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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Political Committee

From: Acting Chairman

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

Preparation of the Eighth Report by the Political Committee

At its meeting on 1st October, 1975 the Council agreed that reports on those aspects of the implementation of the Final Act of the CSCE which have a particular importance for members of the Alliance could be prepared by the Political Committee. At the Council at the level of Foreign Ministers in December 1978 the Permanent Council was charged with a continued review of the Final Act implementation through the semi-annual reports, prepared on this subject.

2. In order to start preparations of the eighth such report, which will cover the period 1st November, 1978-1st April, 1979, I attach a questionnaire on Eastern implementation dealing with the Declaration on Principles guiding relations between states and the chapter on Co-operation in the Humanitarian and Other Fields.

3. In keeping with the normal practice, it is for each government to decide whether and how to reply. But I do hope that as many nations as possible will respond, as fully as they can. This questionnaire is intended to collect facts about implementation on a comparable basis so that general trends may be identified.

4. Even if some governments find it difficult to provide answers to some of the questions, I hope they will respond to those for which they do have information. In addition, those completing the questionnaire are invited to provide any commentary they believe appropriate in responding to individual questions.

5. Replies to this questionnaire would be appreciated by 10th April, 1979, in order to enable us to complete the report in time for the May meeting of the Council in Ministerial Session.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

Questionnaire on the Implementation of the Declaration
on Principles guiding relations between Participating States
and the Chapter on Co-operation in Humanitarian
and other Fields

Period 1st November, 1978-1st April, 1979

- I. General Assessment of the implementation of the CSCE Final Act in the period 1st November, 1978-1st April, 1979 by Bulgaria(1).
- II. Declaration on Principles guiding relations between Participating States.

Positive or negative developments since the Belgrade Meeting in the Bulgarian policy versus the principles of:

- (i) Sovereign equality, respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty.
- (ii) Refraining from the threat or use of force.
- (iii) Inviolability of frontiers.
- (iv) Territorial integrity of states.
- (v) Peaceful settlement of disputes.
- (vi) Non-intervention in internal affairs.
- (vii) Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms including the freedoms of thought, conscience, religion and belief.
- (viii) Equal rights and self-determination of peoples.
- (ix) Co-operation among states.
- (x) Fulfilment in good faith of obligations under international law.

(1) References in this questionnaire to Bulgaria and Belgium are illustrative. The same questionnaire could apply to implementation between any Warsaw Pact country and any member of the Alliance.

III. CO-OPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS

1. Human Contacts

A. Family Meetings

- (i) Number of Bulgarian(1) persons applying for Belgian(1) entry visas to visit their families.
- (ii) Average length of time elapsing between request and granting by Bulgaria of
 - (a) exit
 - (b) entry visa for family visits.
- (iii) Estimated number of
 - (a) exit
 - (b) entry visas for family visits requested, that have been refused by Bulgaria or for which there is an extreme delay of time (if possible with indication of the reason why).

Has there been an improvement in Bulgarian performance in this field since the Belgrade Meeting.

B. Reunification of families

- (i) Number of Bulgarian persons applying for Belgian immigration visas for family reunification.
- (ii) Average length of time elapsing between request and granting of emigration visa by Bulgaria.
- (iii) Estimated number of emigration visas for family reunification requested, that have been refused by Bulgaria or for which there is an excessive delay of time (if possible with indication of the reason why).
- (iv) Cost of emigration documentation in Bulgaria.

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- (v) Estimated number of cases in which the presentation of an application has negatively affected the rights and obligation of the applicant or members of his family, if possible with an indication in what way, in general terms (by losing jobs etc.).

Has there been an improvement in Bulgarian performance in this field since the Belgrade Meeting.

C. Binational Marriages

- (i) Estimated number of applications for Bulgarian/Belgian marriages requiring Bulgarian action.
- (ii) Number of Bulgarian
 - (a) exit
 - (b) entry visasissued for Bulgarian/Belgian marriages.
- (iii) Estimated number of
 - (a) applications for marriages
 - (b) exit/entry permitsdelayed for more than six months by the Bulgarian Authorities.

Has there been an improvement in Bulgarian performance in this field since the Belgrade Meeting.

