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28 March 1950

NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY COMMITTEE

DECISION ON M.C. 3/3

A Report by the Standing Group

on

PORTUGUESE OBJECTION TO PARAGRAPH 8 of
THE STRATEGIC CONCEPT (D.C. 6/1)

Note by the Secretary

1. At their Third Meeting on 28 March 1950 the North Atlantic Military Committee approved the recommendation in paragraph 3, M.C. 3/3, and directed that the report be transmitted to the Defense Committee (This paper was subsequently circulated as D.C. 6/3).

2. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of M.C. 3/3.

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REPORT BY THE STANDING GROUP

to the

MILITARY COMMITTEE

on

PORTUGUESE OBJECTION TO PARAGRAPH 8 g
OF THE STRATEGIC CONCEPT (D.C. 6/1)

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 Military Committee accept paragraph 8 g, D.C. 6/1, as reworded in paragraph 2 above and recommend that the Defense Committee amend D.C. 6/1 accordingly.

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