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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th August, 1975
at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

noted the following contributions:

- by the Norwegian Representative reporting on his Foreign Minister's visit to the GDR from 7th to 9th July;
- by the United Kingdom Representative reporting on his Foreign Secretary's visit to Budapest on 28th and 29th July;
- by the German Representative reporting on talks between the Federal Chancellor and Mr. Gierak in Helsinki on 1st August;
- by the Danish Representative reporting:
 - (i) on talks which his Prime Minister had held in Helsinki with President Tito on 30th July and with Mr. Honecker and Mr. Strougal on 1st August; and
 - (ii) on talks which his Foreign Minister had held with the Polish and Czechoslovak Foreign Ministers in Helsinki on 30th July and 1st August.

II. RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Portugese Representative that the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Romania were ready to negotiate consular conventions with his Authorities, who would welcome being informed of other countries' experiences in this field and receiving texts of any conventions which had been signed.

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III. ALBANIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Greek Representative on recent changes in the Communist Party and Government of Albania.

IV. CONSULTATION ON CEYLON'S UNITED NATIONS MOTION TO DECLARE THE INDIAN OCEAN AN "AREA OF PEACE"

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Greek and Turkish Representatives that their Authorities had not been approached by the Head of the Ceylonese Delegation to the UN on this subject.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United States was awaiting Soviet reactions to its proposed amendments to the illustrative draft treaty on environmental modification; this draft would be circulated to the Allies before being tabled in the CCD.

VI. PROPOSED DECENNIUM ON DISARMAMENT

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that Portugal had not replied to the United Nations Secretary General's request for views on this subject.

VII. SECOND EUROPEAN SPORTS CONFERENCE

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Representative commenting on the attitude adopted by the Soviet Union on this Conference which had been held at the end of May and suggesting that exchanges of information take place in the Committee on any such non-governmental conferences in future.

VIII. CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

noted the following contributions:

- by the German Representative commenting on the announcement published in the Moscow press on 7th August concerning the results of CSCE;

- by the United States Representative concerning recent comments made by Brezhnev in Yalta on the implementation of CSCE provisions;
- by the United Kingdom Representative commenting on Soviet Westpolitik after CSCE.

IX. POST CSCE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES:
NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES AND EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed of certain amendments which the German Authorities proposed to make to the illustrative notification model at Annex I to ISD/118;
- (2) noted that the German Authorities intended to transmit this notification in a note verbale to all CSCE participants on 22nd or 25th August;
- (3) noted that the United States, United Kingdom and French Authorities regarded the German text as an acceptable model for the notification of future manoeuvres;
- (4) noting the absence of objections to the illustrative notification model circulated by the Turkish Representative, invited the Turkish Authorities to transmit this notification to all CSCE participants at least 21 days in advance of Exercise Deep Express 75;
- (5) was informed that the United Kingdom Authorities would probably wish to notify their participation in this Exercise on the basis of the text circulated by the United Kingdom Representative; the Belgian, German, Italian and Netherlands Authorities did not intend to do so in view of their very limited participation; the United States Authorities remained open-minded;
- (6) requested the Turkish Representative to inform his colleagues as soon as his Authorities had agreed to transmit the notification, to enable other Allies to take a final decision on the question of parallel notification;
- (7) agreed that SACEUR's press release on Exercise Deep Express 75 might best be issued one or two days after notification had been made by the Turkish Authorities;

- (8) had a preliminary exchange of views on whether notification should be transmitted to CSCE participants in Allied or in foreign capitals and whether they need be formally transmitted to NATO capitals, and agreed to resume discussion at the next meeting;
- (9) reviewed the proposed draft of an invitation to observers to military exercises circulated by the United States Representative on 14th August;
- (10) had an exchange of views on the types of exercises to which observers might be invited, the number of countries which might be invited to send observers and the countries which would extend the invitations, and agreed to resume discussion at the next meeting;
- (11) requested the International Secretariat to revise ISD/118 to include the German amendments to Annex I, the Turkish illustrative notification model, the United Kingdom draft on parallel notification, and the United States draft on the exchange of observers, and agreed to discuss these further at the next meeting.

X. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 26th August, at 10.30 a.m.

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1110 Brussels.