

**Resolution of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty
Adopted at the Meeting of the
Political Consultative Committee on March 17, 1969**

The Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty resolve:

1. To APPROVE:
 - a) The statute for the Committee of the Ministers of Defense of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty;
 - b) The statute on the Unified Armed Forces and the Unified Command of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty;
 - c) The statute for the Military Council of the Unified Armed Forces of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty;
 - d) The statute for the unified system of air defense of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty.
2. To create the staff and Committee on Technology of the Unified Armed Forces of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty in accordance with the organizational structure proposed by the ministers of defense of the Warsaw Treaty and the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces.

To acknowledge the agreement of the Soviet Government that the accommodation of the staff of the Unified Armed Forces and the Committee on Technology of the Unified Armed Forces will be ensured through the funding of the Soviet Union and that the command organs of the Unified Armed forces will be provided with means of communication, automotive transport, service personnel, and other provisions through funding of the costs from the budget of the Unified Command.

3. To conclude the establishment of the staff and the Committee on Technology of the Unified Armed Forces in the first half of 1969.

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**Statute of the Committee of the Ministers of Defense of the
Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty
(For Peacetime)**

1. On the basis of Article 6 of the Warsaw Treaty, the Committee of the Ministers of Defense will be constituted to prepare coordinated recommendations and proposals on issues concerning the defensive capabilities of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty, as well as on the creation and augmentation of the combat-readiness of the Unified Armed Forces and to prepare matters for discussion in the Political Consultative Committee.

The Committee of the Ministers of Defense is a military organ of the Warsaw Treaty Organization. Its members include the Ministers of Defense of the member-states, the Supreme Commander and the chief of staff of the Unified Armed Forces.

2. The Committee of the Ministers of Defense has the following duties:
 - a) to examine the situation of the likely opponent, his strategic plans and the trends in his forces' development
 - b) to prepare recommendations and proposals on matters regarding the improvement of the defensive capabilities of the member-states
 - c) to discuss recommendations and proposals regarding the creation and development of the Unified Armed Forces as well as improving their combat readiness
 - d) to examine matters related to the activities of the leading bodies of the Unified Armed Forces
 - e) to examine the condition of the theaters of war and to give recommendations regarding their preparation
 - f) to examine the condition of the command resources for war time and to undertake necessary measures for their improvement
 - g) to agree on other military matters requiring joint coordination.
3. The recommendations and proposals of the Committee of the Ministers of Defense concerning the most important military and politico-military matters that require mutually coordinated decisions will be presented to the governments, or else to the Political Consultative Committee, for consideration and the necessary approval.

The decisions of the Committee of the Ministers of Defense concerning matters that fall within the competencies of the Ministers of Defense will be accepted for implementation by the Ministers of Defense and the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces.

4. The meetings of the Committee of the Ministers of Defense will be held once or twice a year. The Ministers of Defense will chair the meetings alternately. The minister of defense currently serving as chairman will be responsible for convening the meeting.

An extraordinary meeting of the Committee will be convened by the current chairman at the request of one member of the committee provided, that at least 50 percent of the members of the committee agree.

The meetings of the Committee of the Ministers of Defense will be carried out on the territory of the country from which the current chairman is designated.

The working organ of the Committee is the staff of the Unified Armed Forces.

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Statute of the Unified Armed Forces and the Unified Command of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty (In Peace Time)¹

General Statutes

The current statutes for the Unified Armed Forces, which are specified in keeping with the agreement of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty for joint operations in accordance with Article 5 of the Treaty, and [the current statutes] for the Unified Command are based upon the principles of the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, which was concluded on May 14, 1955, in WARSAW.

The many years of experience in the activity of the Warsaw Treaty Organization confirm the steadfastness of these principles and the loyalty of the treaty's member-states to the duties that they have undertaken and their determination to operate in accordance with the requirements of the Warsaw Treaty.

In the case of an armed attack in Europe on one or more of the states participating in the Treaty by any state or group of states, every member-state of the Treaty will immediately provide assistance to the attacked state or states by exercising the right to individual and collective self-defense, either individually or in agreement with the other member-states of the treaty, with all means that it considers necessary, including the use of armed force. The member-states will immediately consult regarding the joint steps that must be initiated in order to restore or to preserve international peace and security.

