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ACTION SHEET
AC/119-R(76)38

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday 29th June, 1976
at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

- (a) Visit to Czechoslovakia of the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs (14th-19th June)

The COMMITTEE:

was given a short briefing by the Belgian Representative on the talks which had been held during this visit.

- (b) Visit to Turkey of Mr. Ceaucescu (22nd-25th June, 1976)

The COMMITTEE:

was briefed by the Turkish Representative on the main political issues raised during the recent visit of the Romanian Head of State to Ankara (external relations, CSCE).

- (c) Visit to Romania of the Secretary General of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The COMMITTEE:

was briefed on the results of this visit which marked the first high level consultation between Norway and Romania since Mr. Macovescu's visit to Norway in 1973.

II. SOVIET-GERMAN RELATIONS

Reference: AC/119-R(76)32, Item II

The COMMITTEE:

noted the circulation by the German Representative for comment, if any, of the Federal Authorities' draft reply to the "Declaration by the Soviet Government" of 22nd May.

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III. GERMANO-BULGARIAN CONSULTATION (SOFIA, 14th-15th JUNE, 1976)

The COMMITTEE:

received a contribution from the German Representative on this subject.

IV. SITUATION IN THE SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a statement by the Canadian Representative concerning rumours, arising from the uncertain prospects for the 1976 harvests, about a probable meeting around 5th July of the Praesidium of the CPSU Central Committee in Moscow at which changes might be announced in the Party leadership (in particular the replacement of Mr. Podgorny by Mr. Kosygin and the strengthening of the position of Mr. Suslov who would become the second most important Soviet leader);
- (2) received a contribution from the United Kingdom Representative on current unrest in Georgia.

V. SITUATION IN POLAND

The COMMITTEE;

was informed by the United Kingdom Representative that a contribution on recent troubles in Poland would be submitted by the United Kingdom Delegation to the meeting of the Economic Committee on 1st July, which had been specially called to study the Polish economy.

VI. SITUATION IN ROMANIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted the United Kingdom Representative's comments on recent changes in the Romanian Government apparently linked to the country's economic and social situation.

VII. SITUATION IN ANGOLA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution from the German Representative on the current situation in Angola (based on information from a Zaire source);

- (2) noted additional information from the Italian Representative on the appointment of Mr. Vecchi to the post of Italian Ambassador in Angola;
- (3) noted that Turkey had officially recognized the new Angolian regime on 21st June;
- (4) at the request of the Canadian Representative, undertook a brief exchange of views on Angola's application for membership of the United Nations.

VIII. SITUATION IN THE LEBANON

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution from the United Kingdom on this subject.

IX. SOUTH AFRICA: TALKS IN BONN BETWEEN MR. GENSCHER AND MR. MULLER, SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON 22ND JUNE

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution from the German Representative on the gist of the talks between Mr. Muller and Mr. Genscher on recent developments in Southern Africa, in particular, Rhodesia and Namibia.

X. MONTREUX CONVENTION AND THE "KIEV"

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution from the United Kingdom Representative stressing the importance for the Alliance of discussing the implications for the Montreux Convention and the Allied countries who were signatories to it, of the probable passage at the end of the summer through the Turkish straits, of the "Kiev", which was at present undergoing trials in the Black Sea;
- (2) undertook a preliminary exchange of views on the subject;
- (3) agreed to resume the discussion at a forthcoming meeting.

XI. CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the circulation of contributions by the United States and Italian Representatives on the conference being held in East Berlin;
- (2) noted the importance of having a detailed analysis of the results of the Conference, especially in view of a possible CP conference of the "Nine";
- (3) agreed to resume its discussion on this subject at the next meeting on the basis of any further available information.

XII. SITUATION IN ALBANIA

Reference: POLADS(76)18(Revised)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) put the final touches to a memorandum circulated by the International Staff and confirmed its intention of forwarding it to the Council for information;
- (2) agreed, in view of the importance of the subject, to keep the developments in the Albanian situation as a permanent item on its Agenda.

XIII. ORGANISATION OF A MEETING ON THE XXXIST UNITED NATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Council might discuss questions concerning the United Nations at a forthcoming meeting;
- (2) noted that it might itself also hold a reinforced meeting on the subject;
- (3) agreed to draw up an Agenda for the above meeting at its forthcoming meetings.

XIV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

Reference: POLADS(76)19

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that no objection had so far been raised to the proposal that a meeting be held with the competent national officials on 20th, 21st and possibly 22nd October;

- (2) noted the circulation of contributions by the Canadian Representative (on emigration procedures in Bulgaria) and the German Representative (on the implementation by Hungary of provisions covering culture and education);
- (3) noted a contribution from the German Representative on Germano-Rumanian consultations on the CSCE, which took place in Bucharest on 25th and 26th May at the request of the Romanian authorities.

XV. CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES PROVIDED FOR AT THE CSCE:
NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES AND EXCHANGES OF OBSERVERS

(a) Press Communiqué on "Autumn Forge 1976"

References: AC/119-R(76)35, Item XIII(b)
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The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a statement by representatives of the Military Committee putting the views of the Military Authorities on coverage for the Committee's Exercise "Autumn Forge" and their reaction to proposed amendments to paragraph 4 and to the last paragraph of the draft;
- (2) discussed the subsequent suggestions made by the Military Authorities;
- (3) following the discussion, agreed to accept "ad referendum" for midday on 1st July, a compromise proposal to revert to the first draft communiqué (IMSM-353-76) with the exception of the last paragraph, the wording of which would be taken from the communiqué issued the previous year on the occasion of Exercise "Autumn Forge 1975".

(b) General exchange of views in anticipation of the Belgrade meeting

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) undertook a preliminary exchange of views on the preparation of a file on confidence-building measures for purposes of the Belgrade meeting;

- (2) noted the reservations placed by France on any proposal that might lower the threshold of notification of manoeuvres together with the reasons for these reservations;
- (3) agreed to discuss the matter in greater detail and in the light of instructions at the next meeting or, if necessary, at a meeting to be held exceptionally on Thursday 8th or Friday 9th July.

XVI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th July, 1976 at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.