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Per Authority *IMSM-119-96*

PORTUGUESE OBJECTION TO PARAGRAPH 8 g OF THE STRATEGIC CONCEPT (D.C. 6/1) *Cleuren* Date *2/17/98*

1. Paragraph 8 g of D.C. 6/1 now reads:

"8 g. Collective cooperation in arranging for military operating arrangements mutually agreed between countries in peace time, in furtherance of common defense requirements."

This wording was not acceptable to the Government of Portugal.

2. The Government of Portugal has now agreed to the following redraft of paragraph 8 g of D.C. 6/1:

"8 g. Collective cooperation to regulate, beginning in peace time, all measures of military preparation necessary for the common defense, which measures may be implemented within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization provided always that the country whose territory is involved does not desire or is not able to put them into effect itself. In each case, the respective arrangements will be regulated by mutual agreement between the countries directly concerned."

3. It is recommended that the Defense Committee amend paragraph 8 g, D.C. 6/1, as reworded in paragraph 2 above, and request the North Atlantic Council to agree to the amendment.

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