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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th October, 1977 at
10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. CSCE: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS
OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

(a) Swedish intentions regarding the notification
of co-ordinated smaller-scale manoeuvres

Reference: Letter from the United Kingdom Delegation
of 12th October, 1977.

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the circulation at the meeting:
 - of comments by the IMS (at Staff level) on the Swedish draft;
 - of a paper on this subject from the German Delegation;
- (2) noted, during a preliminary exchange of views, the reactions of several delegations to this proposal and noted that these reactions were mainly negative;
- (3) was informed by the Canadian Representative that there had already been contacts in Belgrade on this subject and that a meeting had been organized on 13th October to discuss it.

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(b) Prior notification of military movements

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the circulation at the meeting by the United States Representative of a paper containing a new formulation of the options outlined in the United States document of 23rd October regarding the notification of large-scale military movements;
- (2) took note of the United States Authorities' comments on several of the questions raised during previous meetings, in particular: personnel strength; distance; duration of movements; notification time; crossing of international frontiers; relationship between notification of movements and notification of manoeuvres; and the question of co-ordinated goals and that of the escape clause;
- (3) held a detailed discussion on this subject and subsequently concluded that delegations' views on several of the above questions had been reconciled to some extent;
- (4) also noted the preference of several delegations for a shorter and less detailed draft resolution;
- (5) analyzed paragraph by paragraph the new text of Option 2 put forward by the United States Representative and noted that he would inform his Authorities of the amendments suggested during the discussion;
- (6) agreed to return to this question at its meeting on Tuesday, 25th October.

(c) Austrian intentions regarding prior notification of CPXs

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Representative on this subject.

III. CONSULTATIONS ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS

(a) East-West visits

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a report by the Canadian Delegation on the visit to Ottawa from 4th to 6th October, 1977 by the Foreign Minister of the Chinese People's Republic, Mr. Huang-Hua;
- (2) took note of a report by the United Kingdom Delegation concerning the talks held on 21st September in London between Lord Goronwy-Roberts and Mr. Tsvetkov, the Bulgarian Deputy Foreign Minister, in particular on the subject of relations between Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

(b) Soviet Union: appointment of the first Vice-Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet

The COMMITTEE:

took note of a Canadian analysis of the implications of the "election" of Mr. V.V. Kuznetsov to this post on 5th October.

(c) United Nations: new Soviet proposal on détente and prevention of nuclear war

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of the circulation of papers on this subject by the United Kingdom and Canadian Delegations and also of the oral comments by the French and Turkish Representatives;
- (2) agreed to place this question on the Agenda for the additional meeting to be held by the Committee on Friday, 21st October in order to deal with the other outstanding issues that had been held over owing to lack of time.

(d) China: scientific promotion campaign

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a report by the German Delegation on this new propaganda campaign in China.

IV. CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of the circulation by the Canadian Delegation of the text of the opening speech by the Head of the Canadian Delegation to the Belgrade main meeting;
- (2) took note of a report by the United States Delegation on the observance of human rights in Czechoslovakia.

V. NEXT MEETINGS

Friday, 21st October, 1977 at 10.30 a.m.
Tuesday, 25th October, 1977 at 10.30 a.m.

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