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SUB-GROUP ON DATA SUPPORT

DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR MBFR PURPOSES

Note by the Chairman

Further to the meeting held at NATO Headquarters on 19th August, 1976, please find attached the revised Annexes A and B to AC/276(SGDS)-N/31, dated 3rd August, 1976.

2. SGDS Members are kindly requested to submit their comments before the next meeting which is scheduled to be held at NATO Headquarters on 25th October, 1976 at 10.45 a.m.

3. The Agenda for that meeting is attached as Annex C to this document.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES RELATING TO STANDARD DATA FORMATS FOR GROUND FORCES

GENERAL

1. The following explanatory notes detail the data required by the MBFR Working Group. The data is to be shown in accordance with the attached three formats.

2. The explanatory notes relate to the formats.

TYPE OF UNIT BY COMMAND STATUS

3. Format "SUMMARY OF FORCES"

(a) General

(1) NGA + Hungary (NATO and WP Forces). The ground forces to be reported other than for UK, Canadian and US forces, are those located in NGA + Hungary. For UK, Canadian and US forces only those which are in Europe or that are dual-based, strategic reserve, AMF(L), reinforcement (including potential reinforcement and other augmentation forces for Europe) will be shown. This summary shows total personnel and equipment belonging to a country broken down by command status.

(2) Outside NGA (i.e. Flanks, USSR West of the Urals, Bulgaria, Rumania).

(i) NATO Forces - See NGA + Hungary.

(ii) WP Forces - This summary shows:

- Gross totals for personnel and main battle tanks;
- Numbers of major combat units by types; and
- Numbers of crew served missile systems (SAM and SSM) by launchers.

(b) Types of Units

(1) Major HQs. This includes all HQs senior to a Divisional HQ, e.g. MOD; Army, District, Corps HQs; a formation HQ such as Air Defence Command HQ, Logistic Command HQ; International HQs.

(2) Major Combat Units. This includes Divisions and independent Brigades (WP Regiments).

(3) Combat Support. This includes all combat support forces not organic to major combat units. (Military Police and Training Units are to be shown as Service Support Units.) A total figure will be shown for each type of combat support unit (artillery, engineers etc.).

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(4) Service Support. A gross total figure will be shown for service support. This figure will include all service support units not organic to major combat/combat support units. Construction engineers and signal units in support of service support formations will be counted as service support units.

(c) Additional Equipment in the NGA + Hungary in support of NATO/WP Forces. This only applies to Soviet, Canadian, UK and US forces. Equipment in the NATO Guidelines Area which is in support of forces shown in Serials 1 through 10 and which has not been reported in serials 1 through 10, is to be reported in Serial 11; e.g. actual holdings of prepositioned equipment, maintenance and reserve pool, war reserves etc.

(d) Remaining Equipment Held. This applies to all WP countries and European countries (including UK). Serial 21 reflects all remaining equipment held by a country that has not been reported in previous Serials. The totals at Serial 24 should be the actual strength of total equipment holdings.

4. Standard Data Formats

(a) Type of Unit. The type of units listed in Formats (Annexes A and B) are self-explanatory; further explanatory notes are shown at Annexes where necessary.

(b) Command Status

(1) Under NATO Command - Assigned and Earmarked. This includes forces-in-being which have been placed under the operational command/control of a NATO Commander and forces which nations have agreed to assign to the operational command/control of a NATO Commander at some future date.

(2) Under WP Command. This includes all operational type units (combat, combat support and service support).

(3) Other Forces for NATO (OFN). These are forces not assigned or earmarked for a NATO Command but which might co-operate with NATO forces or be placed under the operational control of a NATO Commander in certain specified circumstances, e.g. potential reserves.

(4) Forces Remaining Under National Command. These are all remaining national forces which have not been counted as OFN or forces under WP/NATO Command.

(c) Availability (NATO Forces). In designating availability of units the definitions used in MC 55/2 are to be used. In Annexe B Formats, types of units grouped according to functional categories will be shown according to their availability status, e.g. Artillery

3. 4xRegts 155 mm, 1xLOC Bty; A1-2 days
4. 1xRegt 175 mm; C2-5 days

(d) Time to be ready to move (WP Forces). "Availability" as defined and applied to NATO forces cannot be applied to WP forces. Current assessments indicate that the WP would commit Category B and C units upon their arrival in the combat zone. In lieu of "availability", estimates of the time units of each category will require (from the issue of mobilisation orders) to reach a "ready-to-move" status will be provided.

(e) Peacetime Location. In Format - Annex A, the actual name of the town/city will be issued to show location of units in their present (peacetime) location. In Format - Annex B, only the name of the country need be shown for unit(s) location.

