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ACTION SHEET  
AC/119-R(77)84

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd August, 1977 at 3.30 p.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST MILITARY VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the French Representative reporting on the recent visit to Moscow of a French Air Force detachment.

II. POLAND

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Delegation on the amnesty and release of dissidents in Poland;
- (2) received some comments and complementary information on this subject from the Canadian and German Representatives.

III. ALBANIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Greek Representative reporting that according to an Albanian Embassy official in Belgrade, the recent editorial in "Zeri i popullit" of 7th July had presented Albanian ideological doctrine and implied no change in Albanian relations with the People's Republic of China; the departure of Chinese technicians had been formally denied;

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- (2) was informed by the French Representative of a conversation between his Ambassador in Tirana and the Albanian Foreign Minister which confirmed this position;
- (3) noted a contribution by the German Representative presenting some comments of his Embassy in Peking on the possible reasons for recent Albanian actions.

IV. LIBYA

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Greek Representative that his Authorities had refused a request from Bulgaria on 29th July for overflight rights for 12 transport planes en route for Libya.

V. BELIZE

The COMMITTEE:

received from the United Kingdom Delegation the text of the United Kingdom-Guatemalan joint communiqué on Belize.

VI. INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANIZATION

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Belgian Authorities would welcome information as to whether other Allies had been contacted by the Secretary General of the ICDO regarding a meeting of that Organization to be held from 14th to 17th November and, if so, how they intended to react.

VII. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION

(a) Human Rights

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted further reactions to the suggestions contained in the Canadian Delegation's paper of 7th July concerning Article 41 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its Optional Protocol;

- (2) had an exchange of views on possible alternative courses of action that might be examined by the Allies prior to the Belgrade meeting, including the right of individuals to engage in a dialogue with their national authorities regarding human rights' violations and the Belgian proposal regarding the convening of a group of experts on human rights;
- (3) agreed to continue to exchange views on the subject of human rights at future meetings.

(b) Themes

The COMMITTEE:

had a preliminary exchange of views on the Themes paper circulated by the Canadian Delegation on 1st August on military aspects of détente and agreed to resume discussion at the next meeting.

(c) Meeting of the Committee with CSCE Experts

The COMMITTEE:

agreed that this meeting would take place on Wednesday, 7th September, 1977.

(d) Meeting of the Council with Heads of CSCE Delegations

The COMMITTEE:

noting that the date of Friday, 23rd September, 1977 for this meeting was acceptable to several delegations, agreed to come to a final decision at the next meeting.

VIII. CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a detailed exchange of views on a contribution circulated by the Norwegian Delegation on 21st June containing a draft resolution on CBMs drawn up by one of the neutral countries participating in the CSCE;
- (2) noted that the Norwegian Authorities would pass on the comments of delegations to the author of the draft resolution;

- (3) noted contributions from the United Kingdom and Canadian Delegations providing information on the attitudes of the neutral and non-aligned countries regarding CBMs;
- (4) had circulated to it by the German Delegation the text of the notification of the manoeuvres "Standhafte Chatten" and "Carbon Edge" and noted that this constituted official notification of these manoeuvres to the Allies.

IX. SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH DISARMAMENT EXPERTS -  
4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER, 1977

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the United Kingdom Representative of his Authorities' preliminary suggestions regarding Agenda items for this meeting;
- (2) noted a further suggestion by the Netherlands and German Representatives;
- (3) requested the International Secretariat to circulate a draft Agenda on the basis of these suggestions as well as those made by the Italian Representative at the last meeting(1);
- (4) agreed to consider this draft Agenda at the next meeting.

X. CONSULTATION ON THE 32ND UNGA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) after a further exchange of views on the forum for this consultation, noted that the majority of delegations were in favour of consultation taking place at a meeting of the Political Committee with experts, to be followed by a discussion in the Council of a report on the meeting prepared by the Committee's Chairman;
- (2) agreed, subject to confirmation at the next meeting, that the Committee's meeting with experts take place on Friday, 9th September, 1977;

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(1) AC/119-R(77)79, Item VII(2)

- (3) took note of suggestions by the Canadian, French and United States Representatives to amend the provisional draft Agenda circulated by the International Secretariat on 26th July and agreed to revert to this at the next meeting;
- (4) requested delegations to ascertain from their authorities which specific aspects of the various Agenda items they wished to have discussed.

XI. UPDATING OF THE INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard the reactions of some delegations to the amendment proposed by the Canadian Representative in his letter of 20th July to Section I, paragraph 2(f) of the list of diplomatic measures set out in ISD/139(Revised);
- (2) noted that the Canadian Representative would report these reactions to his Authorities, and agreed to revert to the subject at a later meeting.

XII. FOLLOW-UP TO HILEX-7

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to review at the beginning of October, in the light of the experience gained in HILEX-7, the guidance set out in POLADS(75)10(Revised) regarding NATO policy towards public relations in times of emergency.

XIII. SPRING 1978 MEETING OF APAG

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) requested delegations to ascertain from their authorities whether they could agree to this meeting taking place in the week beginning 5th June, 1978;
- (2) agreed to consider this question further at the next meeting.

XIV. GROUP OF EXPERTS ON EASTERN AND SOUTHERN ASIA

The COMMITTEE:

took note of an addition proposed by the Netherlands Delegation to the outline for this meeting in POLADS(77)27.

XV. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9th August, 1977

Wednesday, 17th August, 1977

Tuesday, 23rd August, 1977

Tuesday, 30th August, 1977

NATO,  
1110 Brussels.