

Communiqué from the Permanent Commission of Western Union on the organisation of the Consultative Council (London, 17 April 1948)

Caption: On 17 April 1948, the Permanent Commission of Western Union publishes a communiqué on the organisation of the Consultative Council.

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BRUSSELS TREATY PERMANENT COMMISSION.**Communiqué of 17th April, 1948.**

"The Five Foreign Ministers of the Signatory Powers of the Brussels Treaty met in Paris on 17th April, 1948, in Consultative Council under the terms of Article 7 and agreed on the following arrangements with a view to ensuring the implementation of the agreement of 17th March.

- (1) The Permanent Consultative Council shall be composed of the Five Foreign Ministers - The Council will meet in each of the capitals of the Signatory states in turn whenever such a meeting is believed necessary, and in any case once every three months.
- (2) The Permanent Organ of the Council shall be composed of the diplomatic representatives of Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Holland, in London and the representative appointed for this purpose by His Majesty's Government. It will be assisted by a Secretariat. It will meet at least once a month.
- (3) The security problems envisaged in the Treaty shall normally be handled by the responsible ministers of the different countries, who will meet in London to discuss them whenever this is deemed necessary. In order to pursue the study of these same questions a permanent Military Committee shall be set up in London under the authority of the Council and under the control of the Political representatives mentioned in Paragraph (2).
- (4) The Council shall decide on periodical meetings, in a place to be designated, of Ministers or competent experts to deal with economic, social and cultural questions. In order to pursue the task undertaken at the meetings, the Council shall decide to set up special Committees to this end.
- (5) All the Committees mentioned above shall report to the Consultative Council. "

Lancaster House, S.W.1.
7th June, 1948.