(f) Personnel

(1) War Authorised Strength

(i) NATO Forces: to show the total planned war authorised strength of the unit.

(ii) WP Forces: to show the estimated war authorised strength for those type units for which definite estimates exist.

(2) Actual Strength

(i) NATO Forces: to show the total number of personnel on active duty in units as at 31 December. Personnel on courses, undertaking basic training, on temporary duty, on leave, in hospital, etc. but charged against unit or formation strength are to be included.

(ii) WP Forces: to show estimated actual strength figures for the units in the NGA, and a spread of estimated personnel strengths for manoeuvre divisions outside the NGA.

(g) Major Equipments - to show actual unit holdings of equipment as at 31 December. Definitions concerning the different types of equipment are shown below:

(1) Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) - These are Heavy and Medium Tanks. They include Royal Artillery OP Tanks but exclude engineer tanks such as dozers. MBTs must have a turret mounted gun.

(2) Light Tanks - These are Light Tracked armoured vehicles with a turret mounted gun of 73 mm or greater calibre or armed with the Shillelagh, fired from a gun mounted in turret. This includes the recce version of the BMP.

(3) Recce Vehicles. These are wheeled or tracked armoured vehicles other than light tanks employed by a reconnaissance unit of Squadron equipment size or larger, in a reconnaissance role.

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(4) APCs/AFVs Infantry. These refer to all wheeled or tracked armoured vehicles (including armoured command vehicles) employed by infantry battalion/company or equivalent size units less those shown under columns headed "Main Battle Tanks", "Light Tanks" and "Recce Vehs.", and also excludes all armoured vehicles which have a primary function to carry a weapon system such as: mortar, anti-tank or anti-aircraft. For the WP, this includes the APCs/AFVs in the Motor Rifle Coy in the Tank Regt of an MRD and TD.

(5) Armoured Vehicles Armd/Recce (NATO only). These refer to all wheeled or tracked armoured vehicles employed by armoured/recce battalion/company or equivalent size units less those shown under columns headed "Main Battle Tanks", "Light Tanks" and "Recce Vehs.", and also excludes all armoured vehicles which have a primary function to carry a weapon system such as: mortar, anti-tank or anti-aircraft.

(6) Other Armoured Vehicles. These refer to all armoured wheeled or tracked vehicles in the following units: artillery (less SP guns), signal, engineer, Headquarters, intelligence, army aviation and service support (except training units and reserve depot/stock units). Main Battle Tanks, Light Tanks, Recce Vehicles and SP guns in Training Units and Depots will be shown under the appropriate column.

(7) Anti-Tank Weapons. These are divided into two categories:

(i) Guns \geq 50 mm Calibre - towed or self-propelled anti-tank guns of 50 mm or greater calibre. Recoilless rifles are excluded, WP assault guns are included.

(ii) Guided Systems - Counted by launcher systems. Hand held weapons are excluded.

(8) Dual-Capable Guns

(i) NATO Forces: These are artillery guns which can deliver either conventional or nuclear warheads, and for which the crews are nuclear trained.

(ii) WP Forces: These are artillery guns which by their size and types (\geq 152 mm) could, from a technical point of view, be capable of delivery of a nuclear as well as a conventional projectile.

(9) Artillery Guns \geq 100 mm - towed or self-propelled field artillery guns of 100 mm or greater calibre.

(10) Multiple Rocket Launcher (MRL) - all calibres, counted by launcher systems.

(11) Air Defence Guns. These are divided into two categories:

(i) Radar Controlled Guns. AAA guns 20 mm or greater calibre which are radar controlled.

(ii) Other Guns. AAA guns 20 mm or greater calibre which are non-radar controlled.

(12) Surface-to-Air Missiles (SAMs). The NATO and WP Systems are each divided into two categories:

(i) NATO Forces:

- High Altitude (Crew Operated). Crew operated medium to high altitude interceptor SAM; counted by launcher system.

- Low Altitude (Crew Operated). Crew operated low altitude interceptor SAM; counted by launcher system.

(ii) WP Forces:

- Medium-to-High (Crew Operated). Crew operated medium to high altitude interceptor SAM; counted by launcher system(1).

- Low-to-Medium (Crew Operated). Crew operated low to medium altitude interceptor SAM; counted by launcher system(1).

(13) Mortars - all mortars 80 mm or greater calibre.

(14) SSM Systems. These are divided into two categories:

(i) Unguided and Single Rockets - e.g. Honest John; counted by launcher systems.

(ii) Guided SSMs - e.g. LANCE; counted by launcher systems.

