

COMMUNIQUE

A meeting of military experts to consider the technical aspects of United Nations peace-keeping operations took place in Ottawa from November 2 - 6 inclusive at the invitation of the Government of Canada. Commodore R.W. Murdoch of Canada acted as Chairman. Representatives from the following countries attended: Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Liberia, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Tunisia, United Arab Republic. Major-General Indar Rikhye, Military Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, attended the meeting as an observer.

Three Working Groups were established. Group 1, under the Chairmanship of General Kittani, Morocco, (Vice-Chairman Major-General Kaldager, Norway) studied the questions of composition, command, control and liaison, training and operational problems. Group 2, under the Chairmanship of Major-General Ankrah, Ghana, (Vice-Chairman Colonel Amati, Italy) studied questions relating to environmental operating information and logistic support. Group 3, under the Chairmanship of Mr. B.C. Mishra, India, (Vice-Chairman Mr. O. Bierring, Denmark), studied personnel administration, public relations, accounting procedures, and legal problems.

The Chairmen of the Working Groups reported to the delegates on the work of their groups at the final plenary session, following which there was discussion of some of the points made in the reports.