To this end, the treaty members created the Unified Armed Forces and have taken the measures necessary to strengthen them and steadily increase their combat readiness necessary, and have been coordinating their mutual efforts at defense in order to defend peace and socialism in Europe.

In order to achieve command over the Unified Armed Forces and to coordinate their activity, a Unified Command headed by the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces was created pursuant to Article 5 of the aforementioned treaty.

I. The Unified Armed Forces of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty

1. The Unified Armed Forces of the member-states are understood to be those forces and

¹ Word-for-word translation; until now, designated as Unified Supreme Command [Transl. Note: in German original]

equipment which according to the agreement of the member-states are assigned to joint activities, along with the military organs that were created in accordance with Article 5 of the Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance that was signed in WARSAW on May 14, 1955, by the heads of state of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty.

2. The Unified Armed Forces of the member-states consist of the national units provided for joint military operations in accordance with the decisions of each country's governments, the tactical and operational units of all the individual armed forces; the security detachments, front and rear commands, as well as the command organs of the Unified Armed Forces.

The total strength of the forces-in-being for peace time and war time, the order of battle of the units, sub-units, rear and front commands, their structure, armament and equipment as well as the extent of materiel reserves and the measures for operational preparation of the national territories will be determined by the governments of each state with consideration for the recommendations of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces and on the basis of the decisions of the Political Consultative Committee, depending upon the available resources and economic possibilities. These matters will be determined through special agreements, which will be signed by the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces and the ministers of defense of each state and will be confirmed by the governments of the respective member-states.

3. In peace time the troops and fleets belonging to the Unified Armed Forces remain directly subordinate to the individual ministries of defense; their activities will be governed by the laws, statutes and official instructions of each state.

The ministries of defense are fully responsible to their governments for the condition, armament, equipment, combat readiness, political indoctrination, and military training of their troops, as well as for the stockpiling of the prescribed material and technical reserves.

The Supreme Commander assumes in peace time all rights with regard to the Unified Armed Forces that are foreseen in Part III of these statutes.

In war time the organization of the command of the Unified Armed Forces, the activities of the Unified Command as well as the mutual relations between the Unified Command and the national commands will be governed by special statutes.

4. For the joint management of the air defense of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty, a unified air defense system of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty was created.
5. Operational planning for the utilization of troops assigned to the Unified Armed Forces for war time will be carried out by the ministers of defense and the general (main')

staffs of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty, while taking into account the recommendations of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces and the suggestions of the general staff of the armed forces of the USSR, and if necessary, also in collaboration with the neighboring armies of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty. The operational plans prepared for the forces-in-being of each country for war time will be signed by the ministers of defense and the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces and will be confirmed by the respective governments of the member-states.

II. The Unified Command, the Leading Service Positions, and the Command Organs of the Unified Armed Forces

6. The following service positions will be established within the Unified Command:

- the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty
- the chief of staff of the Unified Armed Forces and the first deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces
- deputies of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces from every member-state of the Warsaw Treaty at the rank of either deputy minister of defense of these states or chief of the general (main) staff
- deputy of the Supreme Commander for air defense and commander of the air-defense forces of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty
- deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for air forces²
- deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for navies²
- deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for armament and chief of the Committee on Technology.

7. For control of the activities of the Unified Armed Forces the following command organs will be created:

- the Military Council of the Unified Armed Forces
- the Staff of the Unified Armed Forces
- the Committee on Technology of the Unified Armed Forces.

8. With the consent of the governments, liaisons of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces can be placed in the armies of the member-states. They will follow guidelines approved by the Ministers of Defense and confirmed by the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces.

² Protocol of changes from 1978 – Annex 2 [in German original]

III. The Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces

9. In accordance with the resolution of the governments of the Warsaw Treaty member-states, the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces will be appointed from among the marshals (generals) of any of the member-states for 4-6 years.
10. In his activities, the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces will be guided by the decisions of the governments of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty and the instructions of the Political Consultative Committee.

