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ACTION SHEET  
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,  
on Tuesday, 21st August, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted contributions by the Canadian Delegation reporting on the political consultations on CSCE and disarmament which the Canadian Deputy Under Secretary of State for External Affairs had had with the Romanian Deputy Foreign Minister and with Ambassador Lipatti in Bucharest on 30th and 31st July;
- (2) noted a contribution by the French Representative reporting on the talks which the Romanian Foreign Minister had had during his visit to France from 2nd-4th August;
- (3) was informed that the Polish Prime Minister would visit Denmark from 15th-17th October.

II. SOVIET/ROMANIAN RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

had its attention drawn by the United States Representative to the analysis which his Delegation had circulated through the Situation Centre as AS(79)80.

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III. BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Danish Representative providing comments by her Embassy in Sofia on the papers circulated by the German Delegation on 14th March (AS(79)028) and by the United States Delegation on 18th June.

IV. 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE GDR - 20TH OCTOBER, 1979

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the United States Representative of a recent announcement in the GDR press that an organization had been formed in New York for the celebration of this anniversary; his Authorities were uncertain as to the relation between this organization and the United States Committee for Friendship with the GDR in New York;
- (2) noted that the United Kingdom Authorities had no information about the establishment in the United Kingdom, as reported in the GDR press, of a committee of "prominent personalities" for the celebration of this anniversary.

V. GDR MILITARY POLICY IN AFRICA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Delegation reporting on the visit of the GDR Defence Minister, accompanied by a high level military delegation, to Zambia, Mozambique and Ethiopia in May.

VI. IRAN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the United States Delegation on Soviet relations with Iran;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative reporting a conversation between the Canadian and Iranian Ambassadors in Moscow on the Soviet attitude to recent developments in Iran.

VII. AFGHANISTAN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted contributions by the Canadian, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States Representatives on the situation in Afghanistan;
- (2) noted that the United States Delegation would welcome information on the exact number of Soviet military advisors in Afghanistan.

VIII. NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING IN HAVANA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Representative providing comments on the Cuban draft communiqué and on the Egyptian attitude thereto and indicating that Spain would attend the meeting as an observer.

IX. WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS ON "MILITARY DETENTE"

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a statement by the United States Representative providing his Authorities' comments on the question of responding to the Warsaw Pact proposals and on the suggested talking points circulated by the United Kingdom Representative on 30th July;
- (2) following an exchange of views on the questions of presenting a formal or informal interim reply to the Hungarian aide memoire, agreed that, on the basis of the United Kingdom and other contributions, the International Secretariat should draw up for the Committee's consideration a list of talking points and questions which might be used by national authorities in responding to the Warsaw Pact proposals and particularly during contacts with East European countries.

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

(a) Preparations for the Madrid Meeting

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a statement by the United States Representative stressing the need for an early co-ordination of views in the Committee in preparation for Madrid, with particular reference to CBMs;

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- (2) agreed to the suggestion made by the German Representative at the meeting on 1st August that the Committee undertake an analysis of the objectives of the East European and neutral and non-aligned countries at the Madrid meeting;
- (3) noted comments by the Danish Representative on the draft outline for such an analysis circulated by the German Representative on 1st August;
- (4) was informed by the Danish Representative of the views of Switzerland and other neutral and non-aligned countries on the timeframe of the Madrid meeting;

(b) CBMs

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the United Kingdom Representative a draft notification text for Exercise KEYSTONE, on which he would appreciate receiving comments by 18th September;
- (2) noted that the United Kingdom did not intend to invite observers to this Exercise;
- (3) was informed by the German Representative of the preliminary report by the German observer at Exercise NEMAN.

XI. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

- (a) Czechoslovak initiative for the adoption by the 34th UNGA of a declaration on international co-operation in disarmament

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by several representatives of conversations which their authorities had had with the Czechs on this subject;
- (2) had a further exchange of views on the Czech draft declaration and noted the views of the Netherlands Authorities on a possible scenario for dealing with the initiative in the UNGA;

(b) UN Weapons Conference

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it by the Canadian Representative his Authorities' comments on the Netherlands/United Kingdom draft umbrella treaty;

(c) Annual Meeting with Disarmament Experts - 3rd-4th October

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the draft Agenda in ISD/228 would be considered as approved if no objections were raised by 30th August;
- (2) agreed that Item IV(h) be deleted and that Item II(c) be amended to read "Expected East European initiatives".

XII. VISIT OF JAPANESE DEFENCE MINISTER TO NATO

The COMMITTEE:

noted a request by the Canadian and French Representatives to receive information on the talks which the Japanese Defence Minister had had with the Deputy Secretary General and with SACEUR on 20th August.

XIII. PREPARATIONS FOR WINTEX 81

The COMMITTEE:

invited members to attend the meeting of the political syndicate which would prepare a political scenario of Exercise WINTEX 81 from 30th August to 7th September.

XIV. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 28th August, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,  
1110 Brussels.