
DRAFT RESOLUTION

of the Conference of the Political Consultative Committee of the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty relating to the report of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces

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The states participating in the Warsaw Treaty, after examining the report of the Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces (UAF), remark the fact that in 1977 and 1978 the military collaboration between the allied armies underwent a continuous enlargement and deepening. The decisions regarding military issues adopted at the Conference are being fulfilled.

At the same time, the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty ascertain that the decisions of the May 1978 session of the NATO Council and the next practical steps taken by the USA leadership and the other NATO countries regarding the increase of military preparations in Europe amplify the danger to the peace and security of the countries in the socialist community.

In the created conditions, the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty, perseveringly continuing their fight for strengthening peace and amplifying détente, are forced to take the necessary measures to ensure their own defense capacity and the improvement of the Unified Armed Forces.

The states participating in the Warsaw Treaty DECIDE:

1. To approve the practical activity of the Unified Command and of the leadership organs of the Unified Armed Forces regarding the development of military collaboration and the fulfillment of the decision of the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty in relation to military issues, adopted at the Conference of the Political Consultative Committee of November, 1976.
2. On the basis of the principles of friendship, collaboration, and mutual assistance of the Warsaw Treaty, to further deepen and extend the military collaboration between the allied countries and armies, in the interest of strength-ening the defense capacity of the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty.

The unified command and the national commands, taking into account the stepping up of NATO's military preparations, are to ensure the further increase of the combat capacity of the Unified Armed Forces, to improve and upgrade their land, air, and sea combat readiness, to increase the extent of equipping their troops with new technical fighting means and armament, to better their leadership system, to ensure their material and technical endowment, to improve the arrangement - from an operational point of view - of the territories of allied countries, to strengthen the links of friendship and internationalist cohesion between the allied armies.

3. The main direction in the development of Unified Armed Forces is to be considered their qualitative improvement. In the development plans of the Unified Armed Forces for the years 1981-1985, the following provisions are to be included:

- the order of battle and contingents of troops and forces of the allied fleets assigned by each state to

the Unified Armed Forces should not be at a lower level than the one stipulated in protocols for the end of the current five-year period;

- the supplementary formation for wartime, within the framework of each allied country, of the big units and reserve units required to increase the efforts and complete the losses in the first month of war and during the combat actions afterwards;

- the increase, in comparison with the current five-year period, of the volumes of equipping of the troops and forces of the fleets assigned to the Unified Armed Forces with new unified models of armament and technical fighting means. Until 1985, the unification of the main armament categories is to attain 70-100%;

- the creation, within the framework of each allied army, of special units equipped with state-of-the-art models so that a basis can exist for further re-equipping the troops and the fleets till 1990.

The development plans of troops and fleets assigned for inclusion in the composition of the Unified Armed Forces for the next five-year period are to be drawn up during the years 1979-1980 and finalized by bilateral protocols till the end of 1980.

4. For the following five-year period the increase of investments for re-equipping the troops and fleets with new categories of armament and technical fighting means is envisaged, taking into account the re-equipping rhythms.

Measures are to be taken for raising the production of up-to-date models of armament and technical fighting means by the defense industry of the allied armies, and for duly fulfilling the production and mutual delivery plans for them.

5. The Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces is to be assigned the task to draw up, together with the ministers of defense of the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty, the "Wartime Statute of the Unified Armed Forces of the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty and their leadership organs" The drawing up of the statute is to start from the following [concepts]:

- The wartime command of the Unified Armed Forces of the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty should be exerted by the Joint Supreme Command.

- For the direct command of the troops and forces of the fleets on the operation theaters main commandments of the Unified Armed Forces will be created containing adequate leadership organs for the operation theaters in the west and the south-east. The main commandments have, in their subordination, the troops and the forces of the fleets of the allied countries, assigned to be used on the operation theaters according to plans agreed upon. In addition, for wartime unified military navies will be created in the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea.

- The draft "Statute" is to be considered at the meeting of the Committee of Ministers of Defense in 1979, and presented for approval to the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty.

6. In the event of the political-military situation in Europe worsening unexpectedly, the command of the Unified Armed Forces shall be exerted - until the "Wartime Statute of the Unified Armed Forces of the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty and their leadership organs" is approved - by the

Supreme Command which will be created by the decision of the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty and of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the USSR.

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