(15) Aviation in support of the ground forces. Aviation in direct support of ground forces is divided into three categories:

(i) Fixed Wing Aircraft

- NATO forces: all fixed wing aircraft operated by ground forces.

- WP forces: this designation has no application in the WP forces. Fixed wing aircraft (light transports and light piston-engined aircraft) are not dedicated to any particular forces - i.e. ground or air.

(1) WP SAM systems are classified "Medium-to-High" and "Low-to-Medium" in accordance with the following definitive altitude ranges:

- Low: Sea level to approx. 3,000 m.
- Medium: Approx. 3,000 m to 12,000-15,000 m.
- High: Above 12,000-15,000 m.

(ii) Attack/Assault Helicopter - all attack/assault helicopters operated:

- by NATO ground forces; or
- in direct support of WP ground forces in the NGA.

(iii) Other Helicopters - all other helicopters operated:

- by NATO ground forces; or
- in direct support of WP ground forces on a dedicated basis in the NGA.

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(NATO OR WARSAW PACT) GROUND FORCES DATA FOR MBFR - END(YEAR)

SUMMARY OF GROUND FORCES(a)

SECTION to
PART of
AC/276(MBFR DATA)-WP(7)

Serial No.	Type of Unit by Command Status	PERSONNEL			MAJOR EQUIPMENT																		
		War Authorized Strength	Actual Strength	Main Battle Tanks (MBTs)	ARMoured VEHICLES					ANTI-TANK WEAPONS		ARTILLERY							SSM SYSTEMS			AVIATION	
					Lt Tks	Recon Vehs.	APCs/AFVs/Inf.	Armd Vehs/Armd Recce	Other Armd Vehs.	Guns > 50mm	Guided Systems	Dual Capable Guns	Other Guns		Air Defense Guns			Mortars > 80mm	Un-guided and single rockets	Guided SSMs	Fixed Wings	Helicopters	
													100 mm	MRL	Radars controlled	Others	High					Low	Atk/Aslt
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	
NATO/WP FORCES																							
<u>Under NATO/WP Command</u>																							
1	Major Hqs	Totals given of all assigned and earmarked units, including strategic reserves, dual based units and AMF(L) units																					
2	Major Combat(b)																						
3	Combat Support(c)																						
4	Service Support																						
5	Sub-Total NATO/WP Command																						
<u>Other Forces for NATO</u>																							
6	Major Hqs	Totals given of all OFW units - applies to NATO forces only																					
7	Major Combat(b)																						
8	Combat Support(c)																						
9	Service Support																						
10	Sub-Total Other Forces for NATO																						
11	Additional Equipment in support of above forces	This Serial applies only to foreign stationed forces - i.e. Canadian, UK, US and Soviet equipment e.g. War Reserves, Repair and Maintenance, Prepositioned Equipment																					
12	Sub-Total in	To show totals by country in which forces located starting with home country																					
13	Sub-Total in																						
14	Sub-Total in																						
15	TOTAL (NATO/WP) FORCES																						
<u>REMAINING FORCES UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND</u>																							
To exclude Para-Military forces (Border Troops and Security Forces)																							
16	Major Hqs	Totals given of all remaining ground forces. "MISCELLANEOUS - Serial 20" is to be used when no breakdown into categories, shown in Serials 16 through 19, is available																					
17	Major Combat(b)																						
18	Combat Support(c)																						
19	Service Support																						
20	Miscellaneous																						
21	Remaining Equipment Held	To reflect total remaining equipment held in the home country (as per RFQ Equipment table Table III and Addendum III Table I totals)																					
22	Sub-Total in:	To show totals by country in which forces located starting with home country																					
23	Sub-Total in:																						
24	TOTAL REMAINING FORCES (less Para-Mil.)																						
25	TOTAL (COUNTRY) FORCES LESS PARA-MILITARY FORCES	The total forces of the country which are located in: NATO-Europe, WP-Europe and USSR including Mongolia																					

Footnotes: (a) Data extracted from:
 (b) For details, see Annex A
 (c) For details, see Annex B

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(NATO OR WARSAM PACT) GROUND FORCES DATA FOR MBFR - END(YEAR)

ANNEX A: MAJOR COMBAT UNITS (a)

