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ACTION SHEET
AC/119-R(70)65

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th October, 1970
at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. QUESTIONS RELATING TO EUROPEAN SECURITY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the German Representative that the Italian Embassy in Bonn had, on 25th August, transmitted to his Government a Vatican document on European Security dated 31st July;
- (2) was informed by the Italian Representative that his Authorities had transmitted this Vatican document to its Allies in all member capitals;
- (3) noted that the German Authorities would be interested to know which Allied Governments had received a memorandum on European Security dated 28th September from the Spanish Government;
- (4) noted that the Spanish memorandum had already been received by the Belgian, Greek, Italian and Netherlands Authorities;
- (5) heard a report by the United States Representative on plans for a "popular" conference on European security drawn up at a recent meeting of representatives of twenty-eight European Communist parties and noted that the United States Authorities would welcome any additional information about this projected conference;

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- (6) was informed by the United Kingdom Representative that the Finnish National Committee for European Security would organize a conference in Helsinki on 21st and 22nd November under the name of "Security Days"; the United Kingdom Authorities would be interested to hear of any invitations addressed to speakers from NATO countries and to have any comments about the guidance which member countries' authorities might contemplate giving to persons who had been invited to this conference;
- (7) in the context of (6) above, noted that, as a general policy, the Danish Authorities do not provide guidance on attendance at conferences.

II. EAST-WEST CONTACTS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was given a report by the German Representative on the talks which had taken place in Bonn on 13th October between the German Foreign Minister and Ambassador Tsarapkin at the latter's request;
- (2) was given a report by the Turkish Representative describing and evaluating talks held in Sofia in the course of the visit of his Prime Minister to Bulgaria from 5th to 9th October;
- (3) was informed by the Netherlands Representative of the discussions which took place between Marshal Tito and the Netherlands Prime Minister, on the one hand, and Mr. Tepavac and the Netherlands Foreign Minister on the other during the Yugoslav President's state visit to the Netherlands;
- (4) heard from the Italian Representative that, in recent ambassadorial and official contacts between Italy and Yugoslavia, the Yugoslavs had raised the same problems as they had in their talks in The Hague;

- (5) noted that the United States Representative would report the interest expressed by the Committee in receiving further information about the talks which the President of the United States had held with President Tito in Belgrade.

III. ATTEMPTS OF WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES TO SEEK THE ADMISSION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO UNESCO

The COMMITTEE:

with reference to the statement made by the German Representative at its meeting on 5th October(1), was informed by the Italian Representative that his country's Permanent Delegation at UNESCO had been instructed to maintain unchanged its traditional negative position with respect to attempts to admit the German Democratic Republic to UNESCO.

IV. ANALYSIS OF THE PRAGUE DOCUMENT ON THE RENUNCIATION OF FORCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by its Chairman that at its meeting of 22nd October(2), the Senior Political Committee had invited the Committee to prepare an analysis of the contents and implications for the Alliance of the draft document(3) on the "Renunciation of Force or the Threat of its use in Mutual Relations among the states of Europe" transmitted after the Warsaw Pact Meeting of 30th and 31st October, 1969; if circumstances permitted, to list those elements which might enter into an Alliance counter-proposal on this subject, in the light of the position described in paragraph 16 of the Rome Ministerial Communiqué; and to forward its report to the Senior Political Committee not later than Friday, 6th November;

(1) AC/119-R(70)60, Item II.
(2) AC/119-R(70)64, Item II(3).
(3) For text see POLADS(70)49, Annex II.

- (2) was invited by the Chairman to submit any contributions which would be relevant to this study;
- (3) noted that the United States Delegation hoped to be able to make available an unofficial delegation contribution prior to the next meeting.

V. REPORTS ON POSSIBLE ARAB TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

The COMMITTEE:

had its attention drawn to the assessment prepared by JIC London on this subject circulated by the Situation Centre on 26th October, 1970 (Date Time Group: 261105Z).

VI. MILITARY EXERCISES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Chairman that the International Military Staff hoped to give an analysis of the Warsaw Pact exercise "Comrades-in-Arms" some two or three weeks after the completion of this exercise;
- (2) expressed its interest in receiving from the International Military Staff a briefing on the NATO exercise "Deep Express".

VII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 30th October, at 10.30 a.m.

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