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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 11th April, 1972 at 10.30 a.m. and
3.30 p.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. PREPARATIONS FOR A CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the French Representative reporting that Mr. Svetska, the Rector of Charles University, Prague, and President of the Czechoslovak Committee on European Security and Co-operation had invited all European universities and institutes of higher education to a meeting on security and co-operation in Europe to be held in Prague next Autumn;
- (2) noted a further contribution by the Italian Representative reporting on the intensification of the internal and external activities of the Czechoslovak Committee on European Security and Co-operation;
- (3) with respect to the planned People's Conference on European Security, was informed of a conversation concerning this conference between the Belgian Ambassador in Moscow and a senior Soviet Foreign Office official and of information given to the United States that Austrian parliamentary fractions had decided not to take part in the conference;
- (4) noted that the United Kingdom Delegation would welcome an exchange of views at the next meeting on the draft of a general guidelines paper for possible briefings of participants at international conferences related to a CSCE.

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II. SOVIET LEADERSHIP

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Canadian Delegation would shortly make available a report from the Canadian Embassy in Moscow concerning recent developments in the Soviet leadership.

III. MANIFESTATIONS ON THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF DIMITROV

The COMMITTEE:

noted a proposal by the United Kingdom Delegation that consultations take place to determine whether any general guidelines should be prepared for member countries' representative in Sofia concerning attendance at ceremonies planned to commemorate the 90th birthday of Dimitrov.

IV. DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE

The COMMITTEE, taking up a suggestion by the Netherlands Representative:

agreed to exchange information and views at its next meeting on:

- (a) the recent transit of Romania by a Red Army contingent taking part in a joint Warsaw Pact command post exercise in Bulgaria;
- (b) recent disagreements between Hungary and the Soviet Union on economic policies.

V. CO-OPERATION IN PURE SCIENCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) after discussion of the draft agenda and guidelines papers circulated by the International Staff on 10th April, agreed that these texts as amended in discussion be submitted to the Senior Political Committee for final review;
- (2) agreed that the draft background papers entitled "Areas of Scientific Co-operation with the USSR and Eastern Europe" and "Institutional Approaches to East-West Co-operation in Science and Technology" be annexed to the Council report.

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VI. CO-OPERATION TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

The COMMITTEE:

having examined the agenda and guidelines papers circulated by the International Staff on 10th April, agreed that these texts as amended in discussion be submitted to the SPC for final review.

VII. CULTURAL RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

having discussed further the draft guidelines paper circulated by the International Staff on 30th March, 1972, the revised draft agenda and guidelines papers dated 8th April, 1972 and the draft measures paper of 10th April on Cultural Agreements as an Instrument for improving Communication between East and West, agreed that the complete text of the contribution on cultural relations as drawn up in the course of discussion be submitted to the Senior Political Committee for final review.

VIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 18th April 1972 at 10.30 a.m.(1)

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(1) Subsequently postponed as a result of the Senior Political Committee's decision to meet on that day.

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