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MOBILISATION OF MANPOWER IN AN EMERGENCY FOR
THE FORCES AND FOR CIVIL DEFENCE
(REGISTRATION, INDUSTRIAL SCREENING AND OCCUPATIONAL DEFERMENTS)

(NATO Approved Questionnaire No. 27)

Note by the Secretary

Attached is the questionnaire on Mobilisation of Manpower in an Emergency for the Forces and for Civil Defence as approved by the Expert Working Group at its last meeting.*

2. Delegations are reminded that their answers to this questionnaire ought to be in the hands of the Secretariat before the 10th December, 1954.

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* AC/36-R/11, paragraphs 11 and 12

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Notes

- A. In respect of questions marked # please indicate the extent to which:
- (a) necessary draft legislation has been prepared centrally,
 - (b) decisions have been taken on the organization and procedures to be adopted locally for the implementation of measures devised centrally,
 - (c) necessary instructions and forms have been drafted for communication, at the appropriate time as a peacetime readiness measure, to the officials responsible for the local implementation of policies adopted centrally.
- B. In the case of matters covered by the questions in which no planning may have been found feasible, please state what difficulties have been encountered.
- C. A questionnaire (AC/83-D/2(Revised)) which may, at first sight, appear to cover a somewhat similar field has already been issued by the Annual Review Committee's Working Group on National Military Service. That questionnaire, however, was directed to obtaining information about the existing peacetime procedure for national military service. The aim of the questions hereunder is to elicit information about the organization and machinery that will be brought into operation following the declaration of an emergency.

Registration and Call-up of Manpower in an Emergency

Question 1# What arrangements exist for instituting a system of nation-wide registration and call-up of men and women in an emergency (as distinct from the already existing peacetime machinery for national military service) in order to provide a sufficient flow of men and women to meet the requirements of the armed forces for the extra manpower needed to supplement that resulting from the mobilisation of trained reserves?

Question 2 Do the arrangements referred to in Question 1 cover the needs of whole-time service with the Civil Defence forces, or are other arrangements envisaged?

Question 3 What arrangements are there for enrolment in civilian employment of particular national importance (e.g. underground employment in the coal-mining industry) in lieu of military service?

Industrial Screening and Occupational Deferment

Question 4 Please indicate the arrangements contemplated for avoiding conflict in an emergency between the needs of the armed forces, civil defence and industry. Have arrangements been

made for the adjustment and reconciliation centrally of such conflicting needs?

Question 5* Please describe the system adopted, in conjunction with the call-up to the Forces (including civil defence) in an emergency, to ensure that skilled men and women and those required for the maintenance of essential production or services are not accepted indiscriminately for service in the Forces.

In particular, please state whether the system is based upon:

- (1) general reservation from military or civil defence services of persons in certain industries and occupations, in accordance with a carefully constructed register of reserved occupations; or,
- (2) individual deferment, with reference not merely to the occupation but to the national importance of the work and the possibility of making arrangements, other than by the retention of the worker, for its continuance.

Question 6 Please indicate in general terms the scope of the list of reserved occupations adopted (if any), i.e., a brief description of the categories of occupations of kinds of employment specified in the list.

Question 7 With reference to Question 5, please state what special arrangements (if any) are contemplated in an emergency for the industrial and occupational screening of volunteers;

- (1) to the Forces (as distinct from conscripted men and women),
- (2) for civil defence,

so as to ensure that only persons who are likely to be available when required are accepted, and those who would be wanted for other vital work or services, e.g., merchant seamen, are excluded.

Question 8 Please state what special arrangements have been made to ensure that the best use is made in wartime of scientists, professional engineers and doctors; and whether plans have been made for the compilation in an emergency of national registers of such persons and their allocation between military and civilian service.