In agreement with the Ministers of Defense and if necessary with the governments, as well as with the help of his deputies and the staff of the Unified Armed Forces, he organizes and implements measures within the Unified Armed Forces aimed at increasing their combat and mobilization readiness.

The Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces reports periodically to the Political Consultative Committee and the governments of the member-states regarding his activities and the condition and development of the Unified Armed Forces.

11. In agreement with Article 10 of the current statutes, the Supreme Commander:
 - a) Coordinates operational plans for the deployment of the troops and naval forces assigned to the Unified Armed Forces
 - b) Issues directives for increasing the combat readiness of the troops and naval forces, including their operational and combat training; determines the annual joint activities of the Unified Armed Forces (exercises, war games, training, conferences, consultations, discussions, etc.); and directs their implementation
 - c) Drafts proposals for the improvement of weapon systems, preparation of the theater of war, and the stockpiling of materiel.
12. In accordance with Articles 10 and 11, the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces has the right:
 - a) To order (recommend) a heightened or full state of combat readiness for the troops of the Unified Armed Forces in fulfillment of the resolutions of the governments of the Warsaw Treaty member-states or the Political Consultative Committee,
 - b) To participate in the review of the combat and operational preparation as well as the level of combat readiness of the troops and naval forces assigned to the Unified Armed Forces in realizing the plan agreed upon with the defense ministers,

- c) To sign, together with the Ministers of Defense of the Warsaw Treaty member-states, drafts of operational plans, agreements, plans and other documents, concerning the development of the Unified Armed Forces and to present these documents to the respective governments for review and approval.
- d) To consult with the Ministers of Defense or the governments of the Warsaw Treaty member-states as well as the Political Consultative Committee regarding all matters concerning the Unified Armed Forces.
- e) To propose to the governments candidates for consideration for the following service positions, after agreeing with the Ministers of Defense of the member-states:
 - chief of staff of the Unified Armed Forces and first deputy of the Supreme Commander
 - commander of air defense forces of the Warsaw Treaty member-states and deputy of the Supreme Commander
 - deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for air forces²
 - deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for naval forces²
 - chief of the Committee on Technology and deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for armament
- f) To name the liaisons to the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces from the armies of the Warsaw Treaty member-states in agreement with the Ministers of Defense and on the basis of Article 8 of these statutes.
- g) To approve personnel plans for the staff, the Committee on Technology, and the other command organs of the Unified Armed Forces in accordance with their established numerical strength, and in agreement with the defense ministers, to determine the career tables of the generals, admirals, and officers in the command organs of the Unified Armed Forces and to issue commands regarding their use in service positions.

IV. Deputies of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces

13. In agreement with Article 6 of these statutes, the Supreme Commander has the following deputies:

- the chief of staff of the Unified Armed Forces and first deputy of the Supreme Commander
- the deputies of the Supreme Commander who are also either deputy ministers of defense of the Warsaw Treaty member-states or chiefs of the general (main) staffs.

The government of each Warsaw Treaty member-state names a deputy of the Supreme Commander, who will carry out his duties in his country. To negotiate and

- resolve problems of mutual interest, the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces conducts periodical consultations with these deputies.
- the commander of the air defense forces of the Warsaw Treaty member-states and deputy of the Supreme Commander
 - the deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for air forces²
 - the deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for naval forces²
 - the chief of the Committee on Technology and deputy of the Supreme Commander for armament.
14. The chief of staff, the commanders of the air defense forces, the deputy of the Supreme Commander for air forces, the deputy of the supreme commander for naval forces, and the chief of the Committee on Technology will be appointed by mutual agreement from the armed forces of any of the Warsaw treaty-member states.
15. The deputies of the Supreme Commander are to be guided in their activities by the present statute, the statute of the Military Council and the instructions of both the Supreme Commander and the Ministers of Defense of the respective states. The deputy of the Supreme Commander and commander of the air defense forces are also to be guided by the statute for the unified air defense system of the Warsaw Treaty member-states.
- V. The Military Council of the Unified Armed Forces of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty
16. The Military Council deals comprehensively with current issues concerning the condition and development of the Unified Armed Forces of the Warsaw Treaty member-states. The activities of the Military Council are of a consultative and advisory character. They are regulated by special statutes.
17. The Military Council of the Unified Armed Forces consists of:
- the Supreme Commander, who simultaneously serve as chairman of the Military Council
 - the chief of staff of the Unified Armed Forces and the First Deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces
 - the deputies of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces and the deputies of the Ministers of Defense or the chiefs of the general (main) staffs
 - the commander of the air defense forces of the Warsaw Treaty member-states and the deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces
 - the deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for air forces
 - the deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for Naval Forces
 - the chief of the Committee on Technology of the Unified Armed Forces and the Deputy of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for Armament.

