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DECISION SHEET
AC/127-R/546

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Meeting held at NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels, on
Thursday, 14th April, 1977 at 10.15 a.m.

DECISION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

A. US-Hungary agreement on co-operation in culture,
education, science and technology

The COMMITTEE:

took note of an announcement by the United States Representative that his Government and that of the Hungarian People's Republic had, on 6th April, 1977, signed in Budapest an inter-governmental agreement on co-operation in culture, education, science and technology; this first inter-governmental exchanges agreement between the US and Hungary would, inter alia, facilitate visits by scientists and researchers and the joint development and implementation of scientific programmes and projects.

B. Germany-Bulgarian Trade Agreement

The COMMITTEE:

noted the information given by the German Representative that, in March 1977, German and Bulgarian Experts had discussed the application of the agreement as far as representation of Western firms in Bulgaria was concerned; at this meeting, it was made quite clear that the Bulgarian Authorities did not intend to modify in any way the present arrangement under which the quasi-state monopoly "INTERPRED" acted as exclusive representative of Western firms in Bulgaria.

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II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT

A. Contribution to the report prepared by the Political Committee

Document: ED/EC/77/32

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that, as the French Representative was unable to attend the meeting, he had reserved the right to present later any final comments he might have on this document directly to the Chairman, who would then forward them to the Chairman of the Political Committee;
- (2) agreed a number of wording changes proposed by the German, United Kingdom and United States Representatives;
- (3) invited the Chairman to draw the attention of the Political Committee to the fact that paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of Part I.B. referred to the situation as it stood at present and might therefore have to be re-examined in the light of the outcome of the forthcoming ECE-Geneva session;
- (4) invited the Turkish Representative to forward to the Chairman any further information available regarding his country's initiative on the question of marine pollution;
- (5) invited the US Representative to seek clarification from his Authorities of the meaning of the term "businessmen from a third participating state" in their proposed rewording of paragraph I.B.2;
- (6) subject to confirmation by France (see paragraph (1) above) and by the Netherlands, approved document ED/EC/77/32 as amended, for forwarding to the Political Committee.

B. Summary Account of the discussions of 21st March, 1977

Document: ED/EC/77/27

The COMMITTEE:

took note of the amendments submitted by Germany and the United Kingdom and agreed to pursue discussion of this document at its next meeting.

III. SOVIET FISHING FLEET

Documents: AC/127-WP/503 and Corrigendum
ED/EC/77/28 and Corrigendum

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) invited the International Staff to amend paragraph 65 of AC/127-WP/503 in the sense indicated by the UK Representative;
- (2) subject to confirmation by the United States, agreed to the amendments submitted by the United Kingdom regarding paragraphs 52 and 66 of the Working Paper;
- (3) noted the statement by the Canadian Representative that he had just received a study made by his Authorities, which he would forward to the Committee for use in the continued examination of this problem;
- (4) noted the amendments submitted by the United Kingdom and Norway to the condensed report in ED/EC/77/28 and Corrigendum;
- (5) agreed to review these two documents at its next meeting in the light of the present discussion and of that on Item IV hereunder.

IV. SOVIET MARITIME ACTIVITIES - SHIPPING - MERCHANT NAVY - FISHING FLEET

Document: AC/127-WP/506

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Netherlands Representative considered that paragraphs 25 and 32 of the above working paper should be redrafted;
- (2) noted that the United Kingdom shared the Netherlands view and intended to submit rewording proposals;
- (3) noted the amendments proposed by the IMS Representative;
- (4) invited the International Staff to verify, in the meantime, whether the supporting data used by the Committee for its reports on this Item and on Item III above corresponded to that used by the IMS for the Military Committee's report on the same subject or whether the two required harmonization.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Recent Economic Trends in the USSR and Eastern Europe

The COMMITTEE:

noted that its report to Ministers on recent economic trends would be circulated at the beginning of the following week.

VI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 21st April, 1977 at 10.15 a.m.

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1110 Brussels.