SECTION to
PART of
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Ser- ial No.	Type of Unit by Command Status	Availability (NATO) (b) Time to Move (WF) (c)	Peace-time Location	PERSONNEL		ARMoured VEHICLES				ARTI-TANK WEAPONS			ARTILLERY				SRM SYSTEMS		AVIATION							
				War Authorized Strength	Actual Strength	Main Battle Tanks (MBTs)	APCs/ Vehs/ Armd - Inf		Armd Vehs/ Armd - Rece	Other Armd Vehs	Dual Capable Guns	Guns 50mm	Guided Systems > 50mm	Cms	Air Defence		Veh- guided and single rocket	Guided SRMs	Fixed Wings	Helicopters						
							Lt Vehs	Inf							Rece	Armd					100 mm	MEL	Others	High	Low	Mortars > 80mm
	(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)
	UNDER (NATO/WP) COMMAND																									
	(Formation e.g. 1 BR CORPS or 1 GDS TR ARMY																									
1	TOTAL																									
1a																										
1b																										
1c																										
2	(No. and Type of Division)																									
3	etc. etc.																									
4	Divisions and Independent Brigades to be shown																									
5																										
6	Sub-Total (NATO/WP) COMMAND																									
7	OTHER FORCES FOR NATO - OFN (as per Serials 1, 2, etc.)																									
8																										
9	Sub-Total OFN																									
10	Sub-Total int:																									
11	Sub-Total int:																									
12	TOTAL NATO/WP FORCES																									
	REMAINING FORCES UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND																									
13	(as per Serials 1, 2, 7, 8 etc.)																									
14																										
15	TOTAL REMAINING FORCES																									
16	TOTAL (COUNTRY) MAJOR COMBAT UNITS																									

Footnotes: (a) Data extracted from
(b) Entries in this column give the number of days for each unit to reach its GDP position or reserve area allocated, in accordance with MG 55/2 Standards of Readiness and Availability for the NATO forces.
(c) Entries in this column give the number of days for each unit of the WP forces to be ready to move.
(d) This table shows only equipment allocated to major combat units

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EXPLANATORY NOTES RELATING TO STANDARD DATA FORMAT
FOR AIR FORCES

GENERAL

1. The Air Force Data Format attached summarises the current air force data requirements for MBFR purposes. The following explanatory notes show the detail of information required and explain categorisation and counting methods.

DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

2. Air Forces to be reported

- (a) The personnel and major equipment of the air forces of the following countries are to be reported:
- (i) NATO: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.
 - (ii) WP: Bulgaria, CSSR, GDR, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, USSR.
- (b) The following components of the above air forces are to be shown:
- (i) NATO: all air forces in Europe or planned for deployment in Europe. For Canadian and US Air Forces this means that all dual-based, strategic reserve, AMF(A), and other augmentation and reinforcement forces for Europe will be included.
 - (ii) WP: All air forces in the NGA, and Frontal (Tactical) Aviation in the remainder of the NSWP countries and in the Soviet Union West of the Urals. For helicopter units, only those elements in the above components, which are in support of air forces will be reported here. Helicopters in support of ground forces will be reported separately in "WP Ground Forces Data".
- (c) Air Forces to be shown by country and for USSR by region/MD.

3. Unit Category (column (1))

(a) Command and HQ Staffs

- (i) NATO: This includes all HQs senior to a Wing/Regiment HQ. With the exception of operational HQs, which will be shown by single HQ, all other categories (Serial la., b., d. and e.) to be shown in totals.
- (ii) WP: Personnel totals will be shown for MODs and Air Force staff and operational HQ above Regimental HQ in only the NGA.

(b) Combat Units

(i) NATO: To be shown by Wing/Station/Regiment including on-base support (maintenance and repair, supply, air traffic control, security forces belonging to Air Force, SHORAD organic to air forces). SAM Units to be shown by regiment (or equivalent command level) including regimental HQ, subordinate units and their on-base support. Flying Training Units with a combat task (secondary role) to be included. The category Serial 2d. applies to SSM units.

(ii) WP:

(1) NGA: Personnel and Major equipment of combat flying units and SAM units will be shown as totals by tactical role. The category under Serial 2b. of the table, "Air Offensive - Air Defensive Flying Units", applies only to WP combat flying units. These units specified in SHAPE AOBAC as either "Fighter Tactical Air Defence/Ground Attack" FTG or "Fighter Air Defence/Ground Attack" FDG cannot be determined as to their primary roles. Therefore they justify a separate category of flying unit.

(2) Outside NGA: Only major equipment (aircraft, and if possible, missile systems) to be shown in totals by tactical role.

(c) Combat Support Units

(i) NATO: Flying units (Serials 3a.-3d.) to be shown like Combat Units - EW/GCI and Electronic Warfare to be shown in totals.

(ii) WP:

(1) NGA: Personnel and aircraft of combat support units will be shown as totals by role.

(2) Outside NGA: Only aircraft and helicopters to be shown.

