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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th September, 1975 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Italian Representative of the outcome of the most recent ministerial meeting of the Nine in Venice, with particular respect to:
 - a draft resolution on the CSCE which could, if appropriate, be tabled before the Thirtieth General Assembly of the United Nations;
 - the 1977 deadlines, in application of the final Helsinki document;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Norwegian Representative giving the substance of the talks which had taken place, in parallel with the Helsinki summit between the Norwegian Premier on the one hand and Mr. Strougal and Mr. Honecker on the other hand;
- (3) noted two German contributions, one concerning the Rumanian attitude towards the outcome of the CSCE and the other concerning foreign press reports, following the conclusion of the final stage of the CSCE.

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II. EAST-WEST VISITS: COMMON DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Belgian, Italian, Danish and French Representatives of the position of their respective Authorities with regard to the signing of bilateral declarations of principle within the framework of official East-West visits;
- (2) noted a statement by the Canadian Representative thanking the other delegations for having supplied him with the information requested by his Authorities in this connection.

III. SITUATION IN THE SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

noted the announcement by the United States Representative of the circulation, over the "NATO-Wide" network, of two reports with an immediate bearing on the current evaluation of the domestic situation in the Soviet Union.

IV. COMMEMORATION OF THE JAPANESE UPRISING AND SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

noted the comments of the Canadian and United Kingdom Representatives on the attitude recently adopted by the Soviet Press with regard to the thirtieth anniversary of the Japanese uprising.

V. POST-CSCE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES: NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES AND EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the United States and German Representatives of preliminary reactions to notification of "Reforger 75" and "Certain Trek"; noted that it would be premature to forecast the degree of reciprocity which could be expected from the Russians as regards implementation of confidence-building measures;

- (2) noted details furnished by the Norwegian Representative regarding the composition of the forces mentioned in the notification of Exercise "Batten Bolt"; noted in particular that in view of its limited participation in this Exercise, no notification would be forthcoming from the United Kingdom;
- (3) discussed the capital which was being made out of the NATO manoeuvres in the press of the Communist countries;
- (4) agreed that this propaganda campaign should be countered by press communiqués and official statements by spokesmen at NATO Headquarters and in the capitals;
- (5) accordingly invited the International Staff to submit a draft communiqué to it in time for the next meeting(1);
- (6) agreed to continue its discussion at the next meeting.

VI. CONSULAR CONVENTIONS AND ABOLITION OF VISAS BETWEEN BULGARIA AND THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF NATO

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the information furnished by the Turkish, United Kingdom, Belgian, Netherlands and German Representatives on the (mainly negative) reactions of their Authorities to approaches from the Bulgarians;
- (2) noted however, that visas had been abolished between Bulgaria on the one hand and Denmark and Norway on the other hand.

VII. TIMETABLE FOR THE MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a request from the French Representative asking the other delegations to agree to the postponement of this meeting until 12th, 13th and 14th November;

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- (1) This draft has been distributed under reference DS(75)42, dated 19th September, 1975.

- (2) noted the objections of several of its members to the reduction of the time allowed for this meeting;
- (3) agreed to come to a decision on this matter at its next meeting when the delegations concerned would have consulted with their capitals.

VIII. POLITICAL COMMITTEES' VISIT TO NAPLES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that if early agreement could be reached on the date of this meeting, the United States might be able to lay on transport for its members for either the outward or the return journey;
- (2) noted the proposal that the visit cover the period 8th to 10th or 11th November and agreed to come back to this question at the next meeting.

IX. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 23rd September, 1975.

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