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ACTION SHEET
AC/119-R(78)78

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th June, 1978 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Netherlands Representative reporting on conversations that had taken place during the visit of the Polish Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Netherlands from 20th to 21st June, 1978;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Greek Representative reporting on the talks which the Director General for Political Affairs in the Greek Foreign Ministry had had with the Polish Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs during his recent visit to Poland;
- (3) was informed by the Italian Representative that the Deputy Chief of the Italian Army would visit the Soviet Union from 17th to 24th July and that his Soviet counterpart would visit Italy from 21st to 27th September, 1978.

II. VISIT OF GDR FOREIGN MINISTER TO POLAND - 16TH JUNE, 1978

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Representative reporting on this visit.

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III. BULGARIAN POLICY IN THE BALKANS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the French Representative reporting recent remarks by Zhivkov on Bulgarian policy in the Balkans and relations with Romania, Yugoslavia and Albania.

IV. 11TH CONGRESS OF YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST LEAGUE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Belgian Representative providing information on the representation of foreign delegations at the 11th Congress, which had taken place the previous week;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting references in speeches at the Congress to the deterioration in relations between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

V. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative reporting a recent conversation on Sino-Soviet relations between the Canadian and Chinese Ambassadors in Moscow;
- (2) noted a contribution by the German Representative summarizing and commenting on a recent article in Pravda on "Peking's Policy - a Threat to Peace";
- (3) noted a further contribution by the German Representative on recent increased Chinese activity in Africa.

VI. THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative reporting a recent conversation which his Ambassador in Islamabad, who was also accredited to Kabul, had had with the new Prime Minister of Afghanistan.

VII. IRAQI-SOVIET RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Greek Representative that the views of his Authorities on this subject coincided with those in the contribution circulated by the Italian Delegation on 14th June, 1978.

VIII. MOZAMBIQUE

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Portuguese Representative of a report from his Embassy in Maputo that military elements from Tanzania had been arriving in Beira, probably in connection with the conflict with Rhodesia.

IX. ICDO CONFERENCE - TUNIS, 18TH to 23RD MAY, 1978

Reference: Contribution by the Turkish Delegation dated 13th June, 1978

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the United States and French Representatives that there had been no official United States or French participation at this Conference.

X. POSSIBLE ENLARGEMENT OF THE CCD

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Norwegian Representative concerning Norwegian candidature for membership of an enlarged CCD;
- (2) was informed that the Turkish Government had decided to put forward its candidature for membership of an enlarged CCD.

XI. POSSIBILITY OF INVITING POLISH JOURNALISTS TO NATO HEADQUARTERS

References: AC/119-R(78)70, Item XI
AC/119-R(78)74, Item XI
AC/119-R(78)76, Item XV

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the following positions of national authorities:
 - the Canadian, Greek, Turkish and United Kingdom Authorities were in favour of such a visit;
 - the German Authorities were not in favour of the visit in view of its possible negative effects but would not oppose it formally; if it were to take place, it should, in their opinion, be organised on an experimental basis;

- the Belgian Authorities held the same view but stressed the need for early clarification of the object of the visit, careful preparation of the programme and a decision on the type of information which would be given to the journalists;
- the French Authorities did not approve the United States initiative and could not agree to the visit.

XII. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDING CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

(a) CBM: Programme of Allied Manoeuvres 1978

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the International Secretariat would shortly issue a further revision of POLADS(78)11(2nd Revise);
- (2) with reference to the question of possible notification of Exercise REFORGER 78, noted that the French, German and United States Authorities were not in favour of modifying existing Allied practice pending completion of the Committee's study of CBMs; however, the German Authorities felt that consideration might be given to notifying REFORGER 79;
- (3) was informed that the United States Authorities were considering making a parallel notification of the BOLD GUARD manoeuvre;
- (4) noted that in view of the limited Belgian participation in the CERTAIN SHIELD manoeuvre, the Belgian Authorities did not consider parallel notification or invitation of observers to be necessary;
- (5) noted that the Norwegian Authorities were in favour of notifying manoeuvres below the 10,000 men threshold and that if they eventually decided to notify Exercise BLACK BEAR, this would be in keeping with past practice in which manoeuvres involving 8,000 troops had been notified.

(b) Press Releases

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed that if no objections were raised by close of business on 28th June, the proposed press release in POLADS(78)22 for Exercise AUTUMN FORGE would be considered as approved;

- (2) agreed that the deadline for approval of the proposed press release in POLADS(78)24 for Exercise BOLD GUARD 1978 be extended one week;
- (3) took note of amendments suggested by the United States Delegation to the proposed press release in POLADS(78)26 for Exercise COLD FIRE 78.

(c) CBM Study

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the positive reactions of several delegations to the draft outline for the study circulated by the International Secretariat at the meeting;
- (2) noted an addition to Section III(a) proposed by the Belgian Representative;
- (3) agreed to take a final decision on the outline at the next meeting;
- (4) requested the International Secretariat to prepare a first draft of the study drawing on existing documentation and to call for national contributions on specific points as necessary;
- (5) agreed to resume its exchange of views at an early date on the need for a follow-on study dealing with future moves and developments in the CBM field.

(d) Belgrade Follow-up Meeting

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it by the United States Delegation a special report on this meeting by the United States Department of State.

XIII. CONSULTATION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE NEXT UNGA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noting that some delegations were without instructions, agreed to revert to the date for this consultation at the next meeting;
- (2) had circulated to it by the Canadian Delegation a suggested agenda for this meeting;
- (3) noted that the German Delegation would welcome information with regard to possible Soviet initiatives at the next UNGA.

XIV. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN

The COMMITTEE:

noting that some delegations were without instructions, agreed to defer to the next meeting a decision on the date for this meeting.

XV. STUDY ON SOVIET NAVAL FACILITIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The COMMITTEE:

agreed that the deadline for the submission of national contributions for this study would be advanced to 8th September, 1978.

XVI. MEETING WITH DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the German and Netherlands Representatives could agree to the proposed dates of 4th and 5th October, 1978.

XVII. MEETING ON HUMANITARIAN LAW

The COMMITTEE, modifying its previous decisions(1):

agreed that the meeting on Humanitarian Law to be held from 28th to 30th June would be a meeting of the Committee with legal/political experts rather than a meeting of a legal/political working group.

XVIII. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Meeting with experts: 28th to 30th June, 1978 at 10.30 a.m.
Regular meeting: Tuesday, 4th July, 1978 at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.

(1) AC/119-R(78)43, Item IX
AC/119-R(78)47, Item XVIII