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RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SENIOR
CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Adopted by the North Atlantic Council on 9th November, 1955

THE COUNCIL:

Recognising the need for a comprehensive survey of civil emergency planning and for the co-ordination of plans drawn up for various special sectors of civilian activity;

Taking into account its decision to base this planning on the new assumptions as outlined in C-M(55)8 and C-M(55)48(Final), and attaching the highest importance to the development of such planning in NATO countries;

Considering the need for giving a fresh-impetus to the studies already undertaken by the specialised committees and for providing co-ordinated guidance in regard to the problems raised by the adoption of the new assumptions;

Desirous of receiving information and advice covering the whole field of problems relating to civil emergency planning for an atomic war;

Deeming that such objectives can only be attained by the establishment of a committee capable of exercising wide authority;

Resolves:

- I. To establish a "Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee" on which each nation will be represented at the highest possible level, whenever possible by the senior official primarily responsible for national co-ordination of Civil Emergency Planning. The Committee will take the necessary steps to ensure continuity of its action. The Chairman of the Committee will be the Secretary General or his designee.

The meetings of the committee will be attended by representatives of the NATO military authorities. The Chairmen of the boards, committees and working groups dealing with civil emergency planning will be invited to attend meetings concerning questions related to their activities.

- II. To give the Committee the following terms of reference:

The Committee will, in accordance with such general principles and specific directives as have been or may be approved by the Council:

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- (a) advise the Council and make recommendations to it on any matter with respect to civil emergency planning;
- (b) provide guidance to all boards, committees and working groups engaged in civil emergency planning, including guidance on issues raised by the new assumptions;
- (c) co-ordinate the activities related to civil emergency planning of all boards, committees and working groups and transmit to the Council their reports dealing with such activities with appropriate comments;
- (d) undertake studies on such aspects of civil emergency planning as it considers necessary to carry out within NATO, and as are outside the terms of reference of boards, committees and working groups; if necessary it will to that effect establish special working groups;
- (e) report to the Council as appropriate on those activities of the boards, committees and working groups which the Committee is to co-ordinate and recommend possible changes in the structure and functions of these bodies;
- (f) review periodically the progress made by countries in their civil emergency planning and report to the Council accordingly.

III. To dissolve the Committee on Civil Organization in Time of War and the Committee on Wartime Commodity Problems.

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