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OF INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS
AND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY AGENCIES

Note by the Secretary General and
Vice-Chairman of the Council

On the 9th December, 1953, the Council agreed(1) that the Secretariat should study the problem of procedure for the activation in peacetime of International Military Headquarters in consultation with the Standing Group Liaison Officer and report to the Council.

2. In compliance with this decision the Secretariat has prepared, in consultation with the Standing Group Liaison Officer, the attached procedure. This procedure will not affect decisions already taken by the Council on the status and type of financing of existing NATO Headquarters or Agencies.

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The following procedure will be observed in connection with the future activation or significant reconstitution under normal peacetime conditions of international military headquarters and international military agencies:

I. The Standing Group will:

- (a) establish the military requirement for the activation or significant reconstitution of military headquarters and military agencies for which international status and/or international financing is involved;
- (b) approve the personnel requirements for the headquarters and agencies involved and obtain the agreement of national military authorities concerned to provide the required personnel;
- (c) recommend to the Council the activation or significant reconstitution of the headquarters or agency in question. In doing so the Standing Group will furnish a date on which it wishes to authorise the activation or significant reconstitution, also indicating the military urgency attached to meeting this date;
- (d) submit to the Council data as to the functions and composition of the headquarters or agencies on which the Council may decide the international status and/or international financing thereof.

- II. The Council will then be invited to consider the Standing Group recommendations and other relevant data, taking into account the degree of urgency expressed by the Standing Group as provided for in paragraph I(c) above, and approve that international status be conferred on the headquarters or agency (including acceptance of the principle of international financing).

Note: It is assumed that the provisions of the protocol on the status of international military headquarters will normally be made applicable to all international military headquarters which comprise significant elements from more than one member country. In those cases where the headquarters or agency is in a territory where the Protocol is not automatically applicable, and when for this or for other reasons full application of the Protocol may not be practical, the Council will decide (1) the status to be accorded such headquarters or agency; and (2) action to be taken on its activation or reconstitution as recommended by the Standing Group (including the principle of international financing).

- III. Upon approval of the Standing Group recommendations, the Council will direct the Military Budget Committee to report to the Council its recommendations, based on existing criteria(1), on the type of financial support to be provided out of international funds.

(1) C-M(53)104, Annex A