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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th July, 1972 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. PREPARATIONS FOR A CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

(1) noted the following contributions:

- by the Turkish Representative providing further information on the talks held on 8th June between the Turkish Ambassador in Helsinki and the Director General of the Political Department of the Finnish Foreign Ministry;
- by the United Kingdom Representative reporting a conversation between the Soviet Foreign Minister and the British Ambassador in Moscow on 29th June and a conversation between the Finnish Foreign Minister and the British Ambassador in Helsinki on 30th June;
- by the United States Representative reporting a conversation between Acting Assistant Secretary Springsteen and the Finnish Ambassador in Washington on 30th June;
- by the United Kingdom Representative reporting recent conversations between members of the Foreign Office and Bulgarian and Romanian Embassy officials in London;
- by the United Kingdom and Italian Representatives on the attitude of the Holy See with regard to a CSCE as expressed in recent conversations with Vatican officials;
- by the Italian Representative concerning the interest recently expressed by Liechtenstein and San Marino in participating in the multi-lateral preparatory talks;

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- (2) was informed by the United Kingdom Representative that contacts which British officials had had with Swiss, Austrian and Swedish officials confirmed the reports previously given to the Committee by other Representatives;
- (3) had circulated to it an addendum to the United States paper of 23rd June on Rules of Procedure.

II. PARTICIPATION IN A CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Turkish Representative reporting a recent conversation on this subject between the Israeli chargé d'affaires in Ankara and a Turkish Foreign Ministry official;
- (2) had a preliminary exchange of views from which it emerged that the attitude of Allied Governments was generally very reserved as regards participation by Israel or the Arab countries in the multilateral preparatory talks; the question of their participation in a CSCE should remain open pending the outcome of these talks;
- (3) agreed that further statements on this subject might be made at the next meeting under Item I.

III. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES RELATED TO A CSCE

- (a) UNESCO Inter-Governmental Conference on Cultural Policies in Europe

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to have a preliminary discussion of the results of this conference at its next meeting and to continue discussion at the following meeting.

- (b) European Youth Security Conference

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the United States Representative that his Authorities were in contact with the Soviet and Finnish Governments with a view to securing full participant status for United States youth groups at the conference instead of observer status.

(c) Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference on European Security and Co-operation

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to consider at its meeting on 18th July the resolution adopted by the IPU Council at Yaoundé on 8th April.

IV. JOINT UNITED STATES-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE AND STATEMENT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES OF UNITED STATES-SOVIET RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Representative replying to the questions put to him by the Netherlands Representative at the meeting on 6th June concerning the interpretation of various formulae in the Joint United States-Soviet Communiqué and Statement of Basic Principles.

V. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it the Communiqué issued after the official visit of the Polish Foreign Minister to Norway from 25th - 29th June, and noted a contribution by the Norwegian Representative reporting on the talks held between the Norwegian and Polish Foreign Ministers on that occasion.

VI. CONTACTS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Representative reporting on the exploratory talks held on 29th and 30th June between State Secretary Frank and Czechoslovak officials in Prague.

VII. BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Italian Representative on the internal situation in Bulgaria.

VIII. MEETING OF EXPERT WORKING GROUPS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN
DRAFTING GROUP

The COMMITTEE:

noted that, no objections having been received,
the schedule of meetings proposed in POLADS(72)24
had now been approved.

IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11th July at 10.30 a.m.

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