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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th April, 1976 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution from the French Delegation reporting on the visit of the French Foreign Minister to Bulgaria from 14th to 16th April;
- (2) noted a contribution from the Netherlands Delegation reporting on a visit of the Bulgarian Foreign Minister to the Hague from 20th to 22nd April.

II. SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

had its attention drawn to the assessment circulated by the United States Delegation on 23rd April on Détente and Soviet Society: the Ideologues.

III. ALBANIA

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it by the International Secretariat the first draft of a report on the situation in Albania (ISD/123), which would be revised as necessary in the light of discussions at the meeting of the Expert Working Group on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

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IV. 11TH BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS

The COMMITTEE:

received a contribution on this subject from the Italian Delegation.

V. CHINA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution from the Italian Delegation giving a Soviet Foreign Ministry assessment of the situation in China;
- (2) noted a contribution from the Turkish Delegation commenting on the internal situation in China.

VI. ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES

The COMMITTEE:

received a contribution from the German Delegation reporting Yugoslav comments on this subject.

VII. WORLD PEACE CONGRESS

The COMMITTEE:

had its attention drawn by the German Representative to a Polish Press report of 4th April to the effect that the Secretary General of the WPC had suggested the holding of another congress in Poland in 1977 in order to "adjust the principles of European security to the requirements of other continents".

VIII. ANGOLA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution from the Italian Delegation reporting on the visit to Rome on 5th April of a delegation led by the Angolan Minister of State for Communications.

IX. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution from the Portuguese Delegation reporting on the agreement on civil aviation and merchant shipping signed by the Soviet Union and Cape Verde during the recent visit of Mr. Bieira to Moscow.

X. RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE SOVIET UNION AT THE 30TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had its attention drawn by the Turkish Representative to the assessment which he had circulated on 23rd April on the Soviet performance at the United Nations;
- (2) received a contribution from the United States Delegation on this subject;
- (3) agreed to have an exchange of views on this matter at its meeting on 4th May.

XI. CRITICISM OF NATO IN THE UNITED NATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

continued its exchange of information on the replies which member governments had sent or intend to send to Mr. Minty.

XII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed to have a first exchange of views on the draft report prepared by the International Secretariat in ISD/122 on 29th April, to be followed by further discussions on 4th and 7th May;
- (2) had circulated to it suggested amendments by the Canadian Delegation, and requested other delegations to circulate amendments as soon as possible;
- (3) had circulated to it by the United States Delegation:
 - (a) statistics on issuance of United States visas in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in 1974 and 1975; and
 - (b) the text of a United States Aide Memoire to the Governments of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the GDR, Hungary and Poland on non-immigrant visa fees;

- (4) heard the comments of the Turkish and United States Authorities on the Draft Questionnaire on Western Implementation in POLADS(76)14.

XIII. POST CSCE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES:
NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES AND EXCHANGES OF OBSERVERS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the International Secretariat a revised programme of 1976 Allied manoeuvres - national, multi-national and NATO - relevant in a CBM context (POLADS(76)15);
- (2) had an exchange of information, on the basis of this programme, on the intentions of member governments regarding notification of manoeuvres and invitation of observers;
- (3) requested the International Secretariat to circulate a revised programme of manoeuvres in the light of the discussion;
- (4) heard comments by the Canadian, French and Netherlands Representatives on the Working Paper circulated by the German Delegation on 12th March.

XIV. PROPOSED STUDY OF THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE
OF POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) resumed its discussion of the draft mandate circulated by the German Delegation on 13th April, together with amendments circulated by the United Kingdom and Canadian Delegations;
- (2) requested the International Secretariat to draw up a revised draft mandate in the light of the discussion for consideration at the next meeting;
- (3) had circulated to it by the German Delegation a report on the 2nd session of the Conference of Government Experts held in Lugano from 28th January to 26th February.

XV. CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF EXERCISE HILEX-7

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Chairman had been invited by the Chairman of the Council Operations and Exercise Committee to provide comments and recommendations concerning the Political Committee's participation in Hilex-7 for incorporation in the post-exercise report;
- (2) agreed to have an exchange of views on this subject among those delegations which had participated in the exercise, at the end of the meeting on 4th May.

XVI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 29th April at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.