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REORGANISATION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION

Note by the Executive Secretary

Attached for the consideration of the Political Working Group is a revised codification of the terms of reference of the civilian agencies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. It is based on the comments made by the Council Deputies when they considered D-D(52)70 at their meeting on 19th March.

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I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. The North Atlantic Council is the principal body in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The North Atlantic Treaty shall constitute the terms of reference of the Council. In accordance with the Treaty, the Council shall be charged with the responsibility of considering all matters concerning the implementation of the provisions of the Treaty. The Council shall incorporate not only the Council envisaged by Article 9 of the Treaty but also the Defence Committee referred to in the same article. Such subsidiary bodies which are, or which, shall be set up under Article 9 of the Treaty shall be subordinate, and report, to the Council.

2. The organisation established under the North Atlantic Treaty shall be operated with as much flexibility as possible and be subject to review from time to time. The establishment of this machinery does not preclude the use of other means for consultation and cooperation between any or all of the Parties on matters relating to the Treaty.

II. NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

Composition and Functions

3. The North Atlantic Council shall be a Council of Governments which shall be represented by their Ministers for Foreign Affairs, and/or their Ministers of Defence, or by other competent Ministers, especially by Ministers responsible for financial and economic affairs, according to the nature of the Agenda. When it is considered appropriate, Governments may be represented by Heads of Governments.

4. In order to enable the Council to function in permanent session with effective powers of decision, each Member Government shall appoint a permanent representative who shall represent his Government on the Council when its ministerial representatives are not present. Each permanent representative shall represent his Government as a whole, and shall be entrusted by his Government with adequate authority to enable the Council to discharge its collective tasks as a body and to reach prompt decisions.

Time and frequency of meetings

5. Ministerial meetings of the Council shall be convened by the Chairman and shall be held at least three times a year.

6. Extraordinary meetings of Ministers under Articles 4 and 5 of the Treaty may be called at the request of any party invoking one of these articles.

Location of meetings of the Council

7. The permanent headquarters of the Council shall be located in the general area of Paris.

8. Only in special circumstances shall meetings be held at a place other than the permanent headquarters.

Chairmanship

9. The chairmanship of Ministerial meetings of the Council shall continue to be held in turn, for a period of one year, by the Parties to the Treaty according to the alphabetical order in the English language. If any Party does not wish to accept the chairmanship, it shall pass to the next Party in alphabetical order. The chairmanship of committees of Ministers will be held by the Party which holds the chairmanship of the Council. The Secretary-General shall serve as Vice-Chairman of the Council, and shall preside at the meetings of the permanent representatives.

Committees

10. The Council may, whenever necessary and in order to relieve itself of matters of detail, set up a permanent or temporary basis committees to assist it in arriving at necessary governmental agreements.

11. Specialised functions shall be directed by the Council under such organisational arrangements as may be deemed most appropriate in the light of experience(1).

Languages

12. English and French shall be the official languages for the entire North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

III. SECRETARY-GENERAL

13. A Secretary-General shall be appointed by and be responsible to the Council. He shall not be a member of any national delegation. He shall be responsible for organising the work of the Council and directing the work of the International Secretariat.

14. He shall initiate and prepare matters for Council action and ensure that appropriate steps are taken to follow up Council decisions and to coordinate the actions of member Governments in the implementation of such decisions. He should submit to the Council every six months a report on progress in carrying programmes into effect. He shall submit recommendations to the Council and should have direct access to all NATO agencies and to Governments. His contacts with major NATO commands should not interfere with the existing chain of authority, and the Military Committee and the Standing Group should be kept fully informed.

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The term of reference of PEOS, PPC and the Budget Committee as they will read after the abolition of the Council Deputies, the DPB and the FEB are: at Annexes A, B and C. The term of reference of the military agencies will be attached later.

DIRECTIVE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC
PLANNING BOARD FOR OCEAN SHIPPING.

I.

In furtherance of Article 9 of the Treaty, there is hereby established a North Atlantic Planning Board for Ocean Shipping.

II.

The following general provisions shall govern the activities of the Planning Board for Ocean Shipping:

1. The Planning Board shall be composed of a representative of each Party to the North Atlantic Treaty. It shall report directly to the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty. Representatives of other countries not party to the Treaty may be invited to participate in the work of the Board whenever appropriate.

2. The Planning Board shall establish and maintain close working relations with the appropriate committees of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The Planning Board shall look particularly to the Standing Group for information on military requirements and other military matters related to the NAT defence programme. The Planning Board shall also work with all appropriate bodies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to insure that the plans for the mobilisation and allocation of merchant shipping, in the event of war, effectively support agreed defence plans, while taking into full account the civil requirements involved. The Board shall also provide these bodies with such shipping information as they may require for the formulation of their plans.

3. The Planning Board shall operate on the principle that shipping cannot be treated on a regional basis and that the world-wide inter-relation of all shipping activities must be taken into account. It shall consider not only the essential import and export requirements of the countries party to the North Atlantic Treaty, but of all those areas and countries outside the North Atlantic area for which a measure of shipping responsibility will have to be assumed in war time.

