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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th March, 1972 at 10.30 a.m.

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I. PREPARATIONS FOR A CSCE

(a) General

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a report by the Canadian Representative that the Polish Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Willman, had been appointed Polish Ambassador in Helsinki;
- (2) noted a promised contribution by the Italian Representative concerning China's position vis-à-vis a CSCE.

(b) Freer Movement of People, Information, Ideas and Cultural Relations

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a first exchange of views on the United States Delegation's draft measures papers on Copyrights, Youth Exchanges and Films and Television;
- (2) invited the International Secretariat to circulate a revised draft of the recommendation for the measures paper on Youth Exchanges, which would take into account the views expressed at the present meeting;
- (3) noted that the Canadian Delegation would circulate an alternative draft for the measures paper on Films and Television;
- (4) was informed that at the present time the German Authorities were opposed to discussion of the question of copyrights at a CSCE;

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- (5) received from the United States Delegation a draft guidelines paper on Freer Movement of People and a proposal for a change in the draft agenda paper on this subject circulated informally by the International Secretariat on 23rd February, 1972;
- (6) agreed to discuss the papers mentioned in (5) above at its next meeting, if possible on the basis of instructions from capitals;
- (7) noted that the following additional papers had been promised;
- (i) by the Danish Delegation on the possibility of using existing Cultural Agreements within the OSCE framework;
  - (ii) by the Netherlands Delegation on Freer Movement of Information;
  - (iii) by the United States Delegation tabulating East European and Soviet restrictions on the issuance of passports and visas;
- (8) had a general exchange of views on the United Kingdom Delegation's paper on Freer Movement and agreed that the appropriate sections of this paper would be considered further in connection with the relevant guideline papers and agenda papers;
- (9) agreed to take up at a later meeting more general considerations connected with negotiating tactics.
- (c) Co-operation in Pure Science

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it by the United States Delegation a draft agenda paper on Co-operation in Pure Science which will be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting for discussion if time should permit.

II. FORTHCOMING VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

was informed of the following forthcoming visits:

- of Castro to Hungary in June and then to the Soviet Union and Bulgaria and possibly other East European countries (by the United Kingdom Delegation);

- of Lord Eccles, the British Paymaster General to Hungary, from 22nd to 26th May (by the United Kingdom Delegation);
- of President Tito to Warsaw and Moscow in late April or early May (by the Canadian Delegation);
- of Marshal Grotchko to Belgrade probably from 27th March (by the Canadian Delegation);
- of a Soviet Parliamentary Delegation to Canada from 13th to 23rd March (by the Canadian Delegation).

III. VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO CHINA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Canadian Delegation reporting on possible Soviet reactions to President Nixon's visit as assessed by the Canadian Embassy in Moscow.

IV. YUGOSLAVIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Representative reporting on the current atmosphere of domestic insecurity in Yugoslavia.

V. HUNGARY

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Delegation giving details of the new and more severe Hungarian Penal Code published in December 1971.

VI. RECENT VISITS TO THE GDR

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Representative concerning visits to the GDR by a UNESCO Study Group and by a Delegation of Finnish Social Democratic Parliamentarians led by Mr. Niemi.

VII. DATE AND AGENDA FOR EXPERTS MEETING ON THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICTS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed to seek confirmation at its next meeting of the proposed dates of 6th and 7th April for this Expert meeting;

- (2) noted the views of the Norwegian Authorities on the draft Agenda for the meeting circulated by the United States Delegation on 29th February;
- (3) invited the United States Delegation to clarify the items it wished to see included in an Agenda;
- (4) agreed to revert to this subject at its next meeting in order to decide whether an Agenda should be finalised prior to the Experts meeting or whether this was a matter for the Experts themselves to decide.

VIII. MEETING OF THE EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON THE FAR EAST

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a broad exchange of views on the proposals put forward by the United Kingdom Representative in his letter of 23rd February for the arrangement of this meeting;
- (2) reached a broad concensus that the Experts should concentrate their discussion essentially on the questions raised in Section C of POLADS(72)7, whilst also paying attention to the relationship of internal political trends in China and that country's foreign policy;
- (3) noted on the other hand, that national contributions might usefully also contain information dealing with all points contained in the tentative outline (POLADS(72)7);
- (4) agreed that members of the Political Committee would meet with the Far East Experts at the latter's meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday, 19th April;
- (5) recognised that the Experts report would, in accordance with previous decisions by the Council, be submitted directly to the Council in Ministerial Session.

IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14th March, 1972 at 10.30 a.m.

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