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ACTION SHEET
AC/119-R(76)13

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March, 1976 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Turkish Representative of the substance of the talks held during the visit to Bulgaria by the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Caglayangil, from 8th to 11th March.

II. THE SITUATION IN ALBANIA

The COMMITTEE:

received a contribution on Sino-Albanian relations from the Turkish Representative.

III. DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA

The COMMITTEE:

was given information by the Turkish Representative on developments in the internal political situation in China.

IV. DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE FAR EAST

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a statement by the United States Representative concerning his Government's decision to withdraw all the United States troops stationed in Thailand within 4 months;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Turkish Representative describing the impressions of members of the diplomatic missions accredited to Peking who had recently been invited to visit the Cambodian capital, Phnom-Penh.

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V. PREPARATIONS FOR AN ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the German Representative providing certain details on a Drafting Group meeting which was understood to have been held in East Berlin on 16th March;
- (2) took note of the comments of the Canadian Representative concerning a speech delivered on 17th March by Mr. Suslov which reflected the growing doctrinal differences between the CPSU and the Western Communist parties.

VI. CRITICISM OF NATO IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Reference: AC/119-R(76)11, Item V

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the International Staff had circulated as POLADS(76)11 a revised commentary on current criticisms of NATO within United Nations bodies;
- (2) noted a statement by the United States Representative to the effect that his Authorities regretted that there had been no agreement on a joint declaration concerning such criticism, with or without reference to the "Minty" report; further noted that the United States Authorities would nonetheless be in favour of bilateral approaches to Africal delegates in New York (such approaches to be based on active use of the arguments set out in the International Staff paper) provided that a sufficient number of Allied countries were prepared to take this step;
- (3) held an exchange of views on the new draft submitted by the International Staff, which was generally accepted as a broad outline of the arguments which might be used by each delegation, depending on the nature of its country's relations with South Africa;
- (4) agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting on the basis of the instructions that were received in the meantime from capitals.

VII. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE SOVIET UNION AT THE 30TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reference: Contribution by the United States Delegation

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) held an exchange of views on the desirability of dealing with this specific topic before the Committee's yearly consultations on the Agenda Items for the next General Assembly;
- (2) noted that an exchange of views and opinions among the interested delegations could be held at the Committee's meeting on 27th April, 1976.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) approved the amendments (POLADS(76)12) to the draft questionnaire (POLADS(76)10) on the human contacts and information provisions in Basket III and further approved the proposal of the Italian Representative to add to the questionnaire a request for comments elaborating on the replies to the statistical questions;
- (2) agreed to seek instructions on whether the periodicity for the collection of statistics for the questionnaire referred to at (1) above should be six-monthly, beginning on 1st January, 1974;
- (3) discussed the possibility of similar questionnaires being drawn up on Western implementation of the human contacts and information provisions of Basket III, as well as on other sections of the Final Act not already covered;
- (4) noted the circulation by the United States Representative of the notes used by his Delegation's expert who had taken part in the discussions at the meeting on 18th and 19th March;
- (5) held a discussion on the recent conference proposals put forward by Mr. Brezhnev (energy, transport, environment), and agreed that consultations on this subject should be continued within the NATO Political and Economic Committees as well as in the ECE in Geneva;
- (6) agreed to resume the discussion at the next meeting.

IX. CBM

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Delegation concerning manoeuvres to be carried out by that country in 1976, one of which would give rise to notification;
- (2) noted in particular the United Kingdom's intentions regarding the invitation of observers to the manoeuvres which would be held in Northern Germany in November 1976;
- (3) took note of the information contained in a letter from the United States Delegation dated 19th March and of the comments on the contribution by the German Delegation circulated at the meeting on 16th March, 1976 (voluntary case-by-case notification of Allied manoeuvres);
- (4) agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

X. ABOLITION OF DIPLOMATIC VISAS BETWEEN EASTERN AND ALLIED COUNTRIES

The COMMITTEE:

noted the request by the Greek Representative to the other delegations on this subject.

XI. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

- Friday 26th March at 10.30 a.m.
- Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th April (meeting with disarmament experts).
- Thursday 8th April, 1976.

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