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ACTION SHEET  
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,  
on Wednesday, 1st August, 1979 at 3 p.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Belgian Representative reporting on the visit of his Foreign Minister to Hungary on 18th and 19th July and circulating the joint communiqué issued at the conclusion of the visit;
- (2) noted a contribution by the French Representative reporting on the visit of his Foreign Minister to Poland on 18th and 19th July and to the GDR on 23rd and 24th July;
- (3) had its attention drawn by the Turkish Representative to the reference to multilateral co-operation in the Balkans in the joint communiqué issued at the conclusion of the visit to Turkey by the President of the Bulgarian State Council from 9th-11th July;
- (4) was informed by the German Representative that his Foreign Minister would visit Yugoslavia on 16th August and that his Chancellor would visit Hungary from 4th-6th September.

II. BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

had its attention drawn by the United Kingdom Representative to the assessment of recent leadership changes in Bulgaria which his Delegation had circulated through the Situation Centre as AS(79)074.

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III. ROMANIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United States Representative would circulate the text of the message which Secretary Vance had sent to the editor of "Lumea" on the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the Liberation of Romania.

IV. YUGOSLAV-ROMANIAN EXCHANGES

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the United Kingdom Representative that according to his Embassy in Belgrade, the recent numerous exchanges between Yugoslavia and Romania had mainly been of an economic character.

V. SINO/SOVIET RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

had its attention drawn by the United Kingdom Representative to the assessment which his Delegation had circulated through the Situation Centre as AS(79)075.

VI. ARRIVAL OF CHINESE STUDENTS IN THE WEST

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Norwegian Representative that his Authorities had received 20 Chinese students in April 1979 and had accepted applications from 19 researchers; they would appreciate receiving information on the situation in other Allied countries.

VII. AFGHANISTAN

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Italian Representative providing comments on the recent governmental changes in Afghanistan.

VIII. IRAN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting contacts between the Italian and Soviet Embassies in Teheran during which the Soviet Counsellor had explained the reasons for his government's concern over the situation in Iran and the present state of Soviet/Iranian relations;
- (2) noted that the Belgian Delegation would welcome information confirming its evaluation that the pro-Soviet rôle of the Tudeh party seemed to be gradually taken over by another organization.

IX. NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING IN HAVANA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Netherlands Representative providing the comments of his Authorities on the views presented by the United States Representative at the last meeting on the Cuban draft communiqué for the non-aligned summit meeting.

X. OAU SUMMIT MEETING IN MONROVIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Delegation reporting on this meeting.

XI. WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS ON "MILITARY DETENTE"

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a detailed exchange of views on the paper circulated by the United Kingdom Representative on 30th July suggesting various talking points which might be included in a Committee paper for capitals to draw on as required in presenting an interim reply to the Warsaw Pact proposals;
- (2) agreed to resume discussion of the United Kingdom paper at the next meeting.

XII. ANALYSIS OF THE WARSAW PACT BUDAPEST COMMUNIQUE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed two amendments proposed by the Belgian Representative to the text of ISD/221(Revised);

- (2) reviewed a compilation of proposed amendments to the Annex circulated by the International Secretariat and agreed that unless objections were raised by close of business on Friday, 3rd August, these amendments, as refined in discussion, would be taken as agreed.

XIII. THE SITUATION IN POLAND

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a request by the Chairman that Delegations circulate proposed amendments to the draft report in ISD/225;
- (2) agreed to have an exchange of views on the situation in Poland at its meeting on 28th August, after which the International Secretariat would revise the draft report in the light of the discussion and of any proposed amendments.

XIV. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE MATTERS INCLUDING CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

(a) Madrid meeting

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) in reply to the enquiry of the United States Representative at the last meeting, was informed by the French Representative that during the recent visit of his Foreign Minister to Poland, the Poles had suggested that France and Poland might present a common initiative at the Madrid meeting; it had been agreed that both countries would remain in contact on this question as well as on preparations for the Madrid meeting in general;
- (2) took note of a German suggestion for an analysis by the Committee of the objectives of the East European and neutral and non-aligned countries at the Madrid meeting.

(b) CSCE Scientific Forum

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United Kingdom Delegation would appreciate information on other countries' preparations for this forum;

(c) CBMs

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had its attention drawn by the United Kingdom Representative to certain points made in his paper of 30th July providing preliminary comments on the Norwegian paper of 3rd July;
- (2) requested the IMS to provide staff level comments on the possible notification of naval movements;
- (3) had circulated to it by the United States Representative a draft text for a United States parallel notification of Exercise CONSTANT ENFORCER, on which he would welcome the comments of other delegations, and noted that the United States Authorities intended to make this notification on 20th August;
- (4) was informed by the United States Representative of the United States units which had been designated to participate in Exercises CONSTANT ENFORCER and HARTE FAUST;
- (5) noted that the Belgian Authorities did not intend to make a parallel notification of Exercise CONSTANT ENFORCER but that the Canadian Authorities were ready to do so if this were acceptable to other participants;
- (6) was informed by the Danish, French, Netherlands and Norwegian Representatives of preliminary reports from their observers at Exercise NEMAN which had been held in Lithuania and received from the Military Committee Representative details of the Intelligence Division's analysis of this exercise.

XV. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

- (a) Czech initiative for the adoption by the 34th UNGA of a declaration on international co-operation in disarmament

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Danish and Portuguese Representatives of démarches made by the Czechs in their capitals in connection with the Czech initiative and noted the reactions of their Authorities;
- (2) was informed by the Canadian Representative of the views of his Authorities on the Czech initiative;

- (b) Non-use of nuclear weapons: replies to the UN Secretary General

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Greek Authorities had decided not to send any reply to the UN Secretary General;

- (c) Chemical weapons

The COMMITTEE:

noted a statement by the United States Representative denying recent press reports that an agreement in principle had been reached between the United States and the Soviet Union on a CW convention and indicating that no significant progress had been made in the negotiations over the past two months;

- (d) Semi-Annual Meeting with Disarmament Experts - 27-4th OCTOBER

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the International Secretariat a draft list of discussion points for this meeting;
- (2) noted suggestions by the Canadian and German Representatives to add certain points to this list;

- (3) requested delegations to refer the list to their Disarmament Experts and agreed to consider it further at the next meeting.

XVI. 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE GDR - 20TH OCTOBER, 1979

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Belgian Representative that the Belgian-GDR Association had invited certain Belgian personalities to form a "comité d'honneur" in connection with this anniversary; he would welcome information as to whether similar invitations had been extended in other countries.

XVII. 1975 VIENNA CONVENTION ON THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES IN WORLD-WIDE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that Greece had no intention of becoming a party to this convention.

XVIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 7th August, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

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