



#### NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS PALAIS DE CHAILLOT PARIS

A group of 122 Parliamentarians from the 15 NATO countries photographed in the main lobby of the NATO Headquarters—the Palais de Chaillot, Paris. Seated from left to right on the front row of this picture are the members of the Continuing Committee; M. Pierre-Olivier Lapie (France), Vice-Président et Député; M. Van Cauwalaert (Belgium), Président; Hon. Senator Wishart McL. Robertson (Canada), Chairman of the Meeting; Mr. Finn-Moe (Norway), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee; The Rt. Hon. Walter Elliot C.H., M.C. (U.K.), Member of Parliament; Mr. J. J. Fens (Netherlands), Member of the Second Chamber.

tarians to NATO Headquarters, it was decided that the Secretariat should make available to the Conference its administrative facilities in order to assist in any technical way possible. A Conference Headquarters was therefore established to help the Conference in administrative and informational matters. This group distinct from the NATO Secretariat, consisted of an official of the Canadian Parliament, a representative of the Norwegian Delegation to the North Atlantic Council, and a representative of the French Parliament, assisted by appropriate officers from the NATO International Staff. Each national delegation to NATO was in turn asked to designate an officer to serve as a liaison point. The NATO International Staff, in addition, undertook the responsibility of furnishing a verbatim record of the discussions held in plenary sessions in either French or English and to make available translators as well as stenographic assistance in these two languages. The Conference itself elected its own "Steering Committee", which was entrusted with the task of establishing the agenda and the rules of procedure for the Conference debates. Because of the nature of the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that conclusions reached during the discussions should be communicated to the National Governments and not to the NATO Council.

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In order to take full advantage of the relatively short time that the Parliamentarians were able to spend in Paris, it was agreed that the programme,