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The Secretary General circulates herewith the text of Resolutions No. 1 - 6 adopted by the Council on certain reports of the Defense Committee and Defense Financial and Economic Committee.

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RESOLUTIONS ON CERTAIN REPORTS  
OF THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE AND THE  
DEFENSE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
COMMITTEE

1. (Council D-4/2). Request from the Defense Financial and Economic Committee to the Defense Committee for a Detailed Estimate of the Defense Costs.

Resolution

"The Council notes with approval the request from the Defense Financial and Economic Committee to the Defense Committee to send forward as soon as possible the detailed estimate of the finances entailed in preparing the defense of the North Atlantic countries setting forth the priorities therein, and wishes to record the importance it attaches to the early completion of this project."

While the Council requests that this work be initiated forthwith, it recognizes that the estimate should take into account the realistic revision of force requirements which is expected from the current review of defense plans."

2. (Council D-4/3). Report from the Defense Committee on the Status of Defense Planning

Resolution

"The Council

"Fully cognizant of the need for further revision and refinement of the medium-term plan, but convinced that it provides an indication of the nature and extent of the effort required to achieve the necessary defensive strength.

"Aware that there exists a great gap between present defensive strength and the military forces which will be required after review and refinement of the plan, and convinced that additional balanced collective defensive strength must be achieved in accordance with the agreed principles of the 'strategic concept'.

"Realizing that the composition of national forces will have to take into consideration national commitments

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external to NAT, internal security, and ability to carry out effectively missions assigned in the over-all NATO plan which supports the agreed strategic concept including the immediate urgent requirements of national defense in the event of the outbreak of hostilities.

"Urges the governments of the North Atlantic nations to ensure the progressive build-up of defense forces and, in the development of these forces for the defense of the North Atlantic area, to concentrate on the creation of balanced collective forces rather than balanced national forces taking into account the considerations laid down in the preceding paragraph".

"In noting this report the Council wishes to emphasize the importance which it attaches to the constant review of military plans and of the force and equipment requirements therefor in the light of the most modern weapons and equipment which are agreed upon as standard and capable of being produced in volume."

3. (Council D-4/4). Defense Committee Memorandum to the Defense Financial and Economic Committee requesting an Examination of the Financial and Economic Potentialities of the Treaty Nations to support the Defense of the North Atlantic Area.

#### Resolution

"The Council notes with approval the Defense Committee's request to the Defense Financial and Economic Committee to undertake immediately, concurrently with planning by military and production planning agencies, an examination of the financial and economic potentialities of the Treaty nations to support additional military expenditures for the defense of the North Atlantic area and to consider new and more adequate economic and financial dispositions, in particular for the implementation of an integrated defense programme, and wishes to record the importance it attaches to early progress on this project."

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"In making this examination the Committee should recognize the need to increase, as a matter of urgency, collective military security against the threat of Soviet military aggression. The Council also recognizes that a sound economy is the necessary basis of the required defense effort, but points out that, while the making of additional military expenditures must be judged in the light of economic and financial conditions, adequate consideration must be given to the needs for defense."

4. (Council D-4/5). Co-ordination Between Agencies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Resolution

"The Council directs all NAT bodies to take steps which will insure more effective concurrent planning and closer co-ordination, and directs that there shall be continuous interchange of necessary information between the various principal committees of the N.A.T. Organization, including their Permanent Working Staffs. (Council Directive D-1/1, 17th September, 1949, should be amended accordingly.)"

5. (Council D-4/9). The Report from the Defense Financial and Economic Committee.

Resolution

"The Council has noted with approval the report from the DFEC and wishes to record the importance it attaches to further progress on its work projects."

6. Further Steps not Called for by the Reports From the Defense Committee and From the DFEC.

Resolution

a. "The Council, recognizing the indispensability of self-help and mutual aid among the Treaty Powers in making progress toward the achievement of an integrated defense, and, in particular, the contribution of such assistance heretofore made.

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"Convinced that further mutual assistance is essential to rapid progress toward the strength required for the common security of the North Atlantic area,

"Recommends that each party make its full contribution through mutual assistance in all practicable forms to achieve that integrated strength necessary for the defense of the North Atlantic area."

b. "The Council urges the governments to use their best efforts and supply the necessary instructions to facilitate and hasten the implementation of the preceding resolutions.