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ACTION SHEET
AC/119-R(63)40

COMMITTEE OF POLITICAL ADVISERS

Meeting of 26th November, 1963

ACTION SHEET

I. RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BY SOVIET ZONE RESIDENTS

(a) Review of present restrictions

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them a draft report to the Council circulated by the Chairman (POL/DS(63)27/1), summarising discussion to date of this question in the Council and in the Committee, and attaching at annex the suggestions advanced by the Danish, German and Belgian Delegations concerning liberalization of the existing restrictions;
- (2) noted that the following conclusions could be drawn from the views expressed on these three proposals:
 - no delegation was opposed in principle to a degree of liberalization;
 - it was the general consensus that the Belgian proposal went too far and, if adopted, might result in the collapse of the TTD system;
 - it was also the general consensus that both the Danish and German proposals offered a sound basis for further discussion;
 - it was agreed that no measures could be contemplated which would give rise to enhancement of the status of the Soviet Zone régime;
- (3) were informed that the German Delegation hoped to be in a position in the near future to make a specific proposal as to how effect could be given to their general proposition that any liberalization should be based on the principle of cuid pro quo.

(b) Trial relaxation period

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed to postpone until the next meeting discussion of the Four-Power proposal set out in the final paragraph of AC/119-WP(63)32;

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- (2) noted the Norwegian Representative's comment that the Four-Power assessment of the experience gained during the trial relaxation period was incomplete inasmuch as it did not take account of all the sporting events in which all-German teams had competed during this period.

(c) International Sports competitions

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard the reference made by the Norwegian Representative to the letter which had been addressed on 28th October to the International Skating Federation by the Attorney General of the United States, the text of which had been carried by the Scandinavian Press;
- (2) were informed that the Norwegian authorities considered that this letter gave unconditional assurances of free entry into the United States of participants in the 1965 World Figure Skating Championships if the event was awarded to the United States;
- (3) noted that in the light of this letter, the Norwegian Government asked that the three Powers represented on the Allied Travel Office in Berlin ensure that TTD's were granted to competitors from the Soviet Zone of Germany who would be invited by the International Skating Federation to participate as a separate team in the European Speed Skating Championships in Oslo in January, 1964; the Norwegian authorities wished to have the reply of the three Powers by 9th December at the latest (1).

II. VISAS FOR THE SOVIET OCCUPIED ZONE OF GERMANY

The COMMITTEE:

were informed by the Italian Representative that no case of the kind referred to in the Canadian Representative's letter addressed to members of the Committee on 24th October, 1963 had ever come to the attention of the Italian Government; it was impossible to say, therefore, which, if any, East European Government was attempting to represent Soviet Zone "consular" interests in Italy.

III. ARMS AND AID FOR INDONESIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a statement on this subject by the United Kingdom Representative (2) in which the following main points were made:

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- (1) Text of the Norwegian Representative's statement subsequently circulated informally
 - (2) Text subsequently circulated informally

- the United Kingdom Government had decided to refuse licences for the export from the United Kingdom to Indonesia of any arms or military equipment likely to facilitate the conduct of Indonesia's policy of military confrontation against Malaysia, and hoped that their allies would agree to adopt similar measures;
 - the United Kingdom Government would be grateful if members of NATO would inform them in advance of any sale of other military supplies to Indonesia which might be authorised by them as not being likely to assist Indonesian policy;
 - the United Kingdom Government would deplore the extension by their allies of aid to Indonesia in any form liable to rescue Indonesia from economic distress of their own devising and to facilitate the continuation of their present aggressive policy;
 - finally, the United Kingdom Government would be grateful if members of NATO would be good enough, whenever they felt obliged by special circumstances to extend aid of any kind to Indonesia, to inform them of the particulars;
- (2) noted the hope expressed by the United Kingdom Representative that the attitude of governments to these requests might be made known at the next meeting;
- (3) noted that, pending receipt of official instructions on the statement made by the United Kingdom Representative, the United States Representative had been asked to call attention to the fact that the United States had, in September, stopped the delivery of weapons and ammunition to Indonesia; while non-military aid programmes previously agreed had not been discontinued, no fresh initiatives in the matter of aid had been taken.

IV. "GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS" RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY RUMANIA AT THE UNGA

The COMMITTEE:

were informed that following the Greek Ambassador's intervention in the Council the previous week(1), the Canadian Delegation to the UN had been instructed to oppose in its present form the resolution put forward by the Rumanian Delegation in the United Nations General Assembly; furthermore, the Canadian Delegation was under instructions to consult with their allies on this matter, and in particular with the Greek Delegation.

(1) C-R(63)67, Item V

V. REPLY TO LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UAM DEFENCE PACT

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) were reminded by the Chairman that the Secretary General had informed the Council the previous week that he hoped to have the assistance of interested delegations in drafting a reply to the letter he had received from the Secretary General for Defence of the Union Africaine et Malgache;
- (2) endorsed the Chairman's suggestion that the Political Division, after consultation with interested delegations, should prepare a paper as a basis of discussion at the next meeting.

VI. ELEVATION OF MISSIONS IN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) were informed that the Governments of Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary were now being officially approached concerning the United Kingdom Government's proposal to raise their Legations in the countries concerned to the status of Embassies(1); if the reaction was favourable it was hoped to make a public announcement on 2nd December;
- (2) were informed that it was the general policy of the Belgian Government to react positively if approached by an East European government regarding the reciprocal elevation of their missions; in line with this policy, the Belgian Legation in Prague had been elevated to the status of Embassy; it was intended to do the same in the case of the mission in Bucharest.

VII. RECOGNITION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENTS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HONDURAS

The COMMITTEE:

were informed that the Netherlands Government had accorded recognition to the new Governments of the Dominican Republic and Honduras.

(1) AC/119-R(63)39, Item III

VIII. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF APAG'S LAST REPORT

The COMMITTEE:

noted that APAG's last report (C-M(63)84) would come before the Council at its meeting on 4th December, it being understood that discussion would continue the following week if necessary.

IX. RECENT MEETINGS OF EXPERTS

The COMMITTEE:

heard a report on the recent meetings of Soviet and Satellite Experts made by the Chairman of the two groups (Mr. W.M. Newton, Political Affairs Division), and also a report by the Chairman of the Expert Group on the Far East (Mr. Joachim Jaenicke, Political Affairs Division).

X. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 29th November, 1963 at 3.30 p.m.

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