(d) Other Support and Rear Services

(i) NATO and WP in the NGA: All categories (Serials 4a.-4g.) to be shown in totals. Flying training units without an operational task (see 3b.) to be shown under this heading. Flying Units (other support) (Serial 4e.) comprise all flying units organic to air forces, which are not included under combat, combat support and training units with an operational role. Logistic support (Serial 4f.) to include all off-base logistic support (off-base storage facilities, maintenance and repair units) organic to air forces. Rear Services (Serial 4g.) to include all other support and rear services organic to air forces not included in Serials 4a.-f. Essentially, these are:

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Engineer/Construction
Signal
Intelligence
Medical
Meteorology
Air Traffic Control
Central Agencies

(ii) WP outside the NGA: Not applicable

5. Command and Availability Status (columns (2)-(4)):

(a) NATO: column (2) ... shows whether a unit is "assigned", "earmarked for assignment" or categorised "other forces for NATO" or "national command". It also has to show whether a flying unit is dual-based, belongs to the rapid reaction force or to the strategic reserve force (US). Readiness and Availability data (columns (3) and (4)) according to MC 55/2.

(b) WP: Not applicable.

6. Personnel (columns (6) and (7)):

(a) NATO: Personnel strengths of units or category totals as explained for ground forces.

(b) WP: Estimated actual strength figures will be provided for WP Air Forces. War Authorised Strength figures are not available. Actual strength figures will be shown as follows:

(i) NGA: Command and HQ Staffs; Combat Units; Combat Support Units; and Other Support/Rear Services.

(ii) Outside NGA: Gross totals to be shown for national air forces and Soviet Frontal Aviation.

7. Units (column (8)):

(a) NATO: The purpose of this column is to show the number of combat and combat support units at squadron/battery level, to which the shown aircraft and missile systems (columns (9) to (15)) are assigned. This column applies only to combat units and combat support flying units.

(b) WP: Not applicable.

8. Major Equipment (columns (9) to (17)): The purpose of this series is to show the total amount of aircraft helicopters and missile launcher systems organic to the shown air forces.

(a) NATO: For combat units and combat support flying units, the major equipment is shown by unit. For other support units, it is shown in totals.

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- (b) WP: These equipments will be shown in gross totals by roles. SAMS will be shown as gross totals of launcher systems for those assigned to National Air Defence Forces.

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(NATO OR WARSAW PACT) AIR FORCES DATA FOR MBFR PURPOSES - END (YEAR)

(This table combines the current air force data tables for MBFR purposes)

Serial No.	Unit Category by Function (1)	Command and Availability Status			Peacetime Location (5)	PERSONNEL		UNITS Sqdns/ Btlys (8)	MAJOR EQUIPMENT							MISSILE SYSTEMS (17)	
		Comd. Status (2)	Readiness (3)	Avail. (in days) (4)		War Author. (6)	Actual Strength (7)		Aircraft - OA(P)(1)			Aircraft - OA(P+T)(2)			HELICOPTER		
									Nuclear capable (9)	Nuclear adaptable (10)	Conv. (11)	Nuclear capable (12)	Nuclear adaptable (13)	Conv. (14)	Hy (15)		Med (16)
1	<u>Command and HQ Staffs</u>																
1a	MOD and Air Force Staffs																
1b	International HQs																
1c	Operational HQs																
1d	Logistic Support HQs																
1e	General Support Hqs																
2	<u>Combat Units</u>																
2a	Air Offensive Flying Units																
2b	Air Offensive - Air Defence Flying Units																
2c	Air Defence Flying Units																
2d	Air Force SSM Units																
	Air Defence Missile Units																
2e	High altitude																
2f	Med altitude																
3	<u>Combat Support Units</u>																
3a	Airborne Control and Warning Electronic Warfare Flying Units																
3b	Long range Air transport																
3c	Med range Air transport																
3d	Transport Helicopters in Support of Air Forces																
3e	EW/GCI and Electronic Warfare Units																
4	<u>Other Support/Rear Services</u>																
4a	Flying Training Units																
4b	SAM Training Units																
4c	SSM Training Units																
4d	Other Training																
4e	Flying Units (Other Support)																
4f	Logistic Support																
4g	Rear Services																

- (1) OA(P): Operationally Available primary combat aircraft
- (2) OA(P+T): Operationally Available combat capable aircraft including combat capable trainer

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SUB-GROUP ON DATA SUPPORT

Meeting to be held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels, on
Monday, 25th October, 1976 at 10.45 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. CONSIDERATION OF DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR MEFB PURPOSES
Reference: Annexes A and B to AC/276(SGDS)-N/31(Revised)
Explanatory Notes relating to Standard Data
Formats for Ground and Air Forces
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