

RESOLUTION

Of the Political Consultative Committee Of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States 26 January 1972

The Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States notes:

The resolutions of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States on improving the structure and the command bodies of the defense organization of the Warsaw Treaty, adopted by the Ministers of Defense and the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces on 17 March 1969 in Budapest, are being implemented.¹

The command organs that were established are having a positive impact on all aspects of the life and activities of the Unified Armed Forces. Military co-operation among the allied countries has expanded. The fraternal friendship among the armed forces of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States countries of the Warsaw Treaty has grown and is expanding. The combat readiness of the armies and navies has increased. The command structure of the Unified Armed Forces has been improved.

All of this has facilitated a growth in the defensive capacity of the allied states.

The Warsaw Treaty Member-States RESOLVE:²

1. To approve the practical activities of the military organs of the Warsaw Treaty Organization to implement the resolutions of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States adopted at the Budapest meeting of the Political Consultative Committee to improve the structure and command organs of the Warsaw Treaty's defense organization;

¹ Transl. note: The first paragraph of the East German version contains an apparent mistranslation from the original Russian version, which reads: "the resolutions adopted by the Warsaw Treaty Member-States in Budapest ... are being implemented by the Ministers of Defense and the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces." The PCC – not the Ministers of Defense and the Supreme Commander – adopted the resolution in March 1969. Except for possible minor editorial changes, this approved resolution has the same text as the original Russian draft. For the original Russian draft, see <http://www.php.isn.ethz.ch/collections/colltopic.cfm?lng=en&id=18095&navinfo=14465>.

² The original Russian draft read, "The Political Consultative Committee RESOLVES..." Ibid.

2. To proceed with the efforts of the Unified Command and the national commands to improve the defensive capabilities of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States and to fully implement the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee in March 1969 in all allied armies. To raise the combat readiness of the Unified Armed Forces, and to deepen the friendship and cooperation among the allied armed forces;

3. To take steps to complete the five-year plans for the development of the allied armed forces, 1971-1975, on time. The focus should be on:

- Improvement of the armed forces' structure,
- The technical equipment of the armed forces,
- Improvement in the armed forces' command,
- The stockpiling of material reserves and
- Equipping the theaters of military operations.

To equip the armed forces with new technology based on the Comprehensive Program for the Further Extension and Improvement of Cooperation and the Further Development of Socialist Economic Integration of the member countries of the CMEA, as approved at the CMEA's 25th Session.

4. Expanding the existing forms of cooperation among the armies of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States, under the coordinated leadership of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces and the Ministers of Defense, is considered to be the most effective method for further consolidating the friendship and intensifying the contacts among them.

5. The structure of the command organs of the Unified Armed Forces of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States is to be improved. Changes and adjustments in the organizational structure of the Staff and the Committee on Technology of the Unified Armed Forces in terms of their numerical strength will be made by the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces in coordination with the Ministers of Defense of the Warsaw Treaty Member-States.

[Translation from the German by Ursula Froese]