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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd July 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

- (a) Visit to Moscow after the Tokyo Summit by the Italian Prime Minister, Mr. Andreotti, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Forlani (29th-30th June 1979)

The COMMITTEE:

was briefed by the Italian Representative on the questions of a multilateral nature (especially the problem of the Vietnamese refugees and the SALT II Agreements) that had been discussed during the talks which Mr. Andreotti and Mr. Forlani had had with Mr. Kosygin and Mr. Gromyko.

- (b) Visit to London by Mr. Jablonski (Poland) and Mr. Zemskov (USSR)

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the United Kingdom Representative that Mr. Jablonski was currently making an official visit to London and also that a report on Mr. Zemskov's visit to the United Kingdom in mid-June would shortly be submitted.

- (c) Visit to Romania by a member of the Danish Cabinet (6th-9th June 1979)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was briefed by the Danish Representative on the main issues that had been raised during this visit (SALT II; MBFR; détente; Sino-Soviet relations; the CSCE and preparations for the Madrid Meeting; disarmament issues; confidence-building measures);

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(2) took note of additional information provided by the Netherlands Representative regarding the Romanian views on "military détente" and the proposal for a Conference on Disarmament in Europe.

(d) Visit to Oslo by the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Mr. Chroupek

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Norwegian Representative that during this visit, which had taken place the previous week, the question of the action taken against "Charter 77" activists had been brought up.

(e) Visit to Yugoslavia by the Portuguese President, Mr. Eanes

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Portuguese Representative that a report on this visit would shortly be given either to the Committee or to the Council.

II. CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Italian Representative that on 28th June, action on the same lines as in other Allied capitals had been taken to protest against the arrest of "Charter 77" activists in Prague.

III. YUGOSLAVIA

The COMMITTEE:

was briefed by the United Kingdom Representative on the current position of Mr. Dolanc in the Yugoslav leadership.

IV. FAR EAST

(a) Second round of Sino-Vietnamese negotiations (Peking, 28th June)

The COMMITTEE:

took note of a report on this subject by the United Kingdom Representative.

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(b) Operation to assist the Vietnamese refugees

The COMMITTEE:

was briefed by the Italian Representative on a rescue operation recently mounted by the Italian Authorities (dispatch of two cruisers and an escort vessel to Singapore).

V. PAKISTAN - AFGHANISTAN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had its attention drawn by the United Kingdom Representative to an assessment of the situation in Pakistan prepared by London and circulated NATO-wide under reference AS(79)068;
- (2) was also informed that, according to a report from the British Embassy in Kabul, consideration was presently being given to the formation of a government of national unity in Afghanistan.

VI. SOVIET-IRANIAN RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

had its attention drawn by the United Kingdom Representative to a Pravda article of 22nd June which indicated that Soviet criticism of the Iranian Government was escalating, particularly as a result of interference in Baluchistan.

VII. WARSAW PACT PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE ON "MILITARY DETENTE" IN 1979

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a report by the Norwegian Representative on his Authorities' views regarding a possible response to Hungarian approaches in connection with the above proposal;

- (2) took note of the personal comments made by the Italian Representative on the Warsaw Pact proposal and of a report by him on talks between staff of the Italian Embassy in Moscow and officials of the Soviet Foreign Ministry;
- (3) held an exchange of views on the most notable divergencies between the Soviet proposal and the French proposal for a Conference on Disarmament in Europe and took note of the comments made in this connection by the Netherlands, French and United Kingdom Representatives;
- (4) agreed to continue its discussion at the next meetings.

VIII. ANALYSIS OF THE WARSAW PACT BUDAPEST COMMUNIQUE

Reference: International Staff Draft ISD/221

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of the comments and amendments proposed by the United Kingdom Representative in connection with the International Staff Draft;
- (2) also noted the points made by the French, Italian, Netherlands, United States and Greek Representatives;
- (3) noted that a revised draft would be submitted to the Committee for approval.

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

(a) Preparation of the Madrid Meeting

- Consultations between Norway and four East European countries

The COMMITTEE:

took note of a report by the Norwegian Representative on exchanges of views held in recent weeks with representatives of Poland, the GDR, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia regarding the CSCE and especially the Madrid Meeting.

- Greek-Romanian bilateral talks

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of information provided by the Greek Representative on the Romanian views regarding the Madrid Meeting (level of representation - Romanian proposal for a preliminary meeting - establishment after Madrid of a permanent framework for the preparation of the following meeting);
- (2) noted that the Netherlands Representative could confirm this information.

- Talks in Washington with the Head of the Spanish Delegation to the Madrid Meeting

References: Report by the Canadian Delegation
AC/119-R(79)56, Item XIII(b)(2)

The COMMITTEE:

noted that questions similar to those referred to by the Canadian Delegation in the above-mentioned report had been raised by Mr. Hernandez in Washington.

