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ACTION SHEET
AC/119-R(75)2

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th January, 1975 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) subject to confirmation by the German and Norwegian Delegations(1), agreed that the Council reinforced by CSCE Experts should meet on 7th February, 1975;
- (2) noting that the NATO Caucus in Geneva would on 20th January discuss the question of whether there should be a prior meeting with CBM Experts, agreed to take a decision on whether such a meeting would be opportune at its meeting on 21st January.

II. PREPARATORY MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES IN BUDAPEST - 19TH TO 21ST DECEMBER, 1974

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative presenting an assessment of this meeting by the Canadian Embassy in Budapest;
- (2) noted a similar report by the German Representative and had its attention drawn to a Department of State assessment circulated by the Situation Centre as AS(75)01;
- (3) agreed that it would be worthwhile to follow preparations for the Conference of European Communist Parties and, in particular, to pay particular attention to the problem for the Soviet Union posed by its desire to terminate the third stage of the CSCE prior to the holding of this Conference and the possible implications for détente that its outcome might present.

(1) Confirmation was received from the Norwegian Delegation on 8th January and from the German Delegation on 9th January.

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III. SOVIET- BULGARIAN RELATIONS

Reference: AC/119-R(74)128, Item VI

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United Kingdom Authorities in commenting on the Daily Telegraph article of 22nd December considered that it was highly unlikely that the Soviet Union and Bulgaria were contemplating such a merger as had been reported and that this assessment was likewise confirmed by the Netherlands Authorities.

IV. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

subject to confirmation by the United States Delegation, agreed that the draft report set out in ISD/98(2nd revise) should be forwarded to the Council as a basis for a discussion of Sino-Soviet Relations by the Council at its meeting of 22nd January, 1975.

V. IMPLICATIONS FOR ALLIED COUNTRIES OF THE REOPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) in pursuance of the decision of the Council on 20th November, noted a statement by its Chairman setting out the possible parameters for its study of this question;
- (2) noted that the United Kingdom Delegation hoped to circulate an input in the course of the following week and expressed the hope that other Delegations soon made additional inputs;
- (3) agreed that the study should be classified NATO SECRET;
- (4) agreed to start discussion at its next meeting.

VI. DISSEMINATION OF POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS OVER THE NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

The COMMITTEE:

noted a statement by the United States Representative, equally endorsed by the Chairman and the Representative of the Military Committee, expressing the hope that the number of political assessments circulated by the Situation Centre over the NATO-wide Communications System in the AS series would be increased in the coming year.

VII. 1975 WORK PROGRAMME

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed to start its study on Press and Public Relations in Times of Crisis or Tension on 21st January;
- (2) invited delegations to seek contributions from their Authorities for a possible report to Council on developments in the Communist Balkan countries.

VIII. MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WITH DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed to seek suggestions from capitals on the subjects which could be placed on the Agenda of this meeting and on its date so that a discussion could take place on 21st January.

IX. ATLANTIC POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) in preparation of the Council's discussion on 15th January, agreed to seek instructions on the Chairman's suggestion that the next meeting of APAG take place from 14th to 18th April, 1975;
- (2) noted with gratitude that the Danish Authorities were prepared to invite APAG to meet in Denmark in the Spring of 1976.

X. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14th January, at 10.30 a.m.

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1110 Brussels.