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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday 28th June, 1977 at 10.30 a.m.

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I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the French Representative that her Delegation would circulate the General Declaration signed on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Brezhnev to Paris and that the Permanent Representative of France would report to the Council on the visit;
- (2) was informed by the German Representative that a report would be made on the visit of the Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland, Mr. Gierak, to Bonn from 22nd to 23rd June;
- (3) was further informed by the German Representative that Mr. Kadar would visit Bonn from 4th to 7th July and that Chancellor Schmidt would visit Warsaw, probably in early Autumn.

II. BULGARIAN CURRENCY EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Turkish Representative, reporting that a lowering of currency exchange requirements for tourists into Bulgaria had been compensated by increased visa fees.

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III. SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

heard a background report by the United States Representative on the recent detention of a United States journalist, Mr. Robert Toth.

IV. DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Portuguese Representative that the Cubans were opening an Embassy in Sao Tome and that information from Mozambique indicated that the Rhodesian armed forces had captured some Cuban instructors in Mozambique.

V. INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before it draft proposals by the International Staff for reviewing the list of preventive measures (C-M(72)3)-ISD/139 together with proposals set out in the Belgian Delegation's letter of 18th February, and the comments of the United States Delegation dated 14th June, 1977;
- (2) noted that the Economic Committee was, for its part, undertaking the revision of the economic measures in the inventory;
- (3) received from the United Kingdom Delegation a revised text for paragraph 5 of C-M(72)3;
- (4) noted that the International Military Staff, for its part, was proposing editorial changes to the list of primarily military measures which would conform with approved changes made to the parent documents from which these measures stemmed (IMS memorandum subsequently circulated as POLADS(77)23);
- (5) after a general and detailed discussion, invited the International Secretariat to prepare a revised draft of ISD/139 which would take into account the comments made and to submit it to the Committee for final approval by the "silence procedure";
- (6) agreed that there would be value in regularly reviewing the inventory at least once a year.

VI. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

(a) Preparations for Belgrade

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) discussed in detail Addendum II to ISD/149 containing draft themes on confidence building measures and certain aspects of security and disarmament;
- (2) agreed to discuss further the ultimate use to be made of the paper;
- (3) invited the International Staff to circulate a revised version of Addendum II which would take into account the points made in discussion.
- (4) with respect to draft texts for new Allied initiatives in Belgrade, had a broad exchange of views on the proposals circulated by the German Delegation on 2nd June and by the Norwegian Delegation on 14th June;
- (5) noted the amendments to the Norwegian paper made orally by the Norwegian Representative;
- (6) noted the comments by the Representative of the Military Committee on the subject of the broadening of the content of notifications as treated in the papers of the German and Norwegian Delegations;
- (7) discussed possible ways and means of arriving at agreed language for new Allied initiatives, drawing on points contained in these papers, to be included in the eventual final report.

(b) Notification of manoeuvres

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Military Committee had approved an amendment to the proposed press release on the "AUTUMN FORGE 77" exercise series (POLADS(77)21(Revised));
- (2) noted the statement by the United States Representative concerning the intentions of his Authorities with respect to mentioning "REFORGER" and "COLD FIRE" as appropriate in notifications of ground force exercises;

- (3) was informed by the United Kingdom Representative that, given the number of troops taking part, his Authorities did not propose to notify "AVON EXPRESS".

(c) East-West military exchanges

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the French Representative that General Mery, Chief of the French Defence Staff, had visited the Soviet Union from 14th to 20th June on the invitation of the Chief of the Soviet Defence Staff.

VII. CSCE: PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Norwegian Representative reporting on the main points raised in a conversation between the heads of the Norwegian and Soviet Union Delegations at Belgrade on 22nd June, 1977;
- (2) received from the German Delegation a revised draft questionnaire on human rights on which the German Delegation would welcome an exchange of views at the next meeting on CSCE questions, or earlier if delegations should receive instructions from their Authorities;
- (3) received from the United States Representative the text of a statement made by Secretary of State Vance before the Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe on 6th June, 1977;
- (4) was informed by the Canadian Representative that he hoped to table next week a paper based on the Canadian Authorities' conceptual approach to proposals for Belgrade for discussion at the meeting scheduled for 7th July;
- (5) had its attention drawn by the United Kingdom Representative to the effect that the report on CSCE presented by the relevant committee to the WEU Assembly had been remitted back to the Committee for further consideration;

- (6) was informed by the United States Representative that his Authorities had received a démarche from the Algerians concerning the CSCE and they would be interested to know if any other Allies had received a similar démarche.

VIII. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL EXPERT WORKING GROUPS AND THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed to defer consideration of the proposed schedule of the Regional Working Group (POLADS(77)22) until its next meeting;
- (2) noted that the International Secretariat proposed that the Ad Hoc Group on the Mediterranean should meet from 2nd to 4th November, 1977.

IX. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday 5th July at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.