

PART III

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE

How can NATO best deter or defend against a Soviet conventional attack based on the doctrine discussed in Part II? Without seeking to match Soviet forces, NATO needs the capacity to exploit the vulnerabilities inherent in any Soviet offensive operations.

This Workshop analyzed the specific tasks NATO should be able to perform in order to do so. It had the benefit of supporting papers by George S. Blanchard, P. G. Griffith, and K.-Peter Stratmann. This Part reproduces the Report of the Workshop and the supporting paper by Stratmann.

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Supporting Papers:

1. George S. Blanchard, *Present and Prospective Tasks for Conventional Forces and Required Capabilities for Meeting Threats and In Exacting Heavy Costs from Possible Invaders.*

2. P. G. Griffith, *Winning Operational Freedom of Action — The Key to Any Truly Conventional Option.*

3. K.-Peter Stratmann, *Prospective Tasks and Capabilities Required for NATO's Conventional Forces.*