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ACTION SHEET  
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st March, 1977 at 10.30 a.m.

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I. BELGIAN-POLISH TALKS (WARSAW 16TH-18TH FEBRUARY, 1977)

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution from the Belgian Representative describing certain aspects of the talks between Mr. Czyrek, the Polish Deputy Foreign Minister, and Mr. Vanden Broock, the Director General for Political Affairs in the Belgian Foreign Ministry.

II. VISIT TO PRAGUE BY THE NETHERLANDS FOREIGN MINISTER (28TH FEBRUARY-2ND MARCH, 1977)

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Netherlands Representative would be reporting on this visit as soon as possible.

III. DISSIDENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution from the United States Representative on political dissidence in Bulgaria; further noted that an analysis of "Charter 77" in Czechoslovakia as well as a State Department assessment of the attitude of the Polish Authorities to dissidents had been sent out over the NATO-wide communications system;

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- (2) noted the oral comments made by the Belgian Representative concerning the remarks made by a member of the Executive Committee of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia criticising the attitude of the Western Communist parties to dissidence in Eastern Europe;
- (3) also noted that the Italian Representative would be circulating an analysis from his country's Embassy in Belgrade of the position of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia regarding "Euro-Communism".

IV. SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received a report from the United Kingdom Representative describing the views expressed by a member of the Soviet Embassy in London during a talk at the Foreign Office with Lord Gorowy-Roberts on such questions as disarmament, the CSCE (particularly Basket III) and non-interference in the domestic affairs of other countries;
- (2) noted that the United States Delegation would be circulating within the next few days a paper concerning Soviet views on the Belgrade meetings.

V. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

noted the Italian Representative's comments on the departure from Peking on 28th February, 1977 of Mr. Ilishev, the leader of the Soviet Delegation at the Chinese-Soviet frontier negotiations.

VI. MIDDLE EAST

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution from the Italian Representative on the discussions between the OLP and the Israel-Palestine Peace Committee.

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

Reference: Contribution by the German Delegation dated 25th January, 1977

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) resumed its exchange of views on the draft terms of reference for the NATO Military Authorities as set out in the version amended by the United Kingdom Delegation;
- (2) noted the position of the Netherlands Authorities regarding the scope of the study which the Military Authorities would be requested to make;
- (3) noted, inter alia, the position of the Norwegian Authorities who would prefer the contents of the terms of reference to be discussed by the experts attending the diplomatic conference in Geneva;
- (4) noted the support from the Netherlands and Danish Representatives for this suggestion;
- (5) further noted the opinion expressed in turn by the United Kingdom, Turkish and French Representatives that this was a task for the Political Committee;
- (6) noted that the German, French and Italian Authorities could agree to the revised draft terms of reference proposed by the United Kingdom;
- (7) noted that a number of delegations felt that the deadline of 31st August, 1977 was too late and should be brought forward;
- (8) agreed to resume the discussion on this item at its meeting on 29th March;
- (9) noted the request by the Norwegian Representative that at this meeting the Military Committee documents MCM(89)76 and MCM(103)76 should also be discussed.

VIII. DRAFT TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE: RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Turkish Representative that his Authorities' position was very close to that of the Belgian Authorities (as set out in a memorandum dated 15th February);
- (2) noted that the Turkish Authorities would like this question taken up by the United Nations Sixth Commission.

IX. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE: PREPARATION OF THE BELGRADE MEETINGS

- (a) Draft Agenda POLADS(77)14 dated 22nd February, 1977

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) subject to a minor drafting change, adopted the draft Agenda (since issued as AC/119-A(77)18);
- (2) noted that a working paper setting out the subjects proposed for discussion at this meeting by the Acting Chairman would be circulated shortly (see POLADS(77)15 of 4th March, 1977).

- (b) Follow-up to draft ISD/140

The COMMITTEE:

noted the points of view expressed in turn by the Italian, Turkish and Netherlands Representatives regarding the favourable reaction of their Authorities to this draft which would be forwarded to the diplomatic missions concerned.

- (c) Proposed "Scientific Forum"

The COMMITTEE:

noted the reactions of the Turkish, Norwegian and Belgian Authorities to the proposals set out in the German Delegation's note dated 9th February as well as the opinion expressed by the French Representative in a personal capacity.

X. CBM

(a) Military exchanges

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was unofficially informed by the United States Representative that the Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Armed Forces would shortly be invited to visit the United States;
- (2) noted that this visit came under the heading of bilateral relations between the Soviet Union and the United States and the implementation of certain CB provisions.

(b) Invitation to attend Swedish manoeuvres

The COMMITTEE:

received information from the Italian, Norwegian and Danish Representatives on this subject.

(c) Forthcoming special meetings of the Committee on CBM

- Thursday, 3rd March at 10.30 a.m.
- Friday, 18th March at 10.30 a.m. (instead of Thursday, 17th as originally planned)

XI. DATE AND AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING WITH THE DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

(a) Date

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United States Representative had confirmed his acceptance of the original dates of 21st and 22nd April.

(b) Agenda

The COMMITTEE:

after making a final change to the Item "Any Other Business" adopted the following Agenda:

- " I. Preparations for the UN special session on disarmament.
- II. Test ban issues, with particular reference to the CTB.
- III. Seabed Treaty review conference: outcome of the work of the preparatory committee and main topics to be discussed at the conference itself.
- IV. Chemical weapons.
- V. Humanitarian law in armed conflicts (CUSHIE weapons).
- VI. New weapons of mass destruction.
- VII. Reduction of military budgets.
- VIII. Regional aspects of disarmament.
- IX. Any other business(1)".

(c) Reply to the questionnaire circulated by the Secretary General of the United Nations on the preparation of the special United Nations meeting on disarmament

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) at the request of the Turkish Representative and in view of the fact that replies had to be sent in before 15th April, agreed to hold a discussion on this item at its next ordinary meeting(2);
- (2) noted that, in the circumstances, certain delegations might consider increasing their participation in this meeting.

(d) Next CCD Experts meeting (Geneva, 14th-18th March, 1977)

The COMMITTEE:

noted a report from the United States Representative on this subject.

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- (1) In addition, Disarmament Experts may also raise, under "Any Other Business", Nuclear-Free zones and the Soviet proposal on the Non-Use of Force.
- (2) This meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, 29th March, was later brought forward to Monday, 28th March.

XII. REVIEW OF THE INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- References: - C-M(72)3  
- International Staff draft revision ISD/139  
- Contribution by the Belgian Delegation  
(February 1977)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) discussed the draft modifications put forward by the International Staff and the Belgian Delegation and noted the comments made by the Norwegian Representative;
- (2) noted a proposal by the Turkish Representative that the proposed modifications should be tested by visual display during HILEX-78.

XIII. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE REPLIES TO BE GIVEN TO A REQUEST FROM A YUGOSLAV PERIODICAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE BELGRADE MEETINGS

The COMMITTEE:

noted the information supplied by the Norwegian, Netherlands, French and Belgian Representatives in reply to the mutual information request made by the Canadian Representative in a letter dated 25th February.

XIV. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEXT APAG MEETING

The COMMITTEE:

took note of the information provided by the German, Canadian and French Representatives regarding the nature of their contributions to the discussions which would be taking place at the next APAG meeting.

XV. TIMETABLE OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- 3rd March: Special meeting on CBM.
- 18th March: Special meeting on CBM.
- 22nd, 23rd and 24th March: Reinforced meeting on CSCE.
- 28th March: Next ordinary meeting.

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