's view limit its defence effort. *
- (iii) Approval of these questionnaires by a Committee of the Council (to be established) and their formal issue to countries for completion and return.
- (iv) Completion of report on NATO military requirements, this report to include:
 - (a) An estimate of how fully the agreed firm goals for 31st December 1952 (see C9-D/23) will be met;
 - (b) Recommended firm goals to be attained by 31st December 1953;
 - (c) Recommended provisional goals for 1954;
 - (d) Recommended goals for 1955 to be used for planning purposes;
 - (e) A statement of items (a) through (d) above in terms not only of force units (divisions, air squadrons, naval units, etc.) but also in terms of quantities of major materiel and lists of specific infrastructure projects.
- (v) Costing of military requirements as presented in (iv) above.
- (vi) Submission by countries of replies to questionnaires. These replies will include full statements of country plans for raising military forces, for production of major military equipment, for infrastructure, and for economic and financial effects of these measures.
- (vii) Analysis of reports described in (iv), (v) and (vi) above with particular emphasis on differences which may appear between military requirements and country programmes.

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- (viii) Report on extent to which Governments have adopted the military, economic, financial, budgetary, production, manpower and balance of payments measures recommended by TCC to promote common defence effort (CG-D/20, paras. 12, 13, 14 and 15).
- (ix) First consideration of means of reconciling requirements (i.e. (iv) and (v)) with capabilities as stated by countries and analysed at (vii) and (viii). Preliminary consideration of military risks involved.
- (x) Arising out of (ix), proposals for revision of each country's defence effort to be drafted; topics for discussion with representatives of each country to be drawn up and circulated in advance to the country concerned.
- (xi) "Country Reviews" to be conducted with representatives of each member country in turn to discuss the possibility of any needed increase or other variation in countries' defence efforts to meet NATO defence requirements.
- (xii) Second consideration of means of reconciling requirements with capabilities and preparation of draft report to Council together with an evaluation by the Military Committee of the military risks involved.
- (xiii) Consideration of draft Report by Council and reference to Governments of specific proposals on defence effort of each country.
- (xiv) Receipt of comments from Governments on acceptability of above proposals and preparation of final report in light of comments.
- (xv) Consideration of final report by Council and adoption of recommendations for action by Governments and NATO agencies.

3. A draft timetable showing the phasing of the main stages of the annual review, on the above assumptions, is set forth in the attached Annex.

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DRAFT TIME TABLE

<u>No.</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
(i)	Agreement on revised basis for costing military requirements	21 May
(ii)	Completion of draft questionnaires, co-ordinated with OEEC	2 June
(iii)	Approval of questionnaires by Council Committees and formal issuance to countries	2-7 June
(iv)	Completion of report on NATO military requirements	16 June (up to 15 July)
(v)	Costing of military requirements as presented in (iv) above	4 Aug.
(vi)	Submission by countries of replies to questionnaires	4 Aug.
(vii)	Analysis of reports described in (iv), (v) and (vi) above	4-25 Aug.
(viii)	Report prepared on extent to which governments have adopted programs recommended by TCC	25 Aug.
(ix)	First consideration of means of reconciling requirements with capabilities	25-30 Aug.
(x)	Proposals for revision of each country's defense effort drafted and distributed to countries concerned	30 Aug. - 6 Sept.
(xi)	Country reviews to be conducted	8-22 Sept.
(xii)	Second consideration of means of reconciling requirements and preparation of draft report	22-29 Sept.
(xiii)	Consideration of draft report by Council and reference to governments	29 Sept. - 6 Oct.
(xiv)	Receipt of comments from governments	27 Oct.
(xv)	Consideration of final report by Council	12 Nov.