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ACTION SHEET  
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1977 at 3.30 p.m.

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I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the French Representative that at one of its recent meetings the Military Committee had been briefed on the visit to the Soviet Union by Mr. Yvon Bourges, the French Defence Minister;
- (2) received a report from the German Representative on the visit by Mr. Genscher, the German Foreign Minister, to Bulgaria on 20th and 21st October, in return for Mr. Mladenov's visit to the Federal Republic on 4th and 5th March, 1975.

II. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE

The COMMITTEE:

took note of contributions by the United States Representative on:

- (1) the present position of "Charter 77" in Czechoslovakia;
- (2) the growing concern of the leadership in Yugoslavia at the growth of the various nationalist movements;
- (3) the intensification of relations between Romania and Communist China.

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III. THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN COMMUNIST CHINA

The COMMITTEE:

took note of a paper by the Canadian Representative on this subject.

IV. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION

(a) Preparations for the Ministerial Meeting (December 1977)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of a statement by the French Representative explaining why a general document collectively reviewing the situation in Belgrade would be inconvenient for his Authorities, which, however, would be in favour of the submission at the Ministerial Meeting of a report limited to CBMs;
- (2) also noted the United Kingdom's view that it would be useful to draw Ministers' attention, in a brief report on the Belgrade meetings, to the points warranting their attention;
- (3) noted that the United States Representative supported the United Kingdom viewpoint and in particular felt that there should be an assessment of longer term trends, in the light of the statements and proposals made in Belgrade by the Soviet Union and its allies;
- (4) also noted the views of the German and Netherlands Representatives, which were in line with those expressed by their United Kingdom colleague, although the Netherlands put the emphasis on the advantages of also preparing the usual half-yearly report on the CSCE implementation review;
- (5) heard a compromise proposal by the Acting Chairman that the Political Committee's contribution be limited to the preparation of a brief general report on the development of the Belgrade meetings;
- (6) was informed by the Acting Chairman that a preliminary draft report on the CSCE implementation review could be submitted by 14th November and that delegations' contributions to an analysis of the major trends of the Belgrade meetings were also expected for that date;

- (7) received from the Belgian Representative confirmation of the promise of a contribution by about 15th November;
- (8) agreed to keep this item on its Agenda and to continue the discussion in the light of the papers received in the meantime by the International Staff.

V. CSCE: CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

(a) Draft resolution by the Allied countries on the notification of movements

The COMMITTEE:

noted the United States Representative's view that the agreement reached by the Allied delegations on the notification of movements was based on an amended version of the second option contained in the United States paper (option 1 being maintained as a "fall-back position").

(b) Proposals by the USSR, non-aligned countries and Romania at Belgrade

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to discuss at the next meeting, in the light of the comments by the IMS, the possible repercussions of these proposals on the security of the Alliance.

VI. CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICTS

The COMMITTEE:

agreed on the usefulness and urgency of discussing at the next meeting the possible repercussions on Articles 33 to 53 of the first additional protocol to the Geneva Convention, on the basis of memorandum MCM-76-77 of 31st October, 1977 and a letter by the United States Delegation dated 28th October.

VII. CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLSHEVIK  
REVOLUTION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the views and comments by the United States and United Kingdom Representatives regarding the attitude to be adopted towards the events and receptions organized to celebrate this anniversary;
- (2) agreed to continue its exchange of information on this subject at its forthcoming meetings.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 8th November, 1977, at 10.30 a.m.

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