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ACTION SHEET  
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday 15th February, 1977  
at 10.30 a.m.

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I. EAST-WEST VISITS

- (a) Yugoslav-Canadian talks (Belgrade, 14th and 15th December, 1976)

The COMMITTEE:

heard an account from the Canadian Representative of the exchange of views on political questions which had taken place in Belgrade between Mr. Goldschlag, the Canadian Deputy Under Secretary for External Affairs and Mr. Bernardic, the Yugoslav Deputy Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

- (b) Visit to Turkey of the Bulgarian Vice-Foreign Minister (31st January to 4th February, 1977)

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Turkish Representative of the gist of the talks (devoted entirely to the CSCE) which had taken place during this visit.

- (c) Visit to Italy by the Rumanian Defence Minister

The COMMITTEE:

noted the Italian Representative's announcement of the forthcoming visit of General Koman (28th March to 2nd April).

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- (d) Visit to London by Mr. Puja, Hungarian Foreign Minister (28th February to 1st March, 1977)

The COMMITTEE:

was notified by the United Kingdom Representative of this visit.

- (e) Visit to Brussels by Mr. Ilonemi (20th and 21st January, 1977)

The COMMITTEE:

noted the statement by the Belgian Representative reporting Finnish views on the organization of the Belgrade meetings as expressed by Mr. Ilonemi during his visit.

## II. SITUATION IN THE BALKANS

- (a) Relations between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria

The COMMITTEE:

noted the information furnished by the Greek Representative, as obtained from diplomatic sources in Sofia, concerning:

- restrictions placed by the Yugoslav authorities on the entry of Bulgarian nationals into Yugoslavia;
- the unexplained cancellation of a visit to Yugoslavia by a Bulgarian military mission;
- rumours circulated by the Yugoslavs in connection with the recent alert order to the Bulgarian forces.

- (b) Soviet-Yugoslav relations

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Italian Representative concerning the publicity given to the contents of a (confidential) letter from the Yugoslav Party Central Committee concerning the talks which had taken place between Tito and Brezhnev during the latter's visit to Belgrade.

(c) Albania

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative providing information on the current views of the Albanian leadership with regard to Soviet foreign policy;
- (2) noted a contribution by the French Representative giving the amendments recently made by the Albanian leadership to the regulations governing entry into Albanian harbours and the approach to the Albanian coast by foreign shipping.

(d) Rumania

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a paper by the French Representative (based on a report from the French Embassy in Bucharest) describing the attitude of the Rumanian authorities to the recent signs of dissidence in the other Eastern countries and providing information on Rumanian views concerning the organization of the CSCE meetings in Belgrade;
- (2) noted information from the Belgian Representative on three recent cases in which divided Rumanian families had been reunited.

III. SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the interest expressed by the German Representative in further information on the Third Frelimo Congress recently held in Maputo (Mozambique);
- (2) noted an Italian contribution describing the views and preoccupations of the Tanzanian authorities with respect to developments in Southern Africa.

IV. ASSESSMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (BUCHAREST, 25TH AND 26TH NOVEMBER, 1976)

International Staff draft ISD/136(Revised)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) discussed in detail the International Staff draft and noted, in particular, the comments made by the Canadian, Italian, Belgian and Turkish Representatives, speaking in that order;
- (2) noted, in this context, two Italian papers dealing:
  - the one, with the approach made by the Yugoslav Ambassador in Moscow to Soviet Vice-Foreign Minister Rodinov on 27th January, 1977 with a view to obtaining clarification of the proposal on the first non-use of nuclear weapons;
  - the other, with the Austrian authorities' attitude to that proposal;
- (3) noted that the International Staff would issue a Corrigendum taking account of the views expressed during the discussion and that, unless objections reached it by 17th February at 1800 hours at the latest, the draft would be regarded as approved and forwarded to the Council.

V. SITUATION IN POLAND

International Staff draft ISD/135(Revised)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) continued its exchange of views on the International Staff draft and noted the comments of the Italian, French, German, Greek and Canadian Representatives, speaking in that order;
- (2) noted that a Corrigendum to document ISD/135(Revised) taking account of the different proposals made during the discussion would be distributed after the meeting and that

unless objections reached the International Staff by Thursday 17th February at the end of the day, the paper would be regarded as approved at Committee level and forwarded to the Council.

VI. SECURITY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FIRST ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a further exchange of views on the German proposal of 25th January;
- (2) noted that the majority of delegations were in favour of the Military Authorities examining the possible repercussions for the Alliance of certain articles in Draft Addition Protocol I to the 1949 Geneva Conventions;
- (3) noted that there were, nonetheless, certain divergencies of view as to when the Military Authorities should start this study;
- (4) noted the Italian Representative's suggestions;
- (5) agreed to continue its discussion at the next meeting.

