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NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE EFFORTS

Report by the Chairman of the Senior Civil
Emergency Planning Committee

A comprehensive report by the Senior Committee on "high priority goals and objectives for civil emergency planning and review of progress" has been submitted to the Council(1). In this report an attempt has been made to assess the importance of the various civil emergency planning measures in relation to their significance for the survival of nations during the first critical period of a war, and to suggest priorities to be accorded to these measures for national and international planning.

2. The Senior Committee wishes however, to emphasise the overriding importance of civil defence preparations in the framework of civil emergency planning and as an indispensable part of the defence planning of each nation. It has therefore decided to endorse the following resolution adopted by the Civil Defence Committee in November 1953 and May 1954 and to submit it to the Council with a recommendation that it should be adopted by all members of the Alliance(2).

"It is agreed by all nations within NATO that Civil Defence is an essential, integral and continuing part of their national and collective defence planning and preparations; this principle is accepted by all and will be implemented by individual nations in the manner they deem the most appropriate, the necessary funds being made available for this purpose".

3. The Council is invited to approve this resolution and to recommend its adoption by all NATO nations.

(Signed) ISMAY

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- (1) C-M(57)12
(2) AC/98-R/3, paragraph 39(2)

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