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COMMITTEE ON THE ANNUAL REVIEW

PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR ANNUAL REVIEW, 1952

Note by the Secretariat

Provided that all replies to ARQ(52) are received by 15th November, it is suggested that a first report should be prepared for the Council Meeting on 15th December to be supplemented by a Final Report early in 1953.

2. To prepare the Interim Report the Annual Review Committee might undertake a series of sessions, proceeding in the following manner on a country by country basis:

- (a) The Military Considerations Team will present a working paper showing the expected status of forces as at 31st December 1952 and a proposed force plan for 31st December 1953, based on the country's planned forces as reported in their replies to ARQ(52). This plan will include such features as the standards of readiness, status of training and status of equipment.
- (b) This working paper will be circulated to all delegations and to the other Technical Teams. Within 3 days these will prepare further working papers for the Annual Review Committee as follows:
  - (i) The Defence Expenditure Team will comment on the costs of the proposed programme in relation to planned expenditures as shown in the reply to ARQ(52), on anticipated end-item aid, on annual recurring costs and on the extent to which financial considerations might permit the building up of operational reserves in 1953 in support of the forces set forth in the military working paper.
  - (ii) The Equipment Team will consider the proposed programme from the point of view of required and planned deliveries of major items of equipment, considering present country plans for deliveries from self-financed resources and anticipated deliveries under end-item aid. Their comments will also indicate the extent to which production considerations might permit the building up of operational reserves in 1953.

- (iii) The Infrastructure Team will comment on the problem of infrastructure to support the proposed force plan for 1953.
- (iv) The Economic Capabilities Team will comment on the feasibility of the proposal from the point of view of economic considerations.
- (c) On the 4th day, the Annual Review Committee will consider the working papers of the Technical Teams, including the Military Considerations Team, and will endeavour to reach preliminary agreement with the country concerned on its force goals for 1953.
- (d) The force plan and other working papers as revised in accordance with the action taken by the Annual Review Committee will constitute the country chapter of the Report to the Council.

3. Arising from its discussions the Annual Review Committee will formulate major policy issues on which Council action will be invited, e.g. infrastructure, the timing and scope of the build-up of operational reserves; the maintenance of forces after build-up.

4. The Committee will also prepare a Draft Resolution for consideration by the Council.

5. A draft report to the Council will be prepared by the Secretariat to incorporate the results of processes outlined in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 above. This draft will be finalised by the Annual Review Committee, and submitted to the Military Committee and the Council as early as possible before 6th December.

6. Early in 1953 the Annual Review Committee will resume its discussions in the light of the decisions taken by the Council and prepare a final report.

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