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ACTION SHEET
AC/119-R(76)66

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November, 1976 at 9.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. SOVIET RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution from the United States Representative based on information from diplomatic sources in Moscow, concerning Mr. Brezhnev's forthcoming visit to Romania and confirming that a Warsaw Pact summit meeting was scheduled to be held in Bucharest on or about 29th November.

II. SOVIET POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE THIRD WORLD

Reference: Contribution by the Italian Delegation
circulated on 24th September, 1976

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a report from the German Representative analysing Soviet political and economic dealings with the Third World;
- (2) noted the request from the Turkish Representative that the reference to his country should be deleted from the penultimate line in paragraph 7 (page 4) of this report.

III. THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA - INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA AND CONTACTS WITH SWAPO

The COMMITTEE:

received a contribution from the Italian Representative relating to contacts in Rome between Mr. Kaluena, a SWAPO Central Committee leader, with Italian political party leaders and Foreign Ministry officials.

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IV. CRITICISM OF NATO AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Italian Representative of:

- (1) details of the move which had led to the deletion from a draft resolution concerning Item 70 on the Agenda of a paragraph criticizing NATO for military assistance to South Africa;
- (2) of allegations by Mr. Minty in the report on the 335th meeting of a special commission on apartheid of co-operation by NATO countries with South Africa and particularly of the delivery of arms and the granting of manufacturing licences by the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Italy.

V. EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that during the meeting the International Staff had circulated the text of the Annex to C-M(71)26 concerning the arrangements for the release of NATO classified information to organizations with non-NATO members and to non-NATO countries;
- (2) noted the information (from diplomatic sources in Helsinki) supplied by the Canadian Representative concerning:
 - (i) the visit of an East German Delegation to Helsinki in connection with the CSCE;
 - (ii) a meeting on the CSCE to be held by the neutral countries some time during the last ten days of the month;
- (3) at the suggestion of the United States Representative, held a further discussion on the submission of the 3rd report on the CSCE to the Council and noted that the International Staff would prepare its initial draft, in accordance with the compromise put forward by the Chairman, i.e. in the form of two self-contained documents, one devoted to a review of implementation of the Final Act and the other dealing with the preparation for the Belgrade meetings, and a short non-substantive cover note.

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

- (a) Invitation to observers to attend exercise "Spearpoint 76" (7th-10th November)

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the United Kingdom Representative that among the countries which had been invited, the following had not replied: USSR, GDR, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakie, Romania, Portugal; moreover, Ireland had turned down the invitation on the grounds that "no observers were available".

- (b) Mr. Brezhnev's address to the Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the CPSU

The COMMITTEE:

took note of a contribution from the French Representative drawing attention to a passage in this speech which referred to the "useful rôle of the confidence building measures provided for in the Final Act, particularly the notification of large-scale manoeuvres and the inviting of observers to attend them".

VII. CENSORSHIP OF INFORMATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS OR WAR

The COMMITTEE:

adopted a suggestion by the Chairman that consideration of this point should be postponed until a meeting early in 1977.

VIII. UPDATING OF THE REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES

Reference: C-M(76)53

The COMMITTEE:

after a brief exchange of views on the desirability of updating the report, agreed that, before taking a decision, it should await the report of the Group of Experts on the Soviet Union and the East European countries which had met from 26th to 29th October, 1976.

IX. DRAFT SOVIET RESOLUTION ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE

Reference: AC/119-R(76)64, Item I

The COMMITTEE:

at the suggestion of the United Kingdom Representative, held a brief discussion on the attitude of the Allied Delegations during the voting on the Soviet resolution and was informed by the Greek Representative of the precise reasons why the Greek Delegation in New York had thought it preferable to take part in the vote rather than to abstain.

X. BULGARIAN INITIATIVE CONCERNING A CONFERENCE OF WRITERS FROM THE COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the United States Representative that writers from Bulgaria, the GDR, Hungary and Vietnam, had recently met in East Berlin and that unofficial information suggested that the leader of the Bulgarian Delegation had proposed a meeting of writers from the countries which had taken part in the CSCE;
- (2) noted that the Turkish Representative had similar information.

XI. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 9th November, 1976 at 10.30 a.m.

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1110 Brussels.