D. Travel

- (i) Number of applications for
 - (a) visas for professional reasons
 - (b) tourist visasfor travel from Bulgaria to Belgium.
- (ii) Number of
 - (a) visas for professional reasons
 - (b) tourist visasgranted to Belgian citizens by Bulgaria.
- (iii) Average length of time for issue of Bulgarian visas.

- (iv) Cost of Bulgarian visas.
- (v) Average length of time for completing all Bulgarian exit formalities.
- (vi) Estimated total cost of Bulgarian exit formalities.
- (vii) Currency charge and other requirements for Belgian citizens visiting Bulgaria.
- (viii) Currency charge and other requirements for Bulgarian citizens in order to get exit visas.
- (ix) Regulations concerning movements of Belgian citizens in Bulgaria.

Has there been any improvement in this field of travel since the Belgrade Meeting.

2. Information

A. Circulation and Accessibility

- (i) Estimated number of Belgian newspapers and magazines in circulation in Bulgaria:
 - (a) number of titles;
 - (b) number of copies;
 - (c) percentage accounted for by Belgian Communist publications.
- (ii) Are these publications available:
 - (a) on news stands (estimated number);
 - (b) other selling points (estimated number);
 - (c) by subscription (estimated number);
 - (d) in libraries and reading rooms.
- (iii) Estimated number of Bulgarian newspapers and magazines in Belgium:
 - (a) number of titles;
 - (b) number of copies.
- (iv) Number of broadcasts of Belgian programmes on Bulgarian television.
- (v) Number of broadcasts of Bulgarian programmes on Belgian television.

Has there been an improvement with regard to circulation and accessibility of information since the Belgrade Meeting.

B. Journalists

- (i) Number of visas granted to Belgian journalists by Bulgaria:
 - (a) for permanent accreditation;
 - (b) for shorter visits.
- (ii) Estimated number of visas:
 - (a) refused;
 - (b) delayed for more than six months.
- (iii) Number of Belgian journalists permanently accredited to Bulgaria.
- (iv) Number of Bulgarian journalists permanently accredited to Belgium.

Has there been an improvement in Bulgarian performance since the Belgrade Meeting on:

- access to Bulgarian sources
- freedom of movement
- freedom to import technical assistance
- freedom to communicate as necessary with parent organizations by any means.

3. Co-operation and exchanges in the field of culture

- (i) Estimated number of Belgian book titles (fiction and non-fiction) available in Bulgaria:
 - (a) in original;
 - (b) in translation.
- (ii) Estimated number of Bulgarian book titles (fiction and non-fiction) available in Belgium.
- (iii) Estimated number of Belgian films shown in Bulgaria.

- (iv) Estimated number of Bulgarian films shown in Belgium.
- (v) Number of selling points of Belgian books in Bulgaria.
- (vi) Number of artistic performances (theatre, ballet, orchestra etc.) in Bulgaria by Belgian groups.
- (vii) Number of artistic performances (theatre, ballet, orchestra etc.) in Belgium by Bulgarian groups.

Has there been an augmentation since the Belgrade Meeting

4. Co-operation and exchanges in the field of education

A. Exchanges

- (i) Number of Belgian scholars visiting Bulgaria for the purpose of study, teaching or research.
- (ii) Number of applications for visits of Belgian scholars to Bulgaria for the purpose of study, teaching or research refused by Bulgaria.
(If possible indicate the reasons why.)
- (iii) Number of Bulgarian scholars visiting Belgium for the purpose of study, teaching or research.
- (iv) Number of applications for visits of Bulgarian scholars to Belgium for the purpose of study, teaching or research refused:
 - (a) by Bulgaria;
 - (b) by Belgium;(If possible indicate the reason why.)

B. Access

Has there been an improvement in the Bulgarian performance since

the Belgrade Meeting on:

- (i) The exchange of information on facilities for study and courses open to Belgian participants and the conditions under which they will be admitted and received.

- (ii) Facilitating travel between Bulgaria and Belgium by scholars, teachers and students for the purpose of study, teaching or research.
- (iii) Providing scholars, teachers and students in good time with more detailed information about their placing in universities and institutes and the programmes envisaged for them.
- (iv) The accessibility for Belgian scholars of Bulgarian scholarly scientific and open archival materials.
- (v) Facilitating travel of Belgian scholars during their stay in Bulgaria for the purpose of study or research as well as in the form of vacation tours.