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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,
on Tuesday, 27th February, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

I. PRESIDENT TITO'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Netherlands Representative that according to the Yugoslav Chargé d'Affaires in Moscow, President Tito's visit to Moscow would take place in April or May at the earliest.

II. SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative providing comments by his Embassy in Moscow on Andropov's references to human rights in his speech of 22nd February.

III. BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a further exchange of information on the joint manouevres which it was rumoured would shortly be held in Bulgaria;
- (2) noted contributions on this subject by the French, German, Netherlands, Turkish, United Kingdom, United States and Military Committee Representatives;
- (3) noted that a regular Soviet-Bulgarian command post exercise would probably be held in Bulgaria in the near future and that joint Soviet-Bulgarian manouevres, possibly involving up to two Soviet divisions, might be held in the north-eastern part of Bulgaria in March.

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IV. MEETING OF THE WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The COMMITTEE:

noted contributions by the Canadian and United States Delegations providing comments on the International Secretariat's analysis in ISD/213.

V. SINO-VIETNAMESE CONFLICT

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative providing an official Polish assessment of the Sino-Vietnamese conflict and presenting official Soviet comments on the Soviet attitude to the conflict;
- (2) had its attention drawn by the United Kingdom Representative to the assessments which his Delegation had circulated through the Situation Centre as AS(79)20 and AS(79)22;
- (3) had circulated to it by the United States Delegation the text of the statement made by the United States Ambassador at the meeting of the UN Security Council on 24th February.

VI. SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted contributions by the Italian Representative presenting (a) comments by his Authorities on the paper prepared by the Canadian Ambassador in Moscow and circulated by the Canadian Delegation on 26th January and (b) an unofficial analysis of Soviet foreign policy;
- (2) noted contributions by the Belgian, Danish, French, German, Netherlands, Norwegian and United Kingdom Representatives providing comments on Ambassador Ford's paper;
- (3) noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative presenting Ambassador Ford's comments on the papers circulated by the United States Delegation on 6th February and by the United Kingdom Delegation on 16th February.

VII. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE MATTERS INCLUDING CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

The COMMITTEE:

had a further exchange of views on a possible date for the meeting with experts on preparations for the Madrid meeting and agreed to resume discussion at a future meeting.

VIII. PRESS RELEASES

The COMMITTEE:

approved the revised draft press release for exercise WINTEX/CIMEX 79 in POLADS(79)10(Revised).

IX. SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH DISARMAMENT EXPERTS - 5TH-6TH APRIL

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the United Kingdom Delegation suggestions for the Agenda of this meeting;
- (2) noted that the Belgian Delegation could agree to the suggestions circulated by the United States Delegation at the last meeting but that the Netherlands Delegation proposed inclusion of the Swedish proposal for a UN Study on Nuclear Weapons, Comprehensive Test Ban and Incendiary Weapons;
- (3) noted that the Canadian Delegation would circulate its suggestions for the Agenda;
- (4) requested the International Secretariat to circulate a proposed Agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

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