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As from 11th August, 1972, the Sub-Group on Movement Constraints meet regularly on account of the second phaze of their study on constraints(1).

2. This second phaze is based on the Guidelines laid down by the Working Group(2) and amounts to proposing constraints:

- for ground forces and their airlift;
- in the framework of an MBFR agreement, pre-and/or post-reductions;
- in the following areas:

  on NATO side: North Norway, Denmark, FR Germany, Benelux, Italy, Greece and Turkey

  on WP side: German DR, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Leningrad MD, Baltic MD, Belo Russian MD, Carpathian MD, Odessa MD, Kiev MD, Moscow MD, North Caucasus MD and Trans Caucasus MD.

- different on both sides and/or variable in different areas.

3. The Sub-Group are considering this study in these linked but nevertheless separated parts, i.e.:

(a) Constraints on the Northern Flank, comprising on NATO side Northern Norway and on Warsaw Pact side a limited part of Northern Leningrad MD.

(b) Constraints on the Southern Region, comprising on NATO side Turkey, Greece and Italy, and on Warsaw Pact side Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Odessa MD, Kiev MD, North Caucasus MD, Trans-Caucasus MD and Moscow MD.

(1) Latest Sub-Group Working Paper issued is MILSTAM(MBFR)-179-72(2nd revise), 22nd January, 1973
(2) AC/276-WP(72)46, 6th December, 1972

(c) Constraints in the Centre, comprising on NATO side Denmark, Benelux, FR Germany and Northern Italy, and on Warsaw Pact side German DR, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Baltic MD, Belo-Russian MD, Carpathian MD, Leningrad MD and Moscow MD.

4. For the purpose of the study, the Sub-Group presumed the possibility of applying movement constraints on Soviet territory and as well, of course, the possibility of reciprocity on NATOs part for this.

5. On 14th December, 1972, the Chief of Staff of the Norwegian Intelligence Division addressed some members of the Sub-Group at NATO Headquarters, indicating by means of maps the location and strength of Russian forces in the North Western part of Leningrad MD and revealing Soviet training and exercises in that area as conducted in the last years. At the same meeting it was agreed that the Norwegian Authorities would submit a Study on Movement Constraints for the Northern Flank, if possible in February 1973. The Sub-Group will incorporate the Norwegian Study in their own report and will prepare a final Northern Flank Report for approval by the Working Group.

6. Concerning the chapter on the Southern Region, the Sub-Group already prepared a draft which will be improved upon in due course. The Turkish contribution, AC/276-WP(73)1, will be taken into account on receipt of Working Group's guidance. This particular part of the study will cause a controversy in the Sub-Group and it is conceivable that the final Southern Region Report will show a variety of possible solutions.

7. The third and last part of the study concerns the Centre. The outcome will not differ much from the contents of the Sub-Group's first Report, AC/276-WP(72)27 and could be finalized rather soon.

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