VI. The Chief of Staff of the Unified Armed Forces

18. The chief of staff supervises the work of the staff of the Unified Armed Forces and coordinates the activities of all command organs of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces. He participates personally in the development of issues related to the operational use of the Unified Armed Forces in war time. He organizes the preparation and development of issues concerning the Unified Armed Forces, presents reports to the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces, and checks the implementation of his decisions.
19. On instructions from the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces, the chief of staff coordinates measures with the general (main) staffs joint measures to be carried out by the Unified Armed Forces. Together with the general (main) staffs he determines the order of distribution for documents of an informational character and maintains correspondence with the general (main) staffs on matters falling within his competency.
20. The chief of staff of the Unified Armed Forces has the right to issue orders to the staff and to confirm regulations for the administration and departments of the staff, plans and other documents regarding work within the staff of the Unified Armed Forces. Furthermore, he has the right to use the diplomatic pouch and the other means of communication that exist between the Warsaw Treaty countries.
21. The chief of staff of the Unified Armed Forces has deputies in the rank of deputy chiefs of the general (main) staffs appointed by the ministries of defense of the Warsaw Treaty member-states. They work continually on the staff of the Unified Armed Forces while simultaneously serving as the main representative of their general (main) staffs. They ensure ongoing cooperation between the general (main) staffs of the Warsaw Treaty member-states and the staff of the Unified Armed Forces and take part in the operational planning for their troops.

VII. The Staff of the Unified Armed Forces

22. The staff of the Unified Armed Forces is the command organ of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Forces.
23. The staff of the Unified Armed Forces is responsible for studying and evaluating the politico-military and strategic situation, the development of proposals regarding the combat and mobilization readiness of the troops and naval forces, their operational and combat training, the improvement of the structure of forces and their armament systems, the equipment of the troops and naval forces with weaponry and military technology, and the preparation of theaters of war and the stockpiling of necessary reserves.
24. The staff of the Unified Armed Forces studies data regarding the likely adversary, his

operational plans, structure, weapons, military technology, and other matters being considered in the NATO system and in other imperialist military blocs, and on this basis prepares measures and proposals for the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces and, on his orders, informs the general (main) staffs of the armies of the Warsaw Treaty member-states.

25. In accordance with Article 11 of the present statute, the staff of the Unified Armed Forces plans the annual joint activities of the staffs and troops of the Unified Armed Forces (exercises, war games, training, conferences, consultations, meetings, etc.). In agreement with the general (main) staffs of the armies of the Warsaw Treaty member-states, it presents [the plan] to the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for approval. After the plans are approved, the staff of the Unified Armed Forces organizes the preparation and implementation of the measures foreseen in it.
26. It studies, interprets, and disseminates proposals for the introduction of positive experiences, new methods and procedures to be used in the training of troops. It then studies and interprets the results that have been achieved by improving the material basis of training.

In order to analyze the experiences and the condition of the troops, as well as to provide support on the spot, the generals and officers of the staff participate in the joint activities of the troops and naval forces assigned to the Unified Armed Forces (exercises, trainings, war games) that are conducted in accordance with the plans of the unified command and the ministries of defense.

It schedules meetings and scientific conferences that are of mutual interest in terms of exploiting the latest scientific-technical achievements for military purposes.

27. The staff of the Unified Armed Forces works in close collaboration with the general (main) staffs of the Warsaw Treaty member-states.

