

(b) For the discussion of matters affecting only two Commonwealth countries meetings of Ministers or officials will also be held as necessary; and, where appropriate, formal machinery could be established for this purpose on the lines of the recently constituted Continuing Canada-United-Kingdom Economic Committee.

(c) The existing contacts between officials of Commonwealth Governments concerned with financial and economic matters will be maintained and extended, and in particular there will be more frequent interchange of visits.

5. (a) To meet present needs the existing Commonwealth Liaison Committee for the European Recovery Programme, which includes officials of all Commonwealth countries, will under the title "Commonwealth Economic Information Committee" serve in London as a clearing-house for economic information generally to provide the basis for informed consultation between Governments.

(b) Other Commonwealth Governments will endeavour to make comparable arrangements in their capitals.

6. In furtherance of the general aim of co-operation between all peace-loving nations to deter and to resist aggression there will be close consultation between Commonwealth Governments to arrange co-operative action in matters of defence, including those matters which arise from a common interest in the security of a particular region. The military advisers of those Governments will consult together to frame proposals and plans for submission to their respective Governments.

Meetings will be arranged on the Ministerial level, as the occasion demands, to discuss defence problems, whether general or regional.

In the system of Commonwealth Service Liaison Officers there already exists machinery for the exchange of military information of general interest, and Commonwealth Governments will consider how that machinery can be improved to render it fully effective as a means of exchanging information about the progress of the defence plans, whether general or regional, and securing the maximum appropriate degree of defence co-ordination.

7. The arrangements summarised above will supplement but will not supersede the existing channels of communication between Commonwealth Governments. In London the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations will continue to be responsible for relations with other Commonwealth Governments.

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