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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th April, 1976 at 3.00 p.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

received a contribution from the German Delegation reporting on the visit of the Polish Foreign Minister to the Federal Republic from 6th to 9th April.

II. ALBANIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution from the Italian Delegation reporting on a conversation between the Italian and Chinese Ambassadors in Tirana on Albanian relations with China;
- (2) noted a contribution from the Greek Delegation commenting on Albanian economic relations with China.

III. YUGOSLAVIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution from the Italian Delegation reporting on the situation in Yugoslavia and on Yugoslav-Soviet relations;
- (2) noted a contribution from the Canadian Delegation concerning a message sent by President Tito to the Spanish Government on the possible establishment of diplomatic relations between Yugoslavia and Spain.

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IV. CHINA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received a contribution from the United Kingdom Delegation containing general information on China;
- (2) received a contribution from the United States Delegation giving a preliminary analysis by the State Department of recent changes in the Chinese leadership;
- (3) noted a contribution from the German Delegation commenting on recent developments in China.

V. VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND TO ITALY

The COMMITTEE:

received contributions from the German and Italian Delegations reporting on President Sadat's recent visits to the Federal Republic and to Italy respectively.

VI. ABOLITION OF DIPLOMATIC VISAS BETWEEN EASTERN AND ALLIED COUNTRIES

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that:

- (i) the Netherlands had not been approached by any East European country on this question;
- (ii) in the Federal Republic, diplomatic visas were still obligatory for all East European countries;
- (iii) Portugal and Rumania had agreed to abolish such visas;
- (iv) Denmark had agreed with Rumania and Bulgaria to abolish such visas.

VII. CRITICISM OF NATO IN THE UNITED NATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the Canadian and German Delegations the letters which their Foreign Ministries had received from Mr. Minty;

- (2) had circulated to it by the German Delegation a draft of the reply which the German Authorities intended to send to Mr. Minty;
- (3) agreed to recommend to governments that in replying to letters from Mr. Minty, they might draw on POLADS(76)11(Final) and on the German draft reply;
- (4) agreed to maintain this item on its Agenda.

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

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the United States Delegation that according to the Finnish Foreign Ministry, representatives of the four neutral participants of the CSCE would meet in Helsinki on 29th and 30th April to discuss follow-up to the CSCE and to prepare for the Belgrade conference;
- (2) heard preliminary comments by the Danish, German, United Kingdom and United States Delegations on the draft questionnaire in POLADS(76)14 on Western Implementation and agreed to revert to this question at its next meeting.

IX. POST CSCE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES: NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES AND EXCHANGES OF OBSERVERS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the International Secretariat a programme, based on information received from delegations and the IMS, of Allied national, multi-national and NATO manoeuvres for 1976;
- (2) requested Delegations and the IMS to provide the International Secretariat with additional information to enable it to up-date this list;
- (3) had an exchange of views in which delegations indicated the intentions of their Authorities regarding notification of manoeuvres and invitation of observers in 1976;
- (4) was informed by the United States Representative that his Authorities considered the briefing given by the Hungarian Defence Ministry to military attachés in Budapest on 5th April(1) as falling within the provisions of the Final Act;

(1) See AC/119-R(76)16, Item XI(1)

- (5) agreed to revert to this subject at its next meeting.

X. PROPOSED STUDY OF THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) resumed its discussion, initiated at the meeting with disarmament experts on 5th and 6th April(1), on the procedure to be followed for a study of this question;
- (2) had an exchange of views on a draft mandate for such a study circulated by the German Delegation;
- (3) agreed to resume discussion at its next meeting.

XI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 27th April at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.

(1) See AC/119-R(76)15, Item I(a)