

THE COMMITTEE RE-AFFIRMED THE COMMON DESIRE AND INTENTION OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND TO IMPROVE CONSULTATION BETWEEN MEMBERS WITHIN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, AND CONSIDERED WAYS AND MEANS WHEREBY THE ALLIANCE S OBJECTIVES MIGHT BE ACHIEVED IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWED THE FIELD OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION SHARING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT THIS IS A LONG RANGE PROGRAM. THEY RE-AFFIRMED THE CONCEPT AS ONE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EACH COUNTRY AND DISCUSSED FURTHER STEPS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO ASSURE A GREATER MEASURE OF CO-OPERATION.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE EXISTING MACHINERY FOR CONSULTATION ON DEFENCE MATTERS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS OPERATING EFFECTIVELY. IT WAS NOTED IN THIS RESPECT THAT THE PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE, CREATED BY THE OGDENSBURG DECLARATION OF 1940, WOULD THIS YEAR BE COMPLETING THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF ITS EXISTENCE AND THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS CONFIDENCE THAT THE BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE WITHIN THE AREA OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ARRANGED LATER.