

SUB-GROUP 4"DEVELOPMENTS IN REGIONS OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA"REPORT OF PROFESSOR PATIJN

## A.

The Role of NATO in World Affairs

1. The security of the NATO members is seriously affected by developments outside the area of the Treaty.
2. On 13th December, 1956, the NATO Council approved the recommendation of the Committee of Three concerning the harmonization of the policies of the members in relation to other areas.
3. Reluctance of many member states to face developments outside the NATO area and the American desire to see the NATO Allies take a greater share in the maintenance of international order.
4. Is the NATO Alliance the right instrument for cooperation outside the area of the Treaty? (There are no provisions in the Treaty for activities in other regions).
5. What is needed is to devise common policies for the NATO members.

## B.

Categories of Problems which could affect the Interests of the Alliance

- I. Political events directly affecting the security of the Atlantic area
  - (a) Developments on the borders of the NATO defence perimeter.
  - (b) Nuclear developments which could affect the world nuclear equilibrium.
  - (c) Relations with China.

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- The framework for action may be very difficult: United Nations, individual action.
- Problems in regions outside the NATO area requiring a long-term political strategy and a system of crisis management:
  - (i) The evaluation of communist expansion in specific regions.
  - (ii) The necessity for a regional equilibrium of power in Asia and the Middle East.
  - (iii) International control of arms deliveries.
  - (iv) The meaning of "Wars of National Liberation" in Asia and Africa.
  - (v) The evaluation of revolutionary developments in Latin America.
  - (vi) The problem of peace-keeping activities in the United Nations.
  - (vii) Vital economic interests of the Western World in parts of Asia and Africa.

## II. Political events not directly affecting the security of the Atlantic area but in which NATO members are involved

- (a) As long as these events do not give rise to major trouble or threats to peace, no common position within NATO can be expected.
- (b) There are circumstances in which consultation is not possible (e.g. the Cuban crisis).
- (c) Difficulties arise from colonial obligations of certain members (e.g. Portugal).

## III. International problems of a universal character in which the Western World is to take a clear stand

- In their relations with the Third World the NATO members should strive for more than anti-communism.
- Necessity for the Alliance to have a policy to prevent racial violence.

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Proposals for improving Political Consultation

- We need a better Alliance system for contingency planning.
- NATO needs a greater variety of forms of consultation.
- The best procedure for questions outside the NATO area would be discussion in Groups performing a limited function on restricted but closely defined subjects.
- Present NATO procedures for developing adequate policies are not satisfactory.
- The NATO Council should create a number of specialized groups working on specific subjects outside the Atlantic area.
- The NATO Council should also consider how to make better use of the Atlantic Policy Advisory Group (APAG).
- It may be advisable to resort to outside advice.