

NETHERLANDS DELEGATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

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Sir,

With reference to the statement I made in the Council today I have the honour to confirm the following information:

The Netherlands Government has carefully studied the plan of action as put forward by SACLANT and CINCHAN and has decided to take the following measures:

- a) to extend the period of military service for certain categories of other ranks from 21 to 24 months;
- b) to extend the period of service for certain categories of regulars, some of whom will have to remain on active duty after the expiration of their contracts.

As a result of these measures the Netherlands authorities will be in a position to phase forward to category A, until the end of 1962, six naval units in the destroyer and escort group and in the mine sweeping group.

The implementation of these measures has already started.

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His Excellency H. D.U. Stikker,
Secretary General of
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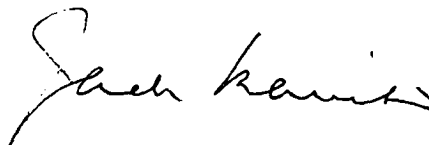
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Further action would involve the implementation of mobilisation measures which my Government is prepared to consider in consultation with its allies, as mentioned in my statement in the Council on 4th September 1961 (PO/61/720, annex F).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J.A. de Renitz', written in a cursive style.

(J.A. de Renitz).