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To: Permanent Representatives (Council)

From: Acting Secretary General

RECORD OF FIRST PLENARY MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS HELD IN VIENNA ON 14TH MAY, 1973

I am circulating herewith, for the information of Delegations, the record of the first plenary meeting on MBFR on Monday, 14th May, 1973.

(Signed) P. PANSA CEDRONIO

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RECORD OF PLENARY MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS HELD IN VIENNA ON MONDAY 14TH MAY. 1973 AT 10.30 A.M.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. J.A. THOMSON):

We have gathered to resolve the question of participation and procedures. In this connection we, as I understand, are to hear nine points and four statements.

Mr. O.N. KHLESTOV:

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1. Representatives of the following states are the participants in the preparatory consultations related to Central Europe which began in Vienna on 31st January, 1973:

> The Kingdom of Belgium The People's Republic of Bulgaria Canada The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic The Kingdom of Denmark The German Democratic Republic The Federal Republic of Germany The Kingdom of Greece The Hungarian People's Republic The Italian Republic The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg The Kingdom of the Netherlands The Kingdom of Norway The Polish People's Republic The Socialist Republic of Romania The Republic of Turkey The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland The United States of America.

2. Representatives of the following states, which are potential participants in possible agreements related to Central Europe, will take the necessary decisions by consensus:

> The Kingdom of Belgium Canada The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic The German Democratic Republic The Federal Republic of Germany The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg The Kingdom of the Netherlands The Polish People's Republic The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland The United States of America.

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If another state wishes to be included among the states listed in this paragraph and this is agreed by consensus of the Representatives of the States listed in this paragraph, it may be so included. Such inclusion in negotiations or decisions related to Central Europe could either be general or, if so agreed, could be for the limited purpose of taking part in a particular decision or decisions relating to this subject. It is understood that such additional participation in decisions, agreement, or measures would be without prejudice to the security of any of the parties.

3. The following states will participate with a special status:

The People's Republic of Bulgaria The Kingdom of Denmark The Kingdom of Greece The Hungarian People's Republic The Italian Republic The Kingdom of Norway The Socialist Republic of Romania The Republic of Turkey.

4. All participants will be seated as listed in paragraph 1 according to the English version.

5. The Chairmanship will rotate from meeting to meeting among the Representatives of the States listed in paragraph 2 in the order set forth in the English version. The first Chairman will be drawn by lot.

6. All participants will have the right to speak and to circulate papers on the subject matter.

7. The meetings will be open only to the participants.

8. Following the opening statements, proceedings and documents of the meetings will be CONFIDENTIAL except for those matters on which it is agreed in advance that another procedure will be followed. There will be no official records of meetings except as otherwise agreed.

9. The official languages will be English, French, German and Russian.

Mr. D. QUARLES VAN UFFORD:

The Representatives of Belgium, Canada, The Federal Republic of Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America wish to point out that the arrangements for the participation of Hungary in these

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consultations are without prejudice to the nature of Hungary's participation in future negotiations, decisions, or agreed measures or to the security of any party, and that, in particular, the question of how and to what extent Hungary will be included in future decisions, agreements, or measures must be examined and decided during the pending negotiations.

Mr. E. USTOR:

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In connection with the unilateral statement of the Representatives of Belgium, Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America the Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic wishes to state the following:

> As the Representatives of Hungary and of other Socialist states have explained during the course of the consultations, Hungary could consider participation in possible decisions, agreements, or measures only if the appropriate conditions are fulfilled.

Mr. D. QUARLES VAN UFFORD:

It is understood that the arrangement on participation and procedures being adopted today will also be applied in the forthcoming negotiations.

Mr. O. KHLESTOV:

It is agreed that the arrangement on participation and procedures being adopted today will also be applied in the forthcoming negotiations. This does not preclude the possibility of raising the question of inviting other European states to participate in these negotiations as observers.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. J.A. THOMSON):

Are there any objections?

I see none.

It will be so recorded.