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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,
on Tuesday, 16th January, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Danish Representative reporting on the visit of the Romanian Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs to Copenhagen on 12th December, 1978.

II. BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted contributions by the Canadian and French Representatives commenting on Brezhnev's visit to Bulgaria;
- (2) noted a contribution by the French Delegation reporting on the "theoretical" conference held in Sofia from 12th to 15th December, 1978.

III. ROMANIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting on the visit of an Italian communist party delegation to Romania and on their talks with Ceaucescu.

IV. CAMBODIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting that the previous week the Vietnamese Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs had informed the Italian Ambassador in Hanoi that the nature of Vietnam's future relations with other countries would depend on their recognition of the new régime in Cambodia;

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- (2) had its attention drawn by the United Kingdom Representative to the speed with which Afghanistan had recognized the new régime in Cambodia.

V. IRAN

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Italian Representative providing comments by his Embassy in Teheran on the present situation in Iran.

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

(a) Preparations for the Expert's Meeting in Valletta

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received information from the Canadian and United Kingdom Representatives on the current visit of two Soviet delegations to Valletta for exchanges of view on the Valletta meeting as well as on bilateral issues;
- (2) had a further exchange of information on the attitude of Allied Governments to Mr. Naudi's proposal that the rôle of the Non-Participating Mediterranean States be discussed at an ad hoc meeting in Geneva on 22nd January;
- (3) had circulated to it by the Norwegian Representative the text of the Norwegian reply to Mr. Naudi's note of 22nd December, 1978;
- (4) was informed by the United Kingdom and Italian Representatives that as of the previous week, the Soviet Union did not seem to have adopted a position with regard to Mr. Naudi's proposal;
- (5) noted a contribution by the United States Delegation presenting the United States attitude on the rôle of the Non-Participating Mediterranean States at the Valletta meeting;

(6) was informed by the United States Representative that Libya had decided not to attend the Valletta meeting;

(b) Date of next meeting of Drafting Group on CBMs

The COMMITTEE:

agreed that this meeting be held on Thursday, 25th and Friday, 26th January;

(c) Soviet-Czechoslovak Exercise "FRIENDSHIP 1979" - Western Czechoslovakia - 2nd - 7th February

The COMMITTEE:

noted that Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States had received notification of this exercise from the Czechs and/or the Soviets on 12th January.

VII. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

(a) Possible meeting of an ad hoc open-ended drafting group on incendiary weapons

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed that such a meeting did not appear to be necessary at the present time;
- (2) noted that the French Representative would circulate his comments on the Netherlands-Australian proposal on incendiary weapons;
- (3) noted that the subject might be discussed at the meeting with experts on 21st and 22nd February;

(b) Agenda for the Experts' Meeting on Conventional Weapons - 21st and 22nd February

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it a draft Agenda for this meeting by the International Secretariat and agreed to examine it at the next meeting;

(c) Ratification of the additional protocols to the Geneva Convention

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United States Authorities hoped to be able to submit the additional protocols for ratification by the Senate during 1979.

VIII. AGENDA FOR CONSULTATION IN THE COUNCIL ON THE LAW OF THE SEA - 12TH FEBRUARY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it a draft list of topics for this meeting by the International Secretariat;
- (2) noted certain proposed amendments;
- (3) agreed to resume discussion at the next meeting.

IX. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL EXPERT WORKING GROUPS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed that if no objections were raised by close of business on Friday, 19th January, the dates proposed in POLADS(79)1 for the meetings of the Expert Working Groups on Africa and on the Middle East and the Maghreb would be taken as approved;
- (2) noted a suggestion by the United States Representative that the proposed dates for the meetings of the Expert Working Groups on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and on Eastern and Southern Asia be reversed;
- (3) noted the suggestion of the International Secretariat that the meeting of the Ad Hoc Group on the Mediterranean be held from 17th-20th April;
- (4) agreed to revert to this matter at the next meeting.

X. REVIEW OF THE INVENTORY OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted amendments to ISD/207 proposed by the Danish and Military Committee Representatives;

- (2) requested the International Secretariat to circulate a paper showing the amendments proposed to date to ISD/207 and including the consecutive numbering of individual measures.

XI. 1979 WORK PROGRAMME

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) in the course of an exchange of views on its work programme for 1979, noted reactions to a suggestion by the Chairman that the following items might be included:
 - (a) an analysis of Warsaw Pact political/military consultative processes;
 - (b) an examination of the policy pursued by the Soviet Union through the establishment of friendship treaties with third world countries;
 - (c) an analysis of the last Warsaw Pact Political Consultative Committee declaration and the evolution of relations within the Warsaw Pact;
 - (d) a review of results emerging from the UN First Committee;
- (2) noted suggestions that other topics might include the current state of East-West relations, relations between Romania and the Soviet Union and the Soviet use of COMECON;
- (3) noted that the Chairman would discuss with the International Secretariat the suggestion that the latter might issue periodic summaries of Committee consultations on important topical issues;
- (4) noted the view of the French Representative to the effect that the Political Committee should by consensus and on a case by case basis decide on these issues;
- (5) agreed to revert to this subject at its next meeting.

XII. APAG

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the United States Authorities would not wish the discussion at the next meeting of APAG to be limited to Sino-Soviet rivalry and its implications for the Alliance;

- (2) noted a suggestion by the Canadian Authorities that the topic to be discussed could be "Diffusion of Power - II", with the following subject topics:
 - (a) implications for the West of the Sino-Soviet conflict;
 - (b) handling bilateral and multilateral relations with new third world centres of economic power;
 - (c) limiting conventional arms transfers.

- (3) noted the reservations expressed by the French Representative with respect to this suggestion.

XIII. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, 18th January, 1979 at 10.30 a.m. and
Tuesday, 23rd January, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

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