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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,
on Tuesday, 5th September, 1978 at 10.30 a.m.

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that Lord Goronwy Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, would visit Hungary and Bulgaria from 11th to 15th September.

II. EAST-WEST MILITARY EXCHANGES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that a British naval vessel would pay a visit to Gdynia, Poland, from 28th September to 2nd October;
- (2) was informed of a Soviet naval visit to Copenhagen from 1st to 6th September.

III. GERMAN-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON UNITED NATIONS MATTERS

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Head of the United Nations Department in the Soviet Foreign Ministry would have consultations on United Nations matters in Bonn on 8th and 9th September.

IV. SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Canadian Representative of a démarche made by his Ambassador in Moscow to the Soviet Authorities on 1st September regarding the offer of the Canadian Government to accept Anatoly Shcharansky in Canada and noted the reactions of the Soviet Authorities thereto.

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V. CRASH OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT IN NORTH NORWAY

The COMMITTEE:

received details from the Norwegian Representative of the crash of a Soviet aircraft on the island of Hopen in the Svalbard area on 28th August.

VI. VISIT OF CHAIRMAN HUA KUC-FENG TO ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND IRAN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the United States Delegation providing a preliminary assessment of Chairman Hua's visit to Romania, Yugoslavia and Iran;
- (2) noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Delegation presenting an assessment of Chairman Hua's visit to Romania and Yugoslavia and noted comments by the United Kingdom Representative on the visit to Iran;
- (3) noted contributions by the German and Netherlands Representatives providing assessments of the visit to Yugoslavia;
- (4) noted that the French Representative had circulated his comments on the visit to Romania on 1st September and noted his further remarks on the objectives of the visits to Romania and Yugoslavia;
- (5) agreed to revert to this subject at the next meeting.

VII. RELATIONS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Belgian Representative providing his Authorities comments on the analysis circulated by the United States Delegation on 2nd August.

VIII. PAKISTAN AND CENGO

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Delegation on this subject.

IX. VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF SOMALIA TO THE NETHERLANDS

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that the Somalian President was making an official visit to the Netherlands on 5th and 6th September.

X. THE SITUATION IN ALBANIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a further exchange of views on the International Secretariat's paper ISD/195;
- (2) noted remarks by the French Representative on the comments circulated by the United States Representative on 29th August and by the United Kingdom Representative on 1st September;
- (3) invited Delegations to make further comments on ISD/195 at the next meeting, after which the International Secretariat would issue a revised draft incorporating the amendments proposed by Delegations.

XI. TRIANGULAR RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) resumed its consideration of the International Secretariat's paper ISD/198;
- (2) noting that the United Kingdom and United States Representatives expected to receive comments from their Authorities, agreed to revert to this subject at the next meeting;

- (3) was informed by the Italian Representative of a démarche made by the Japanese Ambassador in Rome to the Italian Foreign Ministry on 28th August, stressing the importance which the Japanese Government attached to the Sino-Japanese Treaty of Peace and Friendship.

XII. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDING CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

- (a) CBM: Programme of Allied Manoeuvres 1978

The COMMITTEE:

noted the circulation by the International Secretariat of the revised programme of manoeuvres in PCLADS 78(11)(5th revise);

- (b) Manoeuvres in the Soviet Union - 5th to 12th September, 1978

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Turkish Authorities had received notification of these manoeuvres from the Soviet Embassy in Ankara on 15th August;

- (c) Experts' Meeting on Peaceful Settlement of Disputes - Montreux - 31st October, 1978 and following

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Norwegian Representative summarizing the oral reply given by his Authorities to Ambassador Brunner of the Swiss Foreign Ministry on 6th June with regard to the Swiss Note of 20th April;

- (d) Detention of Western Journalists in Czechoslovakia

The COMMITTEE:

in response to the request of the Norwegian Representative at the last meeting(1),

- (1) was informed by the Belgian Representative that a Belgian journalist had been arrested in Prague on 9th August and expelled from Czechoslovakia;

(1) AC/119-R(78)96, Item VIII(d)

- (2) noted that no United States journalist had experienced similar treatment in Czechoslovakia.

XIII. AGENDA FOR NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH DISARMAMENT EXPERTS -
4TH-5TH OCTOBER, 1978

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it suggestions for the Agenda of this meeting by the United Kingdom and United States Delegations;
- (2) noted the reservations expressed by the French Representative with regard to the United States suggestions;
- (3) requested the International Secretariat to circulate a draft Agenda for consideration at the next meeting, taking account of the suggestions made by Delegations.

XIV. HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICTS: UNITED NATIONS
PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

The COMMITTEE:

heard a statement by the German Representative expressing the concern of his Authorities with regard to the position of the Allies on decision-making by consensus at the United Nations Preparatory Conference, especially in the light of the proposal of the African Group that decisions be taken by a two-thirds majority on matters of substance, and appealing to Delegations to urge on their Authorities the need to maintain Allied solidarity on this question in Geneva.

XV. VISIT OF JAPANESE GROUP TO NATO HEADQUARTERS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Chairman of the arrangements under way for this visit, and requested him to circulate the proposed programme;
- (2) agreed that any further comments on this matter should be made at the next meeting under Any Other Business.

XVI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12th September, 1978 at 10.30 a.m.

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