102. In addition:

(a) The Secretary-General should be encouraged to propose items for NATO consultation in the fields covered by this report and should be responsible for promoting and directing the process of consultation.

(b) In view of these responsibilities, member governments should undertake to keep the Secretary-General fully and currently informed through their permanent delegations of their governments' thinking on questions of common concern to the Alliance.

(c) Attention is also called to the additional responsibilities of the Secretary-General, recommended in connection with the annual political appraisal (Chapter 2, paragraph 52) and the peaceful settlement of disputes (Chapter 2, paragraph 57).

103. The effective functioning of NATO depends in large measure on the efficiency, devotion and morale of its Secretariat. Acceptance of the recommendations in this report would impose on the Secretariat new duties and responsibilities. Governments must, therefore, be prepared to give the International Staff all necessary support, both in finance and personnel. If this is not done, the recommendations of the report, even if accepted by governments, will not be satisfactorily carried out.