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ACTION SHEET  
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th June, 1977 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE received reports:

- (1) on the visit to Rumania by the Italian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister (25th to 27th May, 1977);
- (2) on the visit to Italy by the Hungarian Prime Minister, Mr. Kadar, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Puja;
- (3) on the visit to Budapest and Sofia by a delegation of senior Belgian Foreign Ministry officials from the end of May to the beginning of June 1977;
- (4) on the visit to the Soviet Union by the French Foreign Minister from 5th to 7th June (in preparation for Mr. Brezhnev's forthcoming visit to France from 20th to 22nd June).

II. SOVIET UNION: NEW CONSTITUTION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a report by the United Kingdom Delegation commenting on various aspects of the text of the new Soviet Constitution;
- (2) held a short exchange of views on the significance of paragraph 7(c) of this text.

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III. BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Netherlands Representative that, since May, it no longer appeared to be mandatory for foreign visitors to exchange a certain amount of foreign currency as soon as they arrived in Bulgaria;
- (2) noted, however, that no official announcement had been made by the Bulgarian Authorities about this measure, which had been taken on the eve of the Belgrade meeting.

IV. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS

References: papers by the German and Italian Delegations dated 3rd June, 1977 (Article by Alexandrov in the Pravda issue of 14th May)

The COMMITTEE:

received a further report from the Belgian Representative regarding the particularly harsh wording of the press version of a Note addressed to the Chinese Embassy in Moscow and the comments made in this connection by Mr. Kornilov.

V. AFRICA

(a) Rhodesia

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the circulation by the United Kingdom Delegation of the text of the speech on Rhodesia made by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, Mr. D. Owen, at the meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government (London, 9th June, 1977);
- (2) took note of comments by the Portuguese Representative regarding the nature and scope of the recent intervention in Mozambique by Rhodesian forces.

(b) Ethiopia

The COMMITTEE:

took note of the comments by the United Kingdom Representative (based on a report by his country's Embassy in Moscow) with respect to the declaration on Ethiopia published by Tass on 5th June.

VI. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

- (a) Allied views on confidence-building measures and certain aspects of security and disarmament - ISD/149 and Addendum

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a statement by the Chairman drawing attention to the draft at reference above, which incorporated ISD/141(2nd revise), 142 and 147 and took into account the views expressed by delegations on this subject at previous meetings, and inviting delegations' comments on this paper;
- (2) likewise noted that at the present and subsequent meetings the following points should be considered:
  - (i) the proposals by neutral and non-aligned countries, on which the IMS had made known its views in its Memorandum P&P(CSCE)-4-77, dated 10th June;
  - (ii) the question of the possible notification of military movements;
  - (iii) the inclusion in ISD/149 of "themes" based on the different suggestions made by countries in this connection;
  - (iv) the preparation of draft formulations for possible Allied initiatives in Belgrade.
- (3) took note of a statement by the United States Representative to the effect that his Authorities would be agreeable in principle to an initiative by member countries and non-aligned nations on the notification of military movements provided acceptable parameters could be worked out;
- (4) noted that several delegations were inclined to welcome the above United States position, the precise terms which would be circulated to the other members of the Committee and fully discussed at the next meeting;
- (5) noted the circulation by the Norwegian Representative of a draft paper concerning possible Western initiatives at Belgrade with respect to the wider and more extensive implementation of the Final Act's CBM provisions;

- (6) held an initial exchange of views on this paper and noted, in particular, the comments made in this connection by the Turkish, Italian, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States Representatives, and also the French Representatives continuing reservation with respect to any initiative that could lead to a renegotiation of the terms of the Final Act;
  - (7) took note of a suggestion by the United Kingdom Representative that once the Norwegian proposal had been approved by the other delegations it should be incorporated in a section of the draft ISD/149 dealing with the presentation of new initiatives;
  - (8) held a preliminary discussion on the draft ISD/149 and noted that the International Staff would circulate an unofficial paper setting out the comments and proposed amendments (especially to paragraphs 4, 12, 40 and 41) that had been considered in discussion;
  - (9) noted that once the document had been finalized, and notwithstanding the fact that it was designed as a reference paper for Allied delegations in Belgrade, it would nonetheless be submitted to the Council;
  - (10) at the suggestion of the United Kingdom Representative, held a short exchange of views on the United States Delegation's letter of 8th June, which contained comments on the question of priorities or preferences among possible Allied initiatives on CBMs in Belgrade;
  - (11) agreed to continue its discussion at the next meeting.
- (b) POLADS(77)19: notification of Allied manoeuvres

The COMMITTEE:

took note of the information given by the United States Representative regarding the notification of Exercise "COLD FIRE", referred to in the above document.

- (c) POLADS(77)21: proposed press release on "AUTUMN FORCE 1977" exercise series

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) considered two amendments proposed by the German Representative to the second paragraph of this draft;
- (2) noted that a revised version would be circulated for approval under the silence procedure by close of business on 17th June.

VII. DISARMAMENT: TIMETABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE UN SPECIAL SESSION AND ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) continued its exchange of views aimed at setting dates for the above consultations and noted that there was extensive support for the dates of 28th and 29th July (for the UN Special Session) and 30th June to 1st July (for chemical weapons);
- (2) noted, however, that the United States Delegation could not yet indicate when its experts would be able to attend these consultations and accordingly agreed to take the matter up again at its next meeting.

VIII. UPDATING OF THE INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Reference: International Staff draft ISD/139

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the circulation of comments by the United States Delegation;
- (2) in view of the shortage of time, agreed to return to this question at the next meeting.

IX. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT

- (a) Human rights

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a report by the German Representative on the implementation by the Warsaw Pact countries of the human rights provisions of Basket I;

(2) held a short exchange of views on the best way to prepare a working paper on this question and took note of a suggestion by the German Representative that a questionnaire should be drawn up for Allied delegations accredited in Warsaw Pact capitals.

(b) Draft "Decision Sheet" for approval after the preparatory meeting

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that the United States Representative in Belgrade had been authorized to fall in with the consensus reached by the other delegations on the wording of Annex I.

X. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 21st June, 1977 at 10.30 a.m.

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1110 Brussels.