(b) Confidence-building measures - notification of manoeuvres by the Soviet Union and invitation of observers

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a report by the United States Representative on a Soviet notification regarding an exercise involving approximately 25,000 men; also noted that observers had been invited to attend this exercise, which would be held in Lithuania from 24th to 26th July (code name: Neman);
- (2) took note of the information exchanged in this connection by the Norwegian, Netherlands, United Kingdom and German Representatives and considered in particular the problem entailed by the fact that the exercise was taking place in a Baltic State.

- (c) Confidence-building measures: Warsaw Pact proposal on the notification of air exercises

The COMMITTEE:

at the suggestion of the German Representative held an exchange of views on the advisability of considering the significance and implications of this proposal on the basis of a list of questions to be circulated by the German Delegation and comments by the IMS.

X. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

- (a) Second Preparatory Committee meeting for NPT Review Conference

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) on the basis of the outline proposed by the Chairman, held an exchange of views on the following points: chairmanship of the meeting; method of financing the Conference; concluding document; nature of basic documents (analytical or factual); and took note of the views expressed on each of these points by the Italian, United Kingdom, Norwegian and German Representatives;
- (2) noted the circulation at the meeting by the United States Representative of a report setting out his Authorities' views on this subject.

- (b) Draft Agenda for the Expert meeting on specific conventional weapons (31st July-1st August 1979)

Reference: ISD/223, dated 2nd July 1979

The COMMITTEE:

noted that delegations could submit suggestions on the draft Agenda until close of business on Friday 6th July.

(c) UN Study on nuclear weapons

Reference: AC/119-R(79)56, Item XIV(c)

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the United States Representative that the United States had made known to Sweden its views on the shortcomings of the present terms of reference for the Study.

(d) Czechoslovak draft resolution on disarmament

Reference: AC/119-R(79)56, Item XIV(b)

The COMMITTEE:

took note of the United States Representative's view that it would be useful for the Committee to have an exchange of views on this subject prior to the 34th UNGA.

(e) The Indian Ocean, zone of peace

The COMMITTEE:

took note of a report by the Netherlands Representative on a recent approach to the Netherlands Foreign Ministry in this connection by a member of the Australian Embassy in The Hague.

(f) Presence of an IMS Representative at the UN
Weaponry Conference (Geneva, 10th-28th September)

Reference: AC/119-R(79)56, Item XIV(f)

The COMMITTEE:

took note of the comments by the Netherlands and Danish Representatives.

XI. THEME FOR NEXT APAG MEETING

Reference: POLADS(79)18

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of an amendment suggested by the United States Representative to the proposed theme and of the comments by the French Representative;

- (2) agreed that a proposal that the second of the suggested themes for discussion should be amended to read: "other major aspects of the diffusion of power" should be submitted to capitals for approval not later than Friday 6th July by close of business.

XII. STUDY ON RELATIONS WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT

References: AC/119-R(79)56, Item XVI
Draft outline circulated by the International Staff on 27th June

The COMMITTEE:

took note of the comments by the French Representative on the draft outline.

XIII. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL EXPERT WORKING GROUPS

Reference: POLADS(79)17

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) held a further exchange of views on the schedule proposed in the above Memorandum and took note of a number of suggested amendments;
- (2) agreed that capitals should be invited to approve the proposed schedule by the next meeting, subject to the following amendments:
- 19th-21st September 1979: Expert Working Group on Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - 26th-28th September 1979: Expert Working Group on the Middle East and the Maghreb;
 - 2nd-4th October 1979: Expert Working Group on Africa;
- (3) also invited delegations to state whether they could agree to the dates of 23rd-26th October 1979 proposed for the Ad Hoc Group on the Mediterranean.

XIV. MEETING OF 5TH JULY ON THE PREPARATION OF THE MADRID MEETING AND UNITED STATES-SOVIET PROPOSAL ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS

The COMMITTEE:

considered various questions connected with the organization of the above meeting and, subject to a number of amendments, agreed to a draft Agenda submitted by the Chairman.

XV. ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

The COMMITTEE:

agreed, on a trial basis and at the suggestion of the Netherlands Representative, that questions relating to the practical organization of meetings should henceforth be dealt with under a separate item, which would be placed at the end of the Agenda immediately before "Any Other Business".

XVI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10th July 1979.

XVII. REVISION OF THE INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES(1)

Reference: C-M(79)3

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a statement by the Chairman recalling that following Exercise WINTEX/CIMEX 79, it had been found necessary to recast the inventory;
- (2) held a preliminary exchange of views on this subject and agreed to take the matter up again at one of its next meetings on the basis of a revised draft to be prepared in the meanwhile by the Political Directorate.

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(1) The French Delegation did not attend this part of the meeting