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### Summary of the Report

By the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces regarding the implementation of the decisions made by the Warsaw Treaty member-states at the Political Consultative Committee meeting on March 17, 1969, with respect to the improvement of the structure and command organs of the Warsaw Treaty Defense Organization and the development of allied forces for the years 1971-1975.

It is noted in the report that the Ministries of National Defense and the Unified Command have implemented the decisions made by the Warsaw Treaty member-states at the Political Consultative Committee meeting on March 17, 1969.

Command organs have been established for the Unified Armed Forces. A further improvement in the structure of the entire Warsaw Treaty Defense Organization has been attained. Work is underway to strengthen the armed forces and broaden the military cooperation of the allied nations. We are strengthening the friendship of our fraternal forces.

It emphasizes that the implementation of the decisions made by the Political Consultative Committee on March 17, 1969, represents a new stage in the improvement of the Warsaw Treaty Defense Organization and in the expansion and training of the Unified Armed Forces.

A summary of the work completed by the newly-created military command organs of the Warsaw Treaty Organization follows.

During the time that has passed, the Committee of Defense Ministers has examined the main areas of development for the armies, front aviation, air defenses, and navies, as well as the condition of the armed services in terms of their equipment with modern weapons and military technology and in terms of improving the organizational structure of formations and units.

The report then briefly enumerates the main recent trends in the development of the various services of the allied armed forces.

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It concludes that the fulfillment of the five-year developmental plans for the allied armed forces will further increase our nations' defensive capabilities and increase the combat power of the Unified Armed Forces.

The report also covers the work that has been carried out by the Unified Command, the Military Council, the Command Staff, and the Committee on Technology, in terms of raising combat and mobilization readiness and improving the command of troops and fleets. In particular, it notes that a comprehensive paper on the combat readiness of the Unified Armed Forces has been prepared and sent to the allied forces. The creation of a system of protected command posts with communication centers for the Unified Armed Forces in the theater of military operations is planned for before 1975.

The report pays considerable attention to issues regarding the preparation of the allied armies and navies. It emphasizes that joint activities should be carried out in accordance with a unified plan coordinated by the Ministries of National Defense and that issues regarding the preparation of the armies and navies should be systematically reviewed at Military Council meetings, at Unified Command sessions, and at defense leadership meetings. The report provides a brief assessment of the joint combat operational training activities of the armies and navies, and it stresses the positive influence that those activities have had on achieving mutual understanding and a unity of opinion among the allied army commanders and command staff and on resolving a number of practical issues concerning troop training.

It concludes that the activities conducted by the Unified and national commands have strengthened and further developed the camaraderie-in-arms of the fraternal forces, the level of strategic knowledge and military and technical expertise among generals and officers, as well as the teamwork and efficiency in the staffs' work. The level of training for ground, air, and sea formations and units assigned to the Unified Armed Forces has improved.

The report then elaborates on the fulfillment of the decision to improve the unified air defense system of the Warsaw Treaty member-states. The report also describes the work being conducted by the Unified Armed Forces in terms of modernizing weaponry and coordinating scientific research and experimental design work in the weapons field.

In conclusion, the report discusses the implementation of the developmental plans of the allied forces in the years 1966-1970, and it informs the Political Consultative Committee of the following problems facing the Unified Armed Forces:

The allied forces are still equipped with a significant amount of outdated technology; some of the allied forces suffer from insufficient staffing levels; and there is a pronounced need for further efforts to improve the command and control of troops.

The report concludes with an assurance that all the organs of the Unified Armed Forces command will make every effort to fulfill the goals assigned to them by the Central Committees of the communist and workers' parties, by the governments of the Warsaw Treaty member-states, and by the Political Consultative Committee.

*[Translation from the Russian by Julia La Villa Nossova]*