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MILITARY CONSEQUENCES OF POL SHORTAGES

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

As instructed by the Council at its meeting on 6th February(1), the International Staff have prepared (Annex) draft conclusions, which the Council may wish to consider, on the report by the Petroleum Planning Committee, C-M(57)7.

2. This paper will be placed on the agenda for the meeting of the Council on Thursday, 14th February, at which meeting the countries referred to in paragraph 2 of the draft conclusions will be invited to confirm their willingness to undertake the arrangements referred to and the fact that physical and financial facilities can be made available for this purpose.

(Signed) ISMAY

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(1) C-R(57)7, Item I

The Council is invited:

- (1) to agree that where member countries' military stocks of POL in the European NATO area are below the level of 30-days' war supply they should be brought up to this level as soon as possible;
- (2) to note that the additional quantities required on this basis to cover the deficits existing at 1st January amounted to about 265,000 tons made up as follows:
 - (a) about 83,000 tons, which can be covered by the re-allocation of existing stocks in France and Italy;
 - (b) about 37,000 tons, which can be covered by adjustments within the present overall level of the supplies available to Belgium and Portugal;
 - (c) 145,000 tons for Turkey and Greece, which can be covered only by a corresponding increase in imports.
- (3) to invite member countries to support in OEEC the adoption of appropriate measures to achieve a minimum 30-days' level of military stocks in the European NATO area as rapidly as the present general shortage of oil supplies allows;
- (4) to draw to the attention of member governments the points raised in paragraphs 6, 7 and 10 of the PPC's report and invite them to consider adjusting their returns of military stocks to NATO accordingly;
- (5) to agree that nations should report petroleum stocks in the European NATO area as of the 1st April, 1957, on the same basis as the questionnaire circulated by SHAPE in January, 1957⁽¹⁾;
- (6) to note that the problem of the vulnerability of oil stocks has been examined by the Petroleum Planning Committee and by the Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee and will form the subject of a report to the Council.

(1) English version SH 33133 of 11th January
French version SH 33146 of 12th January