

ARTICLE 42

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Should the Security Council consider that measures provided for in Article 41 would be inadequate or have proved to be inadequate, it may take such action by air, sea, or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security. Such action may include demonstrations, blockade, and other operations by air, sea, or land forces of Members of the United Nations.

NOTE

1. No decisions requiring treatment under this Article have been taken by the organs of the United Nations.
2. The relationship between Articles 42 and 39 is dealt with in the study on the latter Article, and discussions regarding this relationship have taken place in the Security Council in connexion with matters such as the Spanish question and the Palestine question. 1/
3. In addition, Article 106 makes reference to a certain relationship between Article 42 and Article 43. Article 106, which provides for consultations with a view to "joint action on behalf of the Organization as may be necessary for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security" on the part of the five permanent members of the Security Council, states that the provision shall apply "Pending the coming into force of such special agreements 2/ referred to in Article 43 as in the opinion of the Security Council enable it to begin the exercise of its responsibilities under Article 42".

1/ See also in this Repertory under Article 40, II, B, and Article 41, II, A.
2/ See also in this Repertory under Article 43.

