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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STANDING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision of Documents:-
C-M(53)104 - Financial Support of NATO
Military Headquarters and Agencies
C-M(54)42 - Procedure for the Activation in
Peacetime of International Military Headquarters
and International Military Agencies

- References:
- a. LOM 192/65, 10 May 65
 - b. LOM 261/65, 13 Jul 65
 - c. CINCHAN Msg. 271130, Aug 65
 - d. SACLANT Msg. 312040, Aug 65
 - e. SHAPTO 3444, 6 Oct 65

1. Standing Group has considered the proposals of the Working Group of the Military Budget Committee for a revision of C-M(53)104 and C-M(54)42, as contained in Annex to reference a. and the amendments as suggested in Annex to reference b.

2. The Standing Group has also considered the comments of the MNCs on the proposed revision (references c. through e.) and notes the following remarks:-

a. With regard to reference c.:

Para.1: Noted.

Para.2: The Standing Group is of the opinion that the partial financing of headquarters falls under the provision of para.4 of Annex to reference a.

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b. With regard to reference d:

- (1) SACLANANT's concurrent noted.
- (2) Inclusion of STC and SACLANCEN agreed with.

c. With regard to reference e. para.2

(1) A reorganisation will also have to be regarded as substantial when it implies a substantial decrease in manning strength. The deletion of the word "decrease" in sub-para.8 c. of Annex to reference a. is not considered appropriate.

(2) The Standing Group is of the opinion that only substantial reorganisations, which have implications as indicated in sub-para.8 a., b., c and d. of Annex to reference a., have to be submitted to the Council for approval. The cumulative effect of small increases (or decreases) does not constitute a reorganisation and therefore does not fit in the context of the revised procedure. The Standing Group therefore agrees with the text of both sub-para.8 c. and the footnote.

3. If the Council and the Military Budget Committee would like to be informed of adjustments in the strengths of the NATO Military Headquarters or Military Agencies, as these adjustments, through their cumulative effect, may ultimately have an impact on the budgets of these headquarters or agencies, the Standing Group is of the opinion that the Council and the MBC can best be informed of projected changes after approval in principle by the Standing Group of the Personnel Requirement Programs (PRPs) and the Emergency PRPs. The Standing Group, when approving these requirements could inform the Council and the MBC of the increases which were approved in principle, at the same time submitting to the Council those parts of the PRP which require Council approval in the context of

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the revised procedure (Annex to reference a.). The Council would thus obtain timely information of all projected and approved changes.

4. The Standing Group considers that it should offer comments on the proposed draft revision at this stage, but that the finalised document should be submitted to the Military Committee for approval and/or comments prior to submission to the Council.

5. You are requested to inform the General Purposes Sub-Committee of the Military Budget Committee of

a. Standing Group's agreement with the proposed revision, noting Standing Group's interpretation of sub-para.8 c;

b. the desirability to include STC and SACLANTCEN in the footnote to the title of the document;

c. Standing Group's views with regard to the feasibility of informing the Council and the MBC of the projected changes in the personnel strengths; and

d. the desirability of submission of the finalised document to the Military Committee for approval.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP



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