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DECISION SHEET  
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ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Meeting held at NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,  
on Thursday, 11th March, 1976 at 10.15 a.m.

DECISION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a statement by the Chairman drawing attention to the recent publication in the "Soviet and East European Documentation" series of the texts of:

- a joint Netherlands-Rumanian communique (14th February);
- a joint Danish-Polish communique (12th February);
- a joint Greek-Czechoslovak communique (11th February);

II. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE (SECOND BASKET)

The Committee:

- (1) noted a statement by the Chairman on the preparation of the reinforced meeting to be held on 16th March;
- (2) was informed by the United Kingdom Representative of the circulation of a United Kingdom contribution regarding the proposals on energy, transport and the environment made by Mr. Brezhnev at the Polish Communist Party Congress on 8th December.

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III. INFLATION IN THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Document: AC/127-WP/450(Revised)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the document at reference, duly amplified and updated following the meeting of the working party on 8th March, would be re-issued in its final form as Committee document AC/127-D/533;
- (2) noted that a very short summary report based on the Note ED/EC/76/10, amplified in accordance with delegations' wishes, would be submitted for approval at a forthcoming meeting.

IV. IMPORTANCE FOR THE SOVIET UNION OF MARITIME TRAFFIC

Document: ED/EC/76/15

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) held an exchange of views on the problem raised in the above-mentioned Note and took note of the initial reactions of several delegations, who were inclined to favour a study of this question by the Committee;
- (2) noted, in particular, the Norwegian Authorities' views on the expansion of Soviet maritime trade and noted that these comments would be circulated as ED/EC/76/15/1;
- (3) noted a suggestion by the Belgian Representative that priority should be given to the question of the structure and breakdown of Soviet imports (paragraph 3 of the Note);
- (4) noted a statement by the German Representative drawing attention to the information contained in documents AC/127-D/524 and D/527, which had recently been circulated, and to the fact that the USSR had little need of foreign-produced staple commodities;
- (5) agreed to defer further discussion of this question for a few weeks to allow all delegations time to obtain instructions from their authorities.

V. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a report by the Italian Delegation on economic relations between Poland and Hungary;
- (2) took note of a report by the United States Delegation on the GDR's energy supplies;
- (3) noted the circulation of a Canadian paper analysing an extract from the Brezhnev report to the 25th CPSU Congress (external trade and external economic relations).

VI. CHANGES IN THE TIMETABLE OF REINFORCED MEETINGS FOR THE STUDY OF ECONOMIC TRENDS IN CERTAIN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) after a further exchange of views, agreed the following timetable for its next meetings:
  - 3rd June: Bulgaria-Rumania
  - 8th-9th July: Poland-Czechoslovakia  
GDR (instead of COMECON,  
postponed).
- (2) noted that the rapporteur countries would be:
  - for Bulgaria and Poland: United Kingdom
  - for the GDR: Germany
  - for Rumania: France.

VII. ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLOQUIUM

The COMMITTEE:

took note of a final statement by the Chairman regarding the Colloquium on East-West Technological Co-operation to be held at NATO Headquarters on 17th, 18th and 19th March.

VIII. NEXT MEETINGS

16th March: Reinforced meeting on implementation of the Final Act of the CSCE (Second Basket).

25th March: Ordinary meeting.

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