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SUB-COMMITTEE ON SOVIET ECONOMIC POLICY

Meeting held at the Permanent Headquarters, Paris, 16e., on
Thursday, 28th April, 1966 at 10.15 a.m.

DECISION SHEET

I. THE YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC EXPERIMENT

The SUB-COMMITTEE.

- (1) took note of the record of the meeting held on 24th February, 1966 (AC/89-D/51(Revised));
- (2) held a further exchange of views on the draft report prepared by the Economic Directorate (AC/89-WP/186), and decided to submit it to the Committee of Economic Advisers.

II. REVIEW OF RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION

The SUB-COMMITTEE:

- (1) held a preliminary exchange of views on the report prepared by the Economic Directorate (AC/89-WP/190);
- (2) instructed the Economic Directorate to prepare a revised version of the document in (1) above, taking account of amendments proposed by the United Kingdom and United States Delegations, which would be submitted to the Committee of Economic Advisers(1).

III. THE COMECON BANK

The SUB-COMMITTEE.

instructed the Economic Directorate to prepare a note based on the various contributions submitted on this subject.

(1) Subsequently circulated as AC/127-D/215

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IV. FUEL AND POWER POLICY IN COMECON

The SUB-COMMITTEE:

postponed further discussion of the Note prepared by the French Delegation (AC/89-WP/183) until the next meeting.

V. CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS AND PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY IN THE USSR WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SEVEN-YEAR PLAN (1959-65)

The SUB-COMMITTEE:

postponed further discussion of the Note prepared by the German Delegation (AC/89-WP/184) until the next meeting.

VI. ECONOMIC REVIEW OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

The SUB-COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard comments by various representatives agreeing on the desirability of resuming the series of special meetings devoted to the examination of the economic situation in individual Communist countries, along the lines of procedure adopted for the first round of these examining sessions;
- (2) noted a statement by the United Kingdom Representative indicating that, in the opinion of his Authorities.
 - the examination should bear primarily on the domestic economic developments in the Communist countries and especially the implementation of the economic reforms;
 - it would not be advisable to attempt to have the first examining session before next autumn;
 - Czechoslovakia and Hungary might be among the first countries to be examined;
 - as a rule, NATO countries which acted previously as rapporteurs for certain Communist countries might be entrusted with the report on the same country;

- (3) noted a statement by the German Representative indicating that his Authorities attached great importance to acting again as Rapporteur for the Soviet-occupied Zone of Germany;
- (4) noted a statement by the United States Representative indicating that his Authorities considered that Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and the Soviet-occupied Zone of Germany might be among the first countries to be examined;
- (5) agreed provisionally that the first country to be considered would be Czechoslovakia on which the examining session should be held in the autumn of 1966, and that Italy might act as Rapporteur.

VII. THE SOVIET MERCHANT FLEET

The SUB-COMMITTEE:

instructed the Economic Directorate to prepare a draft summary report on this subject on the basis of the French Note (AC/89-WP/175) taking account of the comments submitted by other delegations.

VIII. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be fixed later.

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Paris, (16e).