

They further agreed to recommend to NATO that its machinery be reinforced in the following respects:—

- (a) All forces of NATO countries stationed on the Continent of Europe shall be placed under the authority of SACEUR, with the exception of those which NATO has recognized or will recognize as suitable to remain under national command.
- (b) Forces placed under SACEUR on the Continent shall be deployed in accordance with NATO strategy.
- (c) The location of such forces shall be determined by SACEUR after consultation and agreement with the national authorities concerned.
- (d) Such forces shall not be redeployed on the Continent nor used operationally on the Continent without his consent, subject to appropriate political guidance from the North Atlantic Council.
- (e) Forces placed under SACEUR on the Continent shall be integrated as far as possible consistent with military efficiency.
- (f) Arrangements shall be made for the closer co-ordination of logistics by SACEUR.
- (g) The level and effectiveness of forces placed under SACEUR on the Continent and the armaments and equipment, logistics, and reserve formations of those forces on the Continent shall be inspected by SACEUR.

The Conference recorded the view of all the governments represented that the North Atlantic Treaty should be regarded as of indefinite duration.

V.—Declaration by the Federal Government of Germany and Joint Declaration by the Government of France, United Kingdom and United States of America

The following declarations were recorded at the Conference by the German Federal Chancellor and by the Foreign Ministers of France, United Kingdom and United States of America:—

Declaration by Federal Republic of Germany

The Federal Republic of Germany has agreed to conduct its policy in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and accepts the obligations set forth in Article 2 of the Charter.

Upon her accession to the North Atlantic Treaty and the Brussels Treaty, the Federal Republic of Germany declares that she will refrain from any action inconsistent with the strictly defensive character of the two treaties. In particular the Federal Republic of Germany undertakes never to have recourse to force to achieve the reunification of Germany or the modification of the present boundaries of the Federal Republic of Germany, and to resolve by peaceful means any disputes which may arise between the Federal Republic and other States.

Declaration by the Governments of United States of America, United Kingdom and France

The Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the French Republic,