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I. YUGOSLAVIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received from the Greek and United Kingdom Delegations papers assessing the present situation in Yugoslavia and the future prospects for that country;
- (2) was given the assessment of the Netherlands Embassy in Belgrade on the present and potential political rôle of the Yugoslav armed forces.

II. CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) received from the United States Delegation an informal assessment of the current political situation in Czechoslovakia;
- (2) noted that this was a subject which it would be worthwhile to keep under review;
- (3) was informed by the German Representative that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had expressed his concern to the Head of the Czechoslovak Mission in Geneva over the pressures exercised against Czechoslovak refugees.

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III. HUNGARY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the German Representative an analysis of certain domestic and foreign policy aspects of the Xth Congress of the Hungarian Communist Party;
- (2) was informed by the Canadian Representative that the new Hungarian Ambassador in Belgrade had shown signs of particular friendliness towards his Western colleagues; the Canadian Authorities would be interested to know whether other Authorities had noted similar friendly approaches by the Hungarian Ambassador in Belgrade or elsewhere.

IV. POSSIBLE MEETING OF WARSAW PACT FOREIGN MINISTERS

The COMMITTEE:

noted reports, mainly stemming from Rumanian sources, from the Canadian, Danish, French, Italian, Netherlands and United States Representatives which seemed to indicate that the Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers would meet on European Security in Bucharest on 18th and 19th February.

V. ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF THE WARSAW PACT DOCUMENT ON EUROPEAN SECURITY

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that the International Secretariat would circulate (as POLADS(71)15) the amendments to the revised analysis (POLADS(70)65(Revised)) suggested by delegations.

VI. EAST-WEST CONTACTS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the United Kingdom Representative that the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office would visit Hungary from 9th to 12th March, Yugoslavia from 12th to 16th March, and Bulgaria from 16th to 19th March;
- (2) was informed that the postponed visit to Rumania of the Netherlands Roving Ambassador had now been arranged for the beginning of March.

VII. LEIPZIG SPRING FAIR 1971

The COMMITTEE:

noted further statements by the French, Greek, Luxembourg, United Kingdom and United States Representatives confirming that, as in the past, there would be no official participation by their countries at the Fair, although differences of approach to the participation of private firms still subsisted.

VIII. NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE GDR

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Netherlands Authorities would be interested to know whether such committees had been set up in other member countries; a Netherlands national committee having been established in December 1970;
- (2) was informed that such committees had been formed in Denmark and Norway but not in Canada.

IX. SOVIET POLICY REGARDING BERLIN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the German Representative that, in recent talks with the Hungarian and Polish leaders, the Austrian Foreign Minister had gained the impression that, at the time of the Warsaw Pact summit meeting in Berlin, the Soviet Union had obtained East German consent to a formula for a quadripartite agreement on Berlin but was still employing bargaining tactics to obtain as favourable a settlement as possible;
- (2) noted that it would be useful if this impression could be confirmed by information from other sources;
- (3) was informed by the Canadian Representative of reports which had been circulated in Moscow to the effect that the Soviet leaders had held bilateral talks on Berlin with the East German leaders prior to the Berlin summit meeting.

X. FINNISH INITIATIVE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a statement by the German Delegation on the reportedly unchanged Finnish position regarding preparations for a Conference on European Security;
- (2) was informed by the Icelandic Representative of the terms of the communiqué published following the visit of Ambassador Enckell to Reykjavik on 10th and 11th February.

XI. APPROACHES BY NORTH KOREA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Canadian Authorities would be grateful to be informed about any approaches made to other national authorities by North Korea, Canada having recently received a series of commercial enquiries and visa requests from the North Koreans (reference: letter of Canadian Representative dated 11th February, 1971);
- (2) was informed that no such approaches had been made to the United States.

XII. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER DATA WITHIN THE ALLIANCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) continued its discussion of this subject having before it a note by the Chairman including the introductory remarks he had made at the last meeting (POLADS(71)10);
- (2) approved the procedure outline in POLADS(71)10 with the clarification to the effect that when the Political Affairs Division representative contacted delegations regarding the use by the CIG of oral statements made in the Political Committee, he would seek their agreement both to the use of such a statement and to the actual text which could be circulated by the CIG;
- (3) agreed that the procedure would be put into effect as from the date of the next meeting of the Committee.

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XIII POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP TO EXERCISE HILEX-4

The COMMITTEE, in accordance with the decision taken by the DPC at its meeting of 16th December, 1970 on the report by the Council Operations and Exercises Co-ordinating Working Group on HILEX-4 (DPC-D(70)34):

- (1) in the course of a preliminary exchange of views, noted that the Belgian, Canadian, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States Representatives favoured the drawing up of a revised inventory of preventive measures similar to that set out in Part Two of C-M(69)16 but applicable to threats against individual member countries or groups of member countries; the German Representative, however, reserved his position on the possibility of drawing up an inventory based on a premise different from that on which C-M(69)16 was based;
- (2) ^{See Corr. following} noted the Chairman's request to delegations to seek instructions on the following questions:
 - (a) whether or not the Committee should undertake a review of the inventory of preventive measures in order to make it also applicable in the case of threats directed against members of the Alliance;
 - (b) whether a separate inventory should be prepared for the case of threats directed against NATO Members; or
 - (c) whether such an inventory should be incorporated into the existing inventory of preventive measures applicable to certain non-member states.
- (3) noted that the International Staff would, following consultation with the Press Service and the IMS, make proposals aimed at improving the Alliance's press and public relations posture in times of crisis;
- (4) agreed to discuss this subject further at its meeting on 1st March, 1971.

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XIV. MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WITH DISARMAMENT EXPERTS -
30TH MARCH TO 1ST APRIL

The COMMITTEE:

(1) approved, subject to confirmation by the Danish Delegation, the following Agenda for this meeting:

- I. Nuclear Test Ban
- II. Arms Control Aspects of Chemical and Biological Warfare

(Under this Item the NATO Military Authorities will be asked to give a briefing on the Alliance doctrine on CBW, on the understanding that there would be no discussion of the merits of that doctrine.)

III. Any Other Business

Under this Item the following subjects will be taken up:

- Conventional arms transfers, including a briefing by the German Representative on the political principles of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany guiding the export of weapons and other war material;
- A continuation of the previous discussion of confidence-building measures;
- Follow-up to the Seabed Treaty;
- Any other questions of current importance;

(2) in view of a statement by the Netherlands Representative concerning visits after Disarmament Experts' Meetings, noted that it would be appropriate for the Experts to discuss the principles and practices involved in such visits;

(3) noted that if it was agreed that the following meeting of the Committee with Experts should be held at the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in Washington, the United States Authorities would extend invitations for the period 11th to 13th October.

XVI. MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WITH NATIONAL EXPERTS ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF THE SEABED AND THE LAW OF THE SEA - 26TH FEBRUARY, 1971

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) approved the following Agenda:
 - I. Further questions on the 7th January, 1971 presentation in the Council of the United States seabeds proposal
 - II. Preparation for the 1973 Law of the Sea Conference
 - III. Organization and mandate of the enlarged Seabed Committee
 - IV. Any Other Business;
- (2) noted that the United States Delegation hoped shortly to circulate the text of Mr. Ratiner's statement;
- (3) was invited to forward to the Executive Secretariat the names of the Experts who would participate in this meeting.

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XVII. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23rd February, at 10.30 a.m.

Monday, 1st March, at 3.30 p.m.

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