

Article 7. (Other International Engagements)—The parties declare, each so far as he is concerned, that none of the international engagements now in force between him and any other of the parties or any third State is in conflict with or affected by the provisions of this Treaty.

In its present form this article seems to be juridically ineffective and should be changed to read:

“Each party to this Treaty agrees not to accept any obligations in conflict with this Treaty or with the Charter of the United Nations.”

Article 8. (Organization)—The parties hereby establish a Council, on which each of them shall be represented, to deal with matters concerning the implementation of this Treaty. The Council shall be so organized as to be able to meet promptly at any time. The Council shall set up such subsidiary bodies as may be necessary; in particular it shall establish immediately a Defence Committee which shall recommend measures for the implementation of Articles 3 and 5.

No change is suggested.

Article 9. (Accession)—The parties may, by agreement, invite any other country in the North Atlantic or Western European regions to accede to this Treaty. Any State so invited may become a party to the Treaty by depositing its Instrument of Accession with the Government of The Government of ... will inform each of the parties of the deposit of each such Instrument of Accession.

We should try to have an additional article inserted after the above Accession article to read somewhat as follows:

“The parties may, by agreement and on terms to be agreed with the State concerned, extend some or all of the provisions of this Treaty to any other country in the North Atlantic or Western European regions whose defence is considered vital to the defence of the parties to this Treaty.”

The value of such an article would be that it would make possible special arrangements which would include additional territories, e.g. Italy. This, however, could only be done by agreement among the existing signatories. Some or all of the provisions could thus be extended by some or all of the signatories.

Article 10. (Ratification and Duration)—This Treaty shall be ratified by the signatory States and the Instruments of Ratification shall be deposited as soon as possible with the ... Government. It shall enter into force between the States which have ratified it as soon as the Ratifications of a majority of the signatories have been deposited and shall remain in effect for ... years from that date. It shall come into effect with respect to the other signatory States on the date of the deposit of their Ratifications.

After this treaty has been in force for ... years, each of the parties may cease to be a party one year after its notice of denunciation has been given to the ... Government.

The ... Government shall inform the Governments of the other parties of the deposit of each Instrument of Ratification and each Notice of Denunciation.

We feel that the duration of the treaty should be no longer than 20 years and might be even 16 or 12. We also suggest that an additional clause might be pro-