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Proposal of the ČSFR Delegation

- 1. To preserve the National Armed Forces within the Unified Armed Forces inseparable from each other.
- 2. To exercise the Command of the Unified Forces exclusively through the national commands.
- 3. To fulfill obligations of the Unified Armed Forces exclusively through the defense of national territories.

These three theses lead to the conclusion that the Staff of the Unified Armed Forces is useless. In this respect we propose:

I. To transform the Staff of the Unified Armed Forces into a Coordinating Group consisting of a small number of civilian and military representatives with the purpose of preparing meetings of the PCC, CMFA and other bodies.

The Group will not have political functions but only administrative and organizational ones. In practice the Group would gather in the host-country, and at the forthcoming PCC meeting, representatives from the capitals or embassies would participate in it for several days. The group would work under the leadership of the PCC Secretary General.

- II. We propose renaming the Ministers of Defense Committee to the Military Committee, consisting of military representatives and subordinates to the political bodies PCC and CMFA.
- III. We consider the transformation of the Special Commission on Disarmament essential for truly effective coordination of disarmament.
- IV. It is worth reevaluating the Expert Group's activities because its effectiveness, in our opinion, does not correspond to the requirements; and it might be useful to put forward the question of its abolition.

We think that these theses should become the basis for the Mandate given to the Government Representatives' Commission mandate and should be written down in the protocol of the PCC meeting.

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