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STATUTE on the Combined Fleet of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States in a Naval Theater

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Summary:

The following report is a translation from Russian of the draft of a SECRET statute defining the peacetime organization and functions of the Warsaw Pact Combined Fleet, composed of naval forces of the participating countries. The document, which is to supplement the Statute on the Combined Armed Forces and Combined Command, establishes the post of Commander of the Combined Fleet and delineates his authority and responsibilities with respect to the development, training, and control of the fleet forces.

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STATUTE

ON THE COMBINED FLEET OF THE COMBINED ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER STATES IN A NAVAL THEATER

(For Peacetime)

SECTION I

THE COMBINED FLEET IN A NAVAL THEATER

1. The Combined Fleet in a naval theater consists of naval forces of the Warsaw Pact member states and is meant to carry out the following main combined tasks in peacetime.

-- support and protect the combined interests of the Warsaw Pact member states in the adjacent sea basins;

-- detect and observe activity by the probable enemy's naval forces that threatens the security of the Warsaw Pact member states, their merchant shipping and fishing activity;

-- counteract the probable enemy's naval reconnaissance in the naval theater and carry out coordinated camouflage measures;

-- maintain at sea the operational routine needed to preclude unmonitored actions on the part of foreign naval surface ships and submarines near the coastline of the Warsaw Pact member states;

-- monitor and protect the merchant shipping and fishing activity of the Warsaw Pact member states during the special ? period;

-- conduct combined oceanographic research, carry out mutual navigational and hydrographic support measures, as well as measures for the coordinated engineer preparation of the seacoast and coastal waters for defensive purposes;

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-- prepare documents dealing with the cooperation of the naval forces of the Warsaw Pact member states in their execution of combined combat tasks;

-- train the control organs and naval forces of the Warsaw Pact member states to repel aggression and to carry out combined combat tasks in time of war.

2. In accordance with Article 3 of the "Statute on the Combined Armed Forces and the Combined Command of the Warsaw Pact Member States", the naval forces allocated to the Combined Armed Forces for peacetime remain directly subordinate to the national ministries of defense.

In order to conduct the combined measures of operational and combat training and carry out the tasks indicated in Article I of the present Statute, the forces of the national navies are allocated in accordance with plans coordinated with the respective ministries of defense and approved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member states.

3. The control of the naval forces of the Warsaw Pact member states that are allocated in peacetime to carry out combined tasks is exercised by the commander of the Combined Fleet in the naval theater through the commanders of the national navies.

4. The control organ of the commander of the Combined Fleet in a naval theater is the staff of the national navy from which the commander is appointed. The staff of the Combined Fleet in the naval theater is reinforced, if necessary, by operations groups of the national navies of this theater.

These operations groups are formed as organic subunits. Under everyday conditions, they work in the staffs of their own national navies and, in accordance with the plans of combined operational and combat training undertakings, are detailed for work in the staff of the Combined Fleet in the naval theater,

5. The presence of the commander of the Combined Fleet in a naval theater does not relieve the commanders of the national navies of responsibility for the maintenance of the established operational routine in their zones, the defense of their own

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coastline, and the protection of their national merchant shipping and fishing activity.

The wartime organization of the control of the Combined 6. Fleet in a naval theater and the procedure for using its forces are defined by a special Statute.

SECTION II

THE COMMANDER OF THE COMBINED FLEET IN A NAVAL THEATER

The commander of the Combined Fleet in a naval theater is appointed by the governments of the Warsaw Pact member states on the basis of a representation of the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member states.

The commander of the Combined Fleet in a naval theater is governed in his activity by the Statute on the Combined Armed Forces and the Combined Command of the Warsaw Pact Member States, the Statute on the Combined Fleet of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States in a Naval Theater, and the orders of the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member states.

8. The commander of the Combined Fleet in a naval theater must:

-- participate in planning the wartime employment of the naval forces in the given naval theater that have been allocated to the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member states; -- participate in planning the development of the forces, basing system and rear services support of the national navies in the given naval theater for the purpose of increasing their combat effectiveness and establishing and maintaining combat effectiveness and establishing and maintaining quantitative and qualitative superiority of the forces of the Combined Fleet in the naval theater over the opposing enemy;

-- participate in preparing documents on the cooperation of the naval forces, documents on cooperation communications, identification, navigation procedures, and warning in the theater, as well as other combined documents;

-- coordinate, on the basis of coordinated plans, the actions taken by the naval forces to maintain the established

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routine in the naval theater, defend the naval installations and coastline, and monitor and protect the merchant shipping and fishing activity of the Warsaw Pact member states belonging to the given naval theater;

-- determine an organization of communications among the navies of the Warsaw Pact member states in the given naval theater that ensures the necessary readiness of the system of control of the forces;

-- systematically test the cooperation communications among the national navies, large units, and tactical groups that form the complement of the Combined Fleet in the given naval theater;

-- on the basis of current documents maintain the cooperation of the navies with the coastal military districts and the formations (large units) of the air defense forces of the Warsaw Pact member states on matters of notification concerning the submarine, surface, and air situation in the theater, as well as on mutual warning and exchange of information among the navies;

-- participate in planning the operational and combat training of the navies in the given naval theater and, in accordance with the plans of combined undertakings of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member states, prepare and carry out individual operational training measures;

-- carry out the systematic training of the crew of the command post of the Combined Fleet in the naval theater, detailing cooperation operations groups of the national navies to perform their respective wartime functions;

-- maintain cooperation among the national navies in the organization of all types of combat support, rear services support, and special support.

9. The present Statute is a supplement to the Statute on the Combined Armed Forces and the Combined Command of the Warsaw Pact Member States (For Peacetime), which was approved by a decision of these states at the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee on 17 March 1969.

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