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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Tuesday, 11th January, 1977 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

(a) Soviet-Danish talks in Copenhagen

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Danish Representative of the gist of recent talks between an official from the Danish Prime Minister's Office and a member of the Russian Embassy in Copenhagen;
- (2) noted that the purpose of these talks was to brief the Danish Authorities on the Soviet position on such issues as the stepping-up of military programmes and the increase in defence expenditure in certain Western countries; the Warsaw Pact proposal on the non-first use of nuclear weapons; the possible consequences of Spain's accession to NATO; the aims to be pursued at the Belgrade meetings.

(b) Soviet-Turkish talks in Ankara (5th January, 1977)

Reference: POLADS(77)1 of 6th January, 1977

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Turkish Representative that among the subjects raised by the Russian Ambassador during an interview with the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs was the Warsaw Pact proposal on the non-first use of nuclear weapons and the importance attached by the Soviets to this proposal being accepted by the West.

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- (c) Visit to Yugoslavia by the Portuguese Minister for Foreign Affairs (10th, 11th and 12th January, 1977)

The COMMITTEE:

noted that a report on this visit would be made by the Portuguese Representative as soon as possible.

- (d) Visit to the Soviet Union and Bulgaria by the Portuguese Secretary of State for Foreign Trade

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Portuguese Representative of the visit paid early in January by the Portuguese Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Moscow and subsequently to Sofia to coincide with meetings of the Joint Economic Commissions.

- (e) Visit to the Soviet Union by Mr. Forlani, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs

The COMMITTEE:

noted that a report on the current visit of Mr. Forlani to the Soviet Union would shortly be submitted to it by the Italian Representative.

II. CONFERENCE OF OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS IN THE PARTIES OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES (SOFIA, DECEMBER 1976)

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Italian Representative would shortly be circulating a contribution on this subject.

III. YUGOSLAVIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Turkish Representative of the gist of talks between the Turkish Ambassador in Belgrade and the Yugoslav Authorities on 5th January when the latter made known their views on the following questions: Warsaw Pact proposals on the non-first use of nuclear weapons and a freeze in the membership of military alliances, the evaluation of the results of Mr. Brezhnev's visit to Yugoslavia, the main objectives to be achieved at the 1977 Belgrade meetings;

- (2) noted that, according to information reported by the Italian Representative, Yugoslav Embassy officials in Rome had apparently expressed themselves in similar terms on the subject of the Pact proposals, special importance being attached by the Yugoslavs to the question of a freeze in the membership of alliances;
- (3) noted comments from, respectively, the United Kingdom, the United States and German Representatives during a general exchange of views on this question.

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ALBANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA

The COMMITTEE:

received from the Italian Representative information on the gist of talks between the Italian Ambassador in Belgrade and his Albanian opposite number on the present state of Albanian-Yugoslav relations; noted, in particular, criticism voiced by the Albanian Representative on the self-management system in Yugoslavia and the Albanian views on the autonomous region of Kossovo.

V. SITUATION IN CHINA

The COMMITTEE:

noted the circulation by the German Representative of a contribution taking stock of the internal situation in China at the end of 1976.

VI. MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

(a) Egypt-Syria

The COMMITTEE:

noted an Italian contribution on the present state of relations between these two countries.

(b) Official visit by Mr. Khedafi to Moscow (December 1976)

The COMMITTEE:

noted a German contribution analysing the visit itself and the results achieved.

VII. SOUTHERN AFRICA

The COMMITTEE:

noted information communicated by the Portuguese Representative on the supply of Soviet arms to Mozambique and Angola and the civil war situation prevailing in the latter country.

VIII. EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE LAST WARSAW PACT MEETING (BUCHAREST, NOVEMBER 1976)

The COMMITTