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ACTION SHEET  
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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

Meeting held on 15th May, 1961

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I. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON COMMUNIST "FRONT" ORGANIZATIONS

(a) Peace Foundation

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard from the Netherlands Representative certain details about this Foundation which had recently been established in Moscow;
- (2) agreed that any further information about it would be brought to the attention of the Committee.

(b) World Youth Forum

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a statement on this subject by the French Representative;
- (2) noted that the non-Communist youth organizations in France had decided not to participate at the forthcoming World Youth Forum; on the other hand, it was possible that representatives of some of the Communist youth organizations and of "front" youth organizations, as well as certain African extremists affiliated with the International Union of Students, for example, would attend.

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II. "12 YEARS OF COMMUNIST BROADCASTING, 1948-1959"

The COMMITTEE:

expressed appreciation to the United States Representative for making copies of this US publication available.

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III. RECENT TRADE UNION DEVELOPMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them a note on this subject by the United Kingdom Delegation (AC/52-WP(61)22);
- (2) noted that the United Kingdom would appreciate receiving such additional information as might be available to other governments; comment on the United Kingdom note would also be welcomed.

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IV. AMERICAN-EUROPEAN MARCH

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of an information sheet which had been sent out by the European organizers of the American-European March (MEMO(61)9);
- (2) noted that the "Marchers" would stage a demonstration outside the NATO Headquarters;
- (3) noted that the Chairman would report to the Secretary General the view expressed that while no action should be taken which might lead to the March being given greater publicity, thought might usefully be given to "contingency planning";
- (4) learned from the German Representative that the programme for the March through Europe had been drastically curtailed.

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V. DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF TOURISM BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them a note on this subject by the Turkish Delegation (AC/52-WP(61)24);
- (2) noted that the Bulgarian Legation had submitted to the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs a draft agreement for the encouragement of tourism between the two countries;
- (3) noted the Turkish Representative's enquiry as to whether other governments had been similarly approached;
- (4) noted that the Netherlands Government had not been approached directly, although the Bulgarians were making an effort to promote travel to Bulgaria; the Director General of the Bulgarian Travel Organization had recently visited the Netherlands for this purpose;
- (5) further noted that the Netherlands Government in general, did not encourage group visits to Bloc countries from the Netherlands; on the other hand, they did try to encourage individuals from Bloc countries to visit the Netherlands;
- (6) noted that the Greek Government followed a similar policy.

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VI. THE NATO LETTER

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them a note by the Working Group set up to prepare a draft directive for the editorial panel of the NATO Letter (AC/52-WP(61)1/3);
- (2) noted the hope expressed by the Greek Representative that the possibility of Greek authors contributing to the Greek language edition of the NATO Letter would not be excluded;

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- (3) noted the Chairman's comment that this was dangerously near the concept of different editions in different languages; he would not, however, wish to be too rigid in the matter;
- (4) agreed to resume discussion at the next meeting.

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VII. NATO SEMINAR, 1962

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard the hope expressed by the Chairman that a member country would undertake to organize in 1962 a NATO seminar along the lines of those held in previous years at Oxford, Princeton and Freiburg;
- (2) noted the Chairman's request that the reaction of national authorities would be reported to the Committee in due course;
- (3) noted that the credit of NF. 30,000 contained in the 1961 budget, to subsidise a NATO seminar in 1961, would be dropped.

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VIII. DECORATION OF THE MAIN HALL IN THE NATO HEADQUARTERS

The COMMITTEE:

invited the Director of Information to arrange for the Committee to see at its next meeting the maquettes which had been prepared for the decoration of the main hall.

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IX. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Friday, 26th May, 1961, at 10.15 a.m.

OTAN/NATO,  
Paris, XVIe.

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