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FDP STATEMENT ON DEFENCE POLICY

1. AFTER A MEETING TO DISCUSS A PARTY ELECTION PROGRAMME, THE FDP EXECUTIVE ON 15 JANUARY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE FDP EXPECTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEW PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE STRUCTURE AND ARMAMENT OF THE BUNDESWEHR AND THUS FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS LIMITATION. THESE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE ALLIANCE. THEY SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING BASIC VALUES:

- (1) LIMITATION OF THE ACTIVE STRENGTH OF THE BUNDESWEHR TO ABOUT 350,000. WITH AN APPROXIMATELY CONSTANT NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL AND SHORT-SERVICE SOLDIERS THIS MEANS A MUCH GREATER CADERISATION OF UNITS WHICH COULD BE RAPIOLY REINFORCED WITH RESERVISTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS OR WAR.
- (2) REDUCTION OF BASIC MILITARY SERVICE TO 12 MONTHS, COMPLEMENTED BY AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF MILITARY EXERCISES.
- (3) LIMITATION OF CIVILIAN SERVICE TO 15 MONTHS.
- (4) BALANCED ELIMINATION OF SHORT-RANGE NUCLEAR MISSILES AND NUCLEAR ARTILLERY ON BOTH SIDES. PRIOR RENUNCIATION OF MODERNISATION OF THESE WEAPONS.
- (5) RENUNCIATION OF EFA. AIR DEFENCE TO BE SECURED BY CHEAPER ALTERNATIVES.

THESE MEASURES WILL RELEASE CONSIDERABLE FUNDS, PART OF WHICH IS

NEEDED TO INCREASE THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF SERVING IN THE BUNDESWEHR  
AND TO FINANCE ARMS CONTROL MEASURES''.

2. COMMENT IN MIFT.

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