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ACTION SHEET  
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November, 1975 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. CSCE

The COMMITTEE noted papers:

- (1) from the German Representative, on consultations on the outcome of the Helsinki meeting which had taken place during the Conference of European Churches held in Buckow from 27th to 31st October, 1975;
- (2) from the French Representative, on the publication in Bulgaria of the full text of the Final Act in brochure form, under the heading "For peace, co-operation and security in Europe", reserved however for the exclusive use of "organizations and establishments";
- (3) from the United States Representative, reproducing an analysis by the United States Embassy in Moscow of an article by A. Yefimov, published in the November issue of a magazine which normally reflected the views of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, and examining the outlook for military détente in Europe after the CSCE.

II. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE was informed:

- (1) by the Italian Representative of the outcome of the visit to Rome, from 11th to 14th November, of the Hungarian Premier, Mr. Lazar, who was accompanied by the Minister for Foreign Trade and the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- (2) by the French Representative of the outcome of the visit to France from 12th to 14th November of Mr. Strougal.

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III. SOVIET UNION

(a) Domestic situation

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a detailed report by the Canadian Representative, based on information from the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, on the improvement in Mr. Brezhnev's health;
- (2) noted that this information, confirmed during talks with members of the German Delegation which had accompanied President Scheel to the Soviet Union, ruled out the likelihood that the Party First Secretary would stand down after the XXVth Party Congress; noted, in this context, the information furnished by the United Kingdom Representative to the effect that Mr. Brezhnev would personally attend the forthcoming Polish Party Congress on 8th December.

(b) Soviet foreign policy trends

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Representative analysing present trends in Soviet policy towards the Middle East.

IV. THE SITUATION IN THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES: RUMANIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

heard an account from the Belgian Representative of the reasons why, according to the GDR Ambassador in Bucharest, Mr. Ceausescu's visit to Belgrade had been adjourned "sine die"; noted that the main reason for cancelling the visit was apparently Yugoslavia's refusal to come out officially in support of Rumania in its bid for an observer seat at the forthcoming conference of non-aligned countries.

V. SITUATION IN SPAIN

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Representative analysing the implications of the first steps taken by Prince Juan Carlos as Spanish Head of State.

VI. FAR EAST

Reference: AC/119-R(75)101

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted an exchange of views between the Canadian, Netherlands and United Kingdom Representatives on the main features of Hanoi's policy towards Moscow and Peking;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative based on information from Tokyo analysing the implications of a statement by a member of the Japanese Government to the Upper Chamber to the effect that Japan would be prepared to include in the peace treaty with China, the anti-hegemony clause which the latter had requested.

VII. CONDEMNATION OF NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES DURING THE VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

References: AC/119-R(75)100  
AC/119-R(75)101

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) on the initiative of the Turkish Representative, held a further exchange of views on the co-ordination of the attitude to be adopted by Allied countries during the voting in the United Nations on resolutions which contained unjust criticism of NATO policy or of the policy of some of its members;
- (2) repeated its hope that such consultation could be carried out by the delegations concerned in New York but agreed in principle that the matter should be raised at the meeting it would be holding in 1976 prior to the XXXIst United Nations General Assembly.

VIII. RUMANIAN PROPOSAL THAT THE BALKANS SHOULD BE DECLARED A "DENUCLEARISED ZONE"

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) on the initiative of the Netherlands Representative, held a preliminary exchange of views on the persistent rumours to the effect that Rumania would be submitting a draft resolution calling for the Balkans to be declared a "denuclearised zone";

- (2) noted that at the next meeting the Netherlands Representative would like to hear from other delegations (particularly the Greek and the Turkish) about their Authorities' views on this matter.

IX. PREPARATION OF A CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the information supplied by the United Kingdom Representative (based on a report from his Embassy in Belgrade) concerning the preparation of this Conference;
- (2) noted, in particular, that while the future participants had finally agreed that there should be no programme, difficulties were being encountered in achieving unanimous agreement on the terms of the Communiqué.

X. NEW TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

agreed that this item should be left off its Agenda for the present.

XI. APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

Reference: AC/119-R(75)101

Draft report to the Council

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the distribution during the meeting of the International Staff's draft, ISD/119, together with a paper by the Netherlands Delegation and noted the preliminary comments made by the Italian, United Kingdom and Luxembourg Representatives in this connection;
- (2) agreed to hold a thorough discussion of this draft, at the special meeting to be held on Monday, 24th November at 3 p.m., on the basis of instructions which would have arrived from capitals in the meantime.

Exchange of information

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the information supplied by the United States Representative on the granting by the Soviet Authorities of entry and exit visas and of a residence permit to American journalists; also noted the interpretation by the United States Embassy in Moscow of the present Soviet attitude towards matters related to Basket Three;
- (2) noted the information supplied by the German Representative in connection with the implementation of the Final Act by the Finns.

XII. CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES - NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES AND EXCHANGES OF OBSERVERS

Statistical data on Allied manoeuvres

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a statement by the French Representative to the effect that while not opposed to the research being done by the IMS (see AC/119-R(75)101), his Authorities reserved their position as regards the release of data on French manoeuvres; that, moreover, the use of the data in question outside the NATO framework could lead the Eastern countries to believe that the Allies might be prepared to accept restrictions on their manoeuvres and that, this being so, it was for the Council to approve the terms of reference and decide what subsequent use should be made of the data;
- (2) noted that the Greek Representative had no objections to the collection of the information but thought it would be useful to obtain similar data on Warsaw Pact manoeuvres;
- (3) agreed on the wording of draft terms of reference to be submitted to the Council for approval at its meeting on 16th November, the purpose of these terms of reference being the collection of data, for the information of the Council, on NATO, multinational and national, manoeuvres carried out by the Allies in 1973, 1974 and 1975(1);

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- (1) This draft has now been distributed under reference POLADS(75)27

- (4) recalled that the IMS had already been invited at the Committee's meeting on 30th September (AC/119-R(75)95) to furnish periodical summaries of available information on the Pact's manoeuvres;
- (5) agreed to continue this discussion at its next meeting.

Exchange of information

The COMMITTEE:

noted the information supplied by the United States Representative on the reactions of the accredited military attachés of the Warsaw Pact countries in Berne to the invitation by the Swiss Authorities to participate in Swiss manoeuvres as observers.

XIII. NEXT MEETINGS

- Monday, 24th November at 3 p.m. (see Item XI);
- Tuesday, 25th November, 1975 at 10.30 a.m.

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