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CABINET

DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Note by the Secretary of the Cabinet

COMPOSITION

By the direction of the Prime Minister the composition of the Committee has been revised and is now as follows -

Prime Minister
Secretary of State for the Home Department
Lord Chancellor
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Chancellor of the Exchequer
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General
Lord President of the Council
Secretary of State for Defence
Lord Privy Seal
Secretary of State for Trade

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference remain unchanged and are -

"To keep under review the Government's defence and oversea policy."

SECRETARIAT

The Secretaries are -

- a. for European Community matters - Sir Robert Armstrong, Mr M D M Franklin and Mr D M Elliott
- b. for other Oversea Policy and Defence matters - Sir Robert Armstrong, Mr R L Wade-Gery and Mr R M Hastie-Smith

The Secretary, Chiefs of Staff acts as an additional Secretary at any meeting at which the Chiefs of Staff are present.

Signed ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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