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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,
on Tuesday, 15th May, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Danish Delegation on the talks which had taken place during the visit of the Danish Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs to Prague on 25th-26th April.

II. SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative providing information on the new citizenship law due to come into effect in the Soviet Union on 1st July.

III. GDR

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative reporting the points made by the head of the department responsible for relations with capitalist countries in the GDR in response to a démarche by the Canadian Embassy in East Berlin concerning the new regulations for foreign journalists;

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- (2) noted that the Belgian and Netherlands Embassies in East Berlin had been instructed to make similar démarches to the GDR authorities.

IV. MEETING OF WARSAW PACT MILITARY COMMITTEE - 21ST-26TH APRIL

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Netherlands Representative of the subjects which, according to sources in Warsaw, had been discussed at this meeting.

V. MEETING OF WARSAW PACT FOREIGN MINISTERS

The COMMITTEE:

agreed at its next meeting to have a preliminary exchange of views on the meeting of Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers currently taking place in Budapest.

VI. EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT FORUM

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Netherlands Representative that the International Secretariat of the national Committees for European Security had met at the beginning of May to plan a European Disarmament Forum to be held on 26th-28th October.

VII. CUBAN POLICY IN AFRICA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting a conversation on this subject between the Italian Ambassador in Havana and the Vice President of the Cuban State Council.

VIII. MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN HAVANA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Netherlands Representative providing information on the attitudes to this meeting of the Indonesian, Cuban and Egyptian authorities.

IX. AFGHANISTAN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted contributions by the United Kingdom and United States Delegations on recent developments in Afghanistan;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting Iranian views on the situation in Afghanistan as they had emerged from a conversation between the Italian Ambassador in Teheran and Iranian Foreign Ministry officials.

X. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE MATTERS INCLUDING CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

(a) Implementation of the Final Act

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to add a footnote on the first page of its 8th report to the Council indicating that the report had been prepared on the basis of information supplied by Delegations;

(b) Exercise SHIELD 79

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received details from the Military Committee Representative of the forces that would be involved in Exercise SHIELD 79 which, on 3rd May, the Hungarian Ministry of Defence had announced would take place in Hungary in mid-May;
- (2) was informed by the Greek Representative that:
 - (i) no Romanian units would participate in the Exercise but that Romanian staff officers would take part in the theoretical part of the Exercise and
 - (ii) Bulgarian forces participating in the Exercise had not been authorized to pass through Romania on their way to Hungary;

(c) Warsaw Pact Exercise in Bulgaria

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Greek Representative that an exercise involving Soviet and other Pact forces would take place in Bulgaria in June.

XI. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

(a) UNDC

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it by the Danish Delegation the main part of the Danish reply to the UN Secretary General's questionnaire on the elaboration of a comprehensive programme for disarmament;

(b) Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to consider at its next meeting the draft Agenda circulated by the International Secretariat in ISD/220 for the meeting with experts on 14th and 15th June;

(c) List of Topics for Committee's discussions on Disarmament

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it by the International Secretariat a list of topics (DS/79/22) and agreed to consider this at its next meeting;

(d) Soviet Proposal for Negotiations on Nuclear Disarmament

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard comments by the Canadian Representative on the views provided by the Netherlands Representative at the last meeting on the Soviet proposal;

- (2) requested the IMS to provide the Committee with staff level views on the Soviet proposal.

XII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF APAG

The COMMITTEE:

agreed that in the absence of objections by close of business on Wednesday, 16th May, the meeting would take place from 24th-29th September in Greece.

XIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd May, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

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