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On 31 July 1947 all the Delegations in the Military Staff Committee had tabled their provisional estimates on the Overall Strength and Composition of the Armed Forces to be made available to the Security Council by Member Nations of the United Nations.

The Military Staff Committee consequently instructed a Sub-Committee to open an informal debate with the object of reconciling the various proposals (see letter dated 29 August 1947 from the Chairman of the Military Staff Committee to the Secretary-General).

On 23 December 1947 this Sub-Committee reported the results of its work to the Military Staff Committee.

Since the beginning of 1948, the Military Staff Committee has been mainly engaged in the consideration of the Sub-Committee's report. This consideration is now completed. However, the Military Staff Committee is not in a position to undertake the final review of the Overall Strength and Composition of the Armed Forces to be made available to the Security Council by Member Nations of the United Nations and so make further progress in this matter towards the conclusion of the Special Agreements required by Article 43 of the Charter until agreement has been reached in the Security Council on the divergences of view on the General Principles given in the Report submitted by the Military Staff Committee to the Security Council on 30 April 1947 (S/336).

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