

13. They emphasised the importance they attach to the development of the less-favoured countries of the alliance.

14. Comprising as they do many of the more industrially developed countries, the Atlantic nations recognise their special responsibility in the field of aid to underdeveloped countries.

15. The ministers instructed the permanent representatives to follow up previous studies to enable the countries of the alliance to watch the development of the Communist economic offensive and to concert the necessary defensive measures.

16. The Secretary-General was invited to draw up a report on these various questions which will be examined at the spring ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council.

17. This meeting will take place, at the invitation of the Norwegian Government, in Oslo, in May 1961.



*The Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard C. Green (right), talks with Mr. Christian Herter (centre), the Secretary of State of the United States of America in a hallway of the NATO headquarters building in Paris.*