

**Bulgarian Proposal for the Improvement of Warsaw Treaty Structures Prepared for the
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**1. Activation and Activity Improvement of Warsaw Treaty Political Consultative Committee /PCC/,
Committee of Ministers of Foreign Affairs /CMFA/ and Committee of Ministers of Defense /CMD/**

- Political Consultative Committee

Preserve the PCC within the Warsaw Treaty structures and expand discussed themes. Carry out close circle meetings of delegation leaders and Ministers of Foreign Affairs. Hold informal meetings of government leaders, CC Secretaries, Ministers of Defense with the Supreme Commander and Chief of Staff of the Unified Armed Forces.

- Committee of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs

Improve the practice of close circle meetings. Submit clear instructions to the Special Commission on Disarmament, Special Agency on the Problems of the Common European Process, Multilateral Group for Current Mutual Information and other experts and listen to their reports.

- Committee of the Ministers of Defense

Consider the possibility of renaming it the Military Defense Committee and preserving its members, place and functions and working procedures. Increase its control functions for strengthening defense capabilities within allied countries. Pay more attention to disarmament matters, reduction of armed forces and weapons, military-industrial activities of Allied countries, conversion issues. At the Supreme Commander level create a permanent united Secretariat of the CMD and a Military Committee.

2. Creation of a Permanent Political Working Body

- Create a permanent political working body – Joint Secretariat - with the following tasks: discussion and information exchange, international situation analyses, evaluation and prognoses, coordination, preparation and carrying out of meetings with PCC, CMFA, etc.
- **3. Enhancement of the Authority of the PCC Secretary General**

Promote the authority of the PCC Secretary General who would become Secretary General of the Warsaw Treaty Organization. He would be appointed on a rotation principle and act on the basis of PCC and CMFA decisions and report before them. He would lead the Joint Secretariat and could make contact with international organizations and associations, and with NATO (if necessary together with the Supreme Commander of the Unified Forces).

4. Working Meeting of the Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs – consolidate the practice of holding them before and after PCC and CMFA meetings.

5. Improvement in the work of the Special Commission on Disarmament, Multilateral Group for Current Mutual Information and Experts' Working Groups

– focus main activity on disarmament initiatives.

6. Special Agency on the Problems of the Common European Process

– create a special body for the exchange of information and opinion and work out a common attitude and working level coordination of the pursuit of the "common European home" idea.

7. Improvement of Military Cooperation and the Mechanism for Democratization of the Activities of the Military Organs – with respect to the following organs:

-Unified Command;

-Unified Military Committee;

- General Staff of the Unified Armed Forces;
- Committee on Technology;
- Creation of an information agency
- Main documents regulating the Activities and Operation of the Unified Armed Forces in peace and wartime;
- Status of the Supreme Command Representatives, etc.

8. Interaction between the Warsaw Treaty Political and Military Organs

9. Procedure Questions.

10. Creation of a Warsaw Treaty Joint Development and Research Center.

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