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COMMITTEE ON THE ANNUAL REVIEW

STOCK-TAKING AS OF 30th JUNE, 1952

Report by the Working Group on the Questionnaire

The Working Group has considered the question of "stock-taking" as of 30th June, 1952, and agreed that it would be highly desirable to have such a report compiled, in advance of the annual review, to include a record of the state of forces on 30th June, 1952, and of the production of equipment up to 30th June, 1952, without consideration of impending or future development.

2. Since the information for such a report is not now available to the Secretariat, it was agreed that the necessary minimum information would be requested from countries; this information to be sought in so far as possible in such a manner as not to place an unnecessary extra burden on countries during the period when the questionnaire for the annual review is being answered.

3. Accordingly it was agreed that countries would be requested to submit the following reports to the Secretariat by the dates indicated:

- (a) Forces in being at 30th June 1952. Data requested in Column (1) of Table 1, Column (1) and (2) of Table 2, and Column (1) of Table 3, of the Questionnaire ARQ(52), to be submitted by 1st August 1952. This data, which should be sent to the Secretariat in advance of the rest of the information asked for in these and the other tables of the Questionnaire for the Annual Review, should be prepared on the assumptions and according to the instructions given in ARQ(52).
- (b) Equipment. Replies to be submitted by 15th August, 1952, to periodic questionnaire DR/2-Q/1 for 30th June, 1952, with the understanding that on this occasion requested data on future deliveries may be omitted. In addition, if countries have special production problems, a memorandum on these should be submitted separately.

- (c) Defense expenditures. Replies to the quarterly questionnaire DR/1-Q/1 for 30th June, 1952, to be expedited as much as possible in the hope that they can reach the Secretariat not later than 15th August, 1952.
- (d) Infrastructure. Normal quarterly estimates of funds required (AC/4(PP)-D/53) for the 3rd Quarter 1952 to be submitted as already requested by 15th July 1952. These reports will include all payments made up to 30th June 1952 for all NATO common infrastructure projects. Reports on the physical progress of infrastructure are being submitted quarterly by countries through subordinate commands, and Supreme Commands, to the Standing Group. The report at 30th June 1952 when submitted to the Council by the Standing Group will show the physical progress of all projects within NATO infrastructure programmes.

4. On the basis of the information outlined above and other sources (e.g. OEEC narrative reports and reports of military agencies) the Secretariat will prepare a stock-taking report that will provide as full an account as possible of progress made in implementing Council decisions taken at Lisbon.

5. The data requested in 3(a), (b) and (c) above should be submitted in three copies to NATO, Palais de Chaillot, Paris XVIIe, by the dates indicated. The information requested under 3(d) should be handled in the usual manner.

Palais de Chaillot,
Paris, XVIIe.