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ACTION SHEET  
AC/119-R(61)5

COMMITTEE OF POLITICAL ADVISERS

Meeting held on 7th and 8th February, 1961

ACTION SHEET

I. FUTURE DISCUSSIONS IN THE COMMITTEE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) having exchanged views on the agricultural difficulties prevailing in Communist China, noted the Chairman's suggestion that consideration might be given at a later date to the possible political implications;
- (2) agreed to discuss in a fortnight the political situation in the Sudan;
- (3) agreed also to discuss at a future meeting the situation in Albania, on which the United Kingdom Delegation undertook to circulate a paper;
- (4) noted the Chairman's suggestion that the Committee might also usefully have an exchange of views on:
  - measures taken by the Soviet Government to ameliorate agricultural difficulties in the USSR, including Khrushchev's tour of the country;
  - Aristov's appointment as Soviet Ambassador to Warsaw;
  - nomination of Grishin and Voronov as candidate members of the Communist Party Praesidium.

II. RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BY RESIDENTS OF EAST GERMANY

THE COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard with regret that, in view of continued East German intransigence, restrictions on travel by East German residents would have to be maintained but only, it was hoped, for a few more days;

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- (2) invited the Four Powers primarily concerned, should hopes remain unfulfilled, to say at the next meeting whether a partial relaxation of the restrictions might be introduced;
- (3) agreed to have a discussion on general principles at the next meeting, including the de facto position which will obtain once the restrictions have been lifted.

### III. COMMITTEE ON AFRICA

#### The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Netherlands Government wished to be represented in future on the Committee, and to participate in its work;
- (2) noted that the International Staff, in the light of the views expressed during the meeting, would circulate a note proposing dates for the next meeting of the Committee on Africa and the procedure to be followed, in the hope that a specific proposal could be formulated at the next meeting for consideration by the Council on the following day.

### IV. POSSIBLE ECONOMIC COUNTER-MEASURES

#### The COMMITTEE:

noted that France, Italy and the Netherlands would, in the course of the next few days, submit comments on the Four-Power Study on this subject (to be circulated as AC/119-WP(60)95/5, 95/6 and 95/7.

### V. FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

#### The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them a Note by the Chairman on NATO consultation prior to the resumed session of the United Nations General Assembly (AC/119-WP(61)4);
- (2) noted that the United States Delegation would suggest those items on the agenda on which, in their view, NATO consultation would be desirable (circulated under reference AC/119-WP(61)4/1);

- (3) reaffirmed decisions previously taken in connection with NATO consultation on United Nations subjects:
- delegations were free to state the position of their governments on any agenda item(1);
  - it would be for the Committee to decide whether they wished to exchange views on any specific subject raised for discussion by one or more delegations(2);
- (4) noted the hope expressed by the Chairman that substantive discussions might begin at the next meeting.

VI. POSSIBLE ADMISSION OF COMMUNIST CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Noting that they had been instructed to consult on this question prior to the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the COMMITTEE:

agreed that the most appropriate time would be subsequent to the Ministerial meeting in Oslo.

VII. DISARMAMENT

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted an elaboration of the proposal made at the last Ministerial meeting by the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, regarding the creation of a Working Group on Disarmament (text subsequently circulated as AC/119-WP(61)8);
- (2) agreed to prepare for a discussion of the proposal at their meeting on 28th February, the understanding being that the Committee would be clarifying the position for the Council in connection with their debate on disarmament.

VIII. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a report on the negotiations circulated by the Greek Delegation (AC/119-WP(61)7);
- (2) noted that, in the view of the Greek Government, Bulgaria might attempt to manipulate future negotiations for propaganda purposes.

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(1) AC/119-R(59)27  
(2) AC/119-R(60)30

IX. TREATY OF ALLIANCE BETWEEN CYPRUS, GREECE AND TURKEY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a statement by the Greek Representative on a meeting held in Paris in December of the Foreign Ministers of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey at which it had been decided, in conformity with the "Treaty of Alliance" between the Three-Powers, to set up a Committee of Foreign Ministers' Deputies.

X. REPORTED SOVIET BLOC ECONOMIC UNIONS

The COMMITTEE:

noted that neither the Netherlands nor the United States had any information which would confirm the decision reported to have been taken at the recent conference of Communist parties in Moscow, to establish two economic unions among Soviet bloc countries.

XI. AIR SERVICE BETWEEN PRAGUE AND HAVANA

The COMMITTEE:

in response to a request by the Italian Representative, agreed to enquire whether governments had any information about flights which had been made recently between Prague and Havana, and in particular, information concerning the route the aircraft had followed and the landings made.

XII. WORKING GROUP ON "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE"

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the German Government hoped that the Working Group would be convened at an early date; the German Delegation would shortly be circulating a paper for consideration by the Group;
- (2) noted the Chairman's suggestion that the Delegations would probably wish to have some time to study the German paper before the Working Group convened; in any event, it was the intention to call a meeting of the Working Group as soon as practicable.

XIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14th February, 1961, at 10.15 a.m.

OTAN/NATO,  
Paris, XVIe.