The general (main) staffs coordinate with the staff of the Unified Armed Forces regarding the disposition of troops, naval forces and the staffs of the Unified Armed Forces (from units up) as well as the placement of their reserves, and periodically transmit required information to the staff of the Unified Armed Forces based on a jointly-determined, plainly set-out plan.

28. The recruitment of staff for the Unified Armed Forces occurs on the basis of proportional composition (according to Annex 1) of general, admirals and officers from all the armies of the Warsaw Treaty member-states, in which the aforementioned will be relieved from all other duties in their armies.

29. The generals, admirals and officers active in the Unified Armed Forces³ wear their national uniform and insignia, following the guidelines that apply to their respective forces.

The regulations governing the service careers of the staff are determined by the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces in agreement with the Ministers of Defense of the Warsaw Treaty member-states.

30. The seat of the staff of the Unified Armed Forces and the other command organs of the Unified Armed Forces of the Member-States of the Treaty is MOSCOW.

VIIa. The Deputies of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for Air Forces and Naval Forces

- 30 a. The deputies of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for air forces and naval forces are to be guided in their work by the present statute and the statute on the Military Council of the Unified Armed Forces of the Member-States of the Warsaw Treaty (for peacetime) as well as by the directives of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces.

They participate in working out developmental plans for their respective armed forces branch, plans for the operational deployment of their operational and tactical units, the preparation and implementation of joint measures and the resolution of other problems related raising the combat readiness and fighting capabilities of the air forces and navies.

VIII. Committee on Technology of the Unified Armed Forces

31. A Committee on Technology will be established in the Supreme Command of the Unified Armed Forces. The Committee on Technology is headed by the chief of the Committee on Technology and the Deputy Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for Armament. The Committee on Technology is to be guided in its work by the instructions of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces and the present statute.
32. The Committee on Technology develops recommendations regarding the armament systems and military technology of the armies of the Warsaw Treaty member-states. It investigates the state and the prospects for the development of the armaments and technology of these armies and initiates mutually-agreed measures to coordinate research and development connected with the provision of the armies with weapons and technology that are of mutual interest.
33. The activity of the Committee on Technology occurs in cooperation with the Commission for the Defense Industry of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance.

³ In addition to the staff, the other command organs of the Unified Armed Forces are meant here as well. [in German original]

34. A Military Scientific-Technical Council will be established to assist the Deputy Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for Armament. Its main tasks will consist in dealing with the most important recommendations prepared by the Committee on Technology.

The Military Scientific-Technical Council will meet periodically, two to three times a year.

Members of the Military Scientific-Technical Council include the deputy ministers or the deputies of the chief of the general (main) staffs for armament and the chairmen of the scientific-technical committees of the defense ministries (general staffs) of the Warsaw Treaty member-states.

The chairman of the Military Scientific-Technical Council is the Deputy Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for Armament.

The proposals of the Military Scientific-Technical Council are to be set down in writing and presented to the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for approval.

IX. The budget and the financing of the activities of the Unified Command and the Command Organs of the Unified Armed Forces

35. In order to finance the activities of the Unified Command, the Staff and other Command bodies of the Unified Armed Forces, a budget will be created from the assessed contributions of the armies of the Warsaw Treaty member-states (according to Annex 2).
36. The budgeted funds will be used to ensure joint measures for the operational and combat training of the Unified Armed Forces, to maintain the material reserves allocated to the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces for ensuring the service activities of the Unified Command and the command organs of the Unified Armed Forces, and also to make use of the governmental and operational communications networks and to maintain motor vehicles.

The budget and its fulfillment will be confirmed annually by the defense ministers of the Warsaw Treaty member-states in the name of the governments and the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces.

37. The costs connected with the financial support, clothing and accommodation, transportation and the medical care and other support of the generals, admirals and officers serving in the staff of the Unified Armed Forces and in the other command organs will be born by the defense ministries of the armies of the Warsaw Treaty countries in accordance with the laws and statutes of these countries.

The service remuneration of the generals and officers is determined by the Defense Ministers of the respective states in agreement with the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces.

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