The Planning Board shall be responsible to the Council for the performance of the following functions:

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(a) To provide the Council with guidance on all factors relating to merchant shipping;

(b) To provide for consultation and for the exchange of information among member governments, and non-member governments when appropriate, on shipping matters related to the overall defence programme;

(c) To develop and recommend plans on a world-wide basis for the mobilisation of merchant shipping in time of emergency;

(d) To recommend an appropriate shipping control organisation of a civilian character for the mobilisation and allocation of merchant shipping on a world-wide basis in time of war or emergency and to recommend the principles which shall govern its operation.

(e) To obtain from member governments, non-member governments when appropriate, and the appropriate bodies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, all relevant information concerning military and civilian requirements and availabilities of merchant shipping in time of emergency;

(f) To recommend procedures, to apply in time of emergency, for securing and allocating merchant vessel tonnage and for governing the use of available facilities and services of vessels controlled by the governments concerned, including, when appropriate, governments not party to the North Atlantic Treaty.

4. The Board shall make such arrangements regarding organisation, subordinate bodies and staff as it may consider necessary and desirable to carry out its functions.

5. The Board, upon recommendation of the Standing Group which has been charged with the responsibility for supervising the implementation of DC 2/1, shall make those arrangements necessary to insure compliance with the regulations for security of information.

6. The Board shall meet at such times and places as may be required. The Board shall decide its own rules of procedure.

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NATO PETROLEUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL DEPUTIES in furtherance of the purposes of the North Atlantic Treaty RESOLVE that a North Atlantic Petroleum Planning Committee is established with the following terms of reference.

1. The Petroleum Planning Committee (PPC) is established for the purpose of providing the Governments of member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation with a realistic appraisal of their probable petroleum position in the event of war and an appreciation of the advanced planning required to meet the petroleum problems likely to arise.

2. The Petroleum Planning Committee shall be composed of a representative and an alternate of the Government of each member country of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation desiring to participate.

3. The Government of each member country of the Petroleum Planning Committee may in addition designate such advisers to its representative at the meetings of the Committee as it may deem appropriate.

4. The Petroleum Planning Committee shall report to the Council.

5. It shall establish and maintain close working relations, either directly or through its subordinate working elements, with the appropriate agencies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation having an interest in wartime petroleum planning, including the Standing Group, and the Planning Board for Ocean Shipping.

6. Subject to the approval of the Council Deputies, it may make such arrangements regarding relationships with the Governments of non-member countries and with other organisations as it may consider necessary and desirable to carry out its functions.

7. The functions of the Petroleum Planning Committee shall be:

- (a) to assess the total wartime military and civil petroleum requirements of the Governments of member countries of NATO in relation to the likely availabilities (the determination of the requirements of forces placed at the disposal of NATO will be undertaken by NATO military agencies);

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(b) to recommend what measures could usefully be taken in peacetime by the Governments of the member countries of NATO and what plans they might draw up for wartime in order to assure to the maximum possible extent, the satisfaction of their wartime petroleum requirements. In determining the action to be recommended, studies will be made, as necessary, of such subjects as: the necessity of limiting consumption; the relative importance of the various sectors of civilian consumption; standardisation of specification for civilian products; stock levels storage availabilities; transport and distribution facilities; bunker requirements; production and refining capacities; and any other subjects relevant to the functions of the Committee;

(c) to make such other studies as may be requested by the Council;

(d) to provide information and advice to the Council and its subsidiary bodies on matters relating to petroleum.

8. The Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be agreed.

9. The Committee shall determine its own rules of procedure and in particular may, in order to facilitate its studies, set up such sub-committees and working parties as it sees fit.

10. The Committee shall make the necessary arrangements to ensure security of information communicated to it, in accordance with the current security procedure of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
COMBINED BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE NATO
CIVILIAN BUDGET AND THE SHAPE BUDGET

1. The Budget Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization shall be established to perform the following functions:

- (a) to examine and report on the budget estimates for the NATO civilian agencies;
- (b) to examine and report on the budget estimates for the NATO military agencies, with advice from the Standing Group on the military aspects of those estimates;
- (c) to perform the functions prescribed for the Budget Committee in the financial regulations for the civilian agencies (D-D(51)74, Annex A, approved D-R(51)24, Item III) with any amendments thereto which may subsequently be approved by the Council, and such functions as may be prescribed in the financial regulations hereinafter adopted by the Council for the military agencies of NATO;
- (d) to advise on such matters as may have been already referred to the SHAPE Budget Committee by the Deputies and are still outstanding;
- (e) to perform such other functions in the budgetary and financial field as may be determined from time to time.

2. The Budget Committee shall consist of experts representing those member governments which notify the Secretary-General that they wish to be regularly represented. Any member government may appoint two representatives to the Committee, if it so desires, one with experience in civilian budget matters, and the other with experience in military budget matters. It shall be open to other member governments to participate in any meeting of the Committee if they express the desire to do so. The Committee shall in any case keep all the member governments regularly informed of its proceedings.

3. The Chairman of the Budget Committee shall be appointed by Resolution of the Council.

4. The Budget Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure and shall appoint sub-committees as it deems appropriate. It shall normally meet at the headquarters of the Council but it or its sub-committees may meet from time to time at the headquarters of other NATO agencies for the purpose of reviewing their Budget estimates.