

CONSEIL DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD
NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

EXEMPLAIRE
COPY

N° 153

N A T O C O N F I D E N T I A L

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH
26th March, 1976

ACTION SHEET
AC/119-R(76)11

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th March, 1976 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Chairman that the International Staff was now ready to prepare a consolidated report on East-West military exchanges and would welcome any further contributions which might be made available by delegations.

II. SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received a contribution from the Canadian Delegation containing an assessment of Soviet foreign policy after the 25th CPSU Congress prepared by the Canadian Embassy in Moscow;
- (2) noted a contribution by the United States Delegation giving an assessment prepared by the United States Embassy in Moscow on the Soviet dilemma in the Balkans, in particular with respect to the position of Bulgaria.

III. ALBANIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received contributions from the Greek, Italian and United States Delegations concerning internal political developments, the economic situation and foreign policy trends in Albania;

N A T O C O N F I D E N T I A L

- (2) noted that the Belgian Authorities confirmed the assessment of the Italian Authorities concerning China's reaction to recent foreign policy developments in Albania;
- (3) was informed that the International Staff would now synthesise the national contributions made and prepare a paper for consideration by the Committee.

IV. PREPARATIONS FOR AN ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Italian Authorities would welcome confirmation of reports that the European Communist Parties were preparing to meet at the end of April in order to adopt a common attitude vis-à-vis Moscow;
- (2) heard from the Belgian Representative that there were preliminary indications that such a conference might be held in Brussels towards the end of April;
- (3) noted that the United States Authorities would welcome confirmation of reports that the Drafting Group for the European Communist Party Conference would resume its work in Berlin in the course of this week.

V. CRITICISM OF NATO IN THE UNITED NATIONS

(a) The Minty Report

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before it a note prepared by the Political Directorate (GAS(76)19) commenting on Mr. Minty's paper about South Africa's defence strategy and providing some additional background information on the NATO Codification System;
- (2) had a wide-ranging exchange of views on the possibilities for multilateral or bilateral reaction to Mr. Minty's

N A T O C O N F I D E N T I A L

-3-

AC/119-R(76)11

paper, discussing in particular the various options put forward at the last meeting (AC/119-R(76)10, Item V, paragraph 2);

- (3) noted that the German Representative in the United Nations had already made a démarche to the Secretary General of the United Nations complaining at the use of UN funds for the publication of the Minty report, whilst the United States Ambassador to the Security Council had also made a démarche to the UN Secretary General concerning various allegations made by Mr. McBride;
- (4) noted further a suggestion by the Italian Delegation that it might be useful for member countries' delegations at the UN, at their own discretion, to use a common "talking paper" of the nature of GAS(76)19; likewise, such a common paper might be used, where appropriate and desired, by member countries' Embassies in Africa as a basis for replying to allegations of NATO ties with South Africa;
- (5) was informed by the Chairman that the NATO Press Spokesman had over the past few months been using on an "if-asked" basis most of the points made in GAS(76)19 concerning the NATO Codification System;
- (6) noted statements by Mr. Schürkens, Head, Codification and Quality Section, Planning and Logistics Directorate, Defence Support Division, giving further explanations of and information about the NATO Codification System;
- (7) invited the International Staff to revise this background paper GAS(76)19 in the light of the present discussion and in particular to add to it a technical Annex summarising the NATO Codification System.

N A T O C O N F I D E N T I A L

-3-

(b) General

The COMMITTEE:

received from the Canadian Delegation for information purposes the text of the summary record of the 313th meeting of the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid held on 31st October, 1975 (A/AC.115/SR.313) which contained a certain amount of criticism of NATO.

VI. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it statistics prepared by Allied Embassies in Bucharest on requests for authorization of mixed marriages in Romania and the follow-up given to them.

VII. POST CSCE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES: NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES AND EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received from the German Delegation a working paper proposing a general line for the implementation of confidence building measures in 1976;
- (2) noted the preliminary comments on this paper by the Netherlands and United Kingdom Representatives;
- (3) agreed to consider the paper at its next meeting.

VIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday and Friday, 18th and 19th March reinforced meeting with CSCE Experts.

Tuesday, 23rd March, at 10.30 a.m. next regular meeting.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.