

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF JOINT DEFENCE PROBLEMS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH THIS MEETING AFFORDED THEM TO HAVE A TIMELY DISCUSSION ON A BROAD RANGE OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THEY AGREED THAT SITUATIONS WHICH ARISE SHOULD ALWAYS BE DEALT WITH IN A MANNER WHICH WILL PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

BY ITS NATURE THE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSIONS ARE LARGELY CONCERNED WITH MATTERS INVOLVING THE VITAL SECURITY INTEREST OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE CURRENT POSITION CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS AIMING AT COMPLETE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT UNDER AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF CONTROL. THEY DEPLORED THE RECENT ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION IN WITHDRAWING FROM THE TEN-NATION MEETINGS, THUS FRUSTRATING ITS WORK. THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT EFFORTS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE CONTINUED. THEY WERE FURTHER AGREED THAT PENDING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GENERAL AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT THERE COULD BE NO RELAXATION OF DEFENSIVE MEASURES.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO A REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON CO-OPERATIVE MEASURES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE DEFENCES OF NORTH AMERICA AND THE COMMITTEE RE-AFFIRMED ITS CONVICTION THAT THESE CONTRIBUTE IMPORTANTLY TO THE GREATER STRENGTH OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY WITHIN THE BROADER FRAMEWORK OF NATO.

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