VII. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE

- (a) Follow-up to the reinforced meeting on 7th February and preparation of the meetings on 22nd and 23rd March

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a statement by the Chairman recalling the announcement made at the meeting of experts on 7th February of proposals:
  - (i) relating to the communication of contributions from the "Nine" (on assessment of the implementation, on new proposals and on Soviet aims and tactics at Belgrade);
  - (ii) by the United States Delegation for notes on the main topics for discussion at the Belgrade meetings;
  - (iii) by the Belgian and United States Delegations on new proposals currently being examined;

- (2) noted the distribution by the German Delegation of papers on:
  - (a) organization and procedures at Belgrade; and
  - (b) draft terms of reference for a scientific forum;
- (3) agreed to hold a preliminary exchange of views on these documents at its 1st March meeting.

(b) ISD/140

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) discussed the follow-up to be given to the draft country papers on human contacts in ISD/140 (which incorporated information from replies to the questionnaire POLADS(76)19);
- (2) noted that several delegates (some on instructions, some on a personal basis) welcomed the draft country papers and the proposal by the Acting Chairman that those authorities who so wished should instruct their Embassies in Eastern capitals to check and update the country papers in consultation with each other;
- (3) noted the further proposal by the Acting Chairman that those Embassies concerned might collaborate to produce one composite draft, and that the first checked and updated drafts should be returned to the International Secretariat by the end of March if possible: the resulting country papers would neither bind any single Ally nor represent the agreed views of the Allies as a whole;
- (4) recalled the reservations by the Representatives of France and Turkey as regards the questionnaire in POLADS(76)19 and noted their reservations about the draft country papers in ISD/140;
- (5) noted comments about the need for discretion in the way the country papers might be used at the Belgrade meetings;
- (6) agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

(c) Exchanges of information

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted information supplied by the Italian Representative on Soviet and Rumanian thinking on the CSCE;
- (2) noted contributions by the Canadian, Belgian and Greek Representatives on the meeting in Belgrade of neutral and non-aligned countries (31st January and 1st February, 1977) and agreed to exchange views on this subject at its forthcoming meetings.

VIII. CBM

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a brief exchange of views on the notification of the Swedish exercise which was due to take place in March;
- (2) noted the distribution by the United States Delegation of a background paper on Soviet CBM policy and by the German Delegation of a paper on the treatment of observers invited to attend exercises (reference: POLADS(77)7, Item 1(c)(3)).

IX. NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WITH THE DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a proposal from the United States Representative that the date of this meeting be brought forward to 5th and 6th April, given the timetable for the preparation of the special United Nations session on disarmament;
- (2) agreed, after a short discussion, to take a decision on this matter at its next meeting after other delegations had consulted with their capitals;
- (3) had an exchange of views on the list of items for discussion, ISD/137, distributed by the International Staff in anticipation of this meeting;

- (4) noted that a revised version of this paper taking account of the suggestions made during the meeting would be distributed for approval at its meeting on 22nd February.

X. DRAFT NON-USE OF FORCE TREATY: QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) on the initiative of the United States and Belgian Representatives, had a preliminary exchange of views on the reactions of the Alliance authorities to the above-mentioned questionnaire;
- (2) agreed to place this question on the Agenda of its next meeting.

XI. REVIEW OF THE INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES

References: C-M(72)3  
ISD/139

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a statement by the United Kingdom Representative suggesting, by way of compromise, a procedure which would allow the Political Committee to respond in an appropriate manner to the directives issued to it by the Defence Planning Committee (DPC), without having to go systematically to the Council for a mandate in each individual case; noted that under this procedure only the delegations actually represented would be concerned by the DPC's directives (the French and Greek Delegations, in particular, would be free to join in, or abstain from taking part in, the discussions and the studies leading up to them);
- (2) noted a statement by the French Representative pointing out that the normal procedure was to refer these matters to the Council for a decision but indicating willingness to consider the solution put forward by the United Kingdom Representative;



- (3) noted in this connection that the Greek Representative, who had no objection to the United Kingdom Representative's proposal, would in general prefer any initiative on matters of a political or economic nature to emanate from the Council;
- (4) at the suggestion of the Belgian Representative, held a preliminary discussion on the sections of C-M(72)3 which it was proposed to review;
- (5) agreed to continue this discussion at its next meeting.

XII. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1977, at 10.30 a.m.

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