

the Alliance foster the well-being of its peoples and provide a sound basis for a defence effort equitably shared among the allies and commensurate with their economic potential. Furthermore, economic expansion in the West, by facilitating the provision of increased aid and stimulating world trade, is essential to steady economic progress and a rising standard of living in the developing countries.

Ministers emphasized their determination to intensify measures to sustain the efforts of those countries of the Alliance that, while making an important contribution to the common defence, at the same time are faced with the urgent problem of speeding up their economic development.

Ministers examined a report on national and international civil-emergency plans, which are an essential complement to the defence effort.

The next ministerial meeting of the NAC will be held, on the invitation of the Canadian Government, in Ottawa, May 21-23, 1963.