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DECISION SHEET
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ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Meeting held at NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,
on Thursday, 25th March, 1976 at 10.15 a.m.

DECISION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a report by the French Representative regarding the signature in Paris on 19th March of a Franco-Bulgarian co-operative agreement following the 6th Session of the joint Franco-Bulgarian Commission, and on the results of a visit by the Chairman of the Federal Executive Council of the FSRJ to the French Prime Minister from 16th to 18th February, 1976, during which the trade imbalance had been discussed;
- (2) noted that the International Staff, with the help of contributions from delegations, would try to draw up a list of co-operative agreements for periods of five years and over signed by member countries of the Alliance and Communist countries;
- (3) was informed by the Turkish Representative of the results of the visit to Bulgaria by the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Çaglayangil, from 8th to 11th March.

II. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE (BASKET II)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard an oral report by the Chairman on the results of the reinforced meeting held on 16th March to examine the implementation of the Final Act (Basket II);

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- (2) noted that, at the request of several delegations, this report would shortly be circulated in the form of a memorandum to all members of the Committee;
- (3) held a preliminary exchange of views on the follow-up to the meeting, with particular reference to the following questions:
 - the Brezhnev proposals on transport, energy and environment conferences;
 - preparation of the Belgrade meeting (1977);
 - the possibility of holding a further reinforced meeting after the ECE Session (Geneva);
 - the desirability of preparing, on the lines followed by the Political Committee for Baskets I and III, a special questionnaire for Basket II with a view to collecting statistics on the implementation of the Final Act by the Eastern countries (as part of the preparations for the Belgrade meeting);
- (4) reminded delegations of the importance of submitting to the International Staff, in accordance with C-R(75)40, by 7th April at the latest any additional information which, in their view, should be included in the next bi-annual report to the Council on the implementation of the CSCE;
- (5) agreed to resume the discussion at its meeting on 15th April.

III. IMPACT OF TAXATION ON MEMBER COUNTRIES' DEFENCE EFFORTS

Reference: ED/EC/76/19

The COMMITTEE, after discussion,

invited the Chairman to get in touch with the Chairman of the Defence Review Committee in order to ascertain the latter's views on the advisability of making such a study and on the degree of urgency to be attached to it.

IV. COLLOQUIUM ON EAST-WEST TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION

The COMMITTEE:

noted a short statement by the Chairman and agreed to discuss the subject in greater detail at its meeting on 15th April.

V. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The COMMITTEE:

received the following contributions from delegations:

(1) Canadian Delegation:

- analysis of the USSR's agricultural policy as it emerged from the XXVth Congress;
- comments on the ousting of Mr. Polyanski from the post of Minister for Agriculture;

(2) United States Delegation:

- report from the United States Embassy in Moscow on recent statements by Mr. Sorokin regarding the construction of the Orenburg gas pipeline;
- information on aspects of the new Hungarian Five-Year Plan, with particular reference to energy questions.

VI. TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS

The COMMITTEE:

noted the concern expressed by several delegations about delays in the translation of Committee documents and held an exchange of views on ways of overcoming the difficulties arising from this situation.

VII. NEXT MEETING

- 8th April: reinforced meeting on energy in the USSR and the East European countries;
- 15th April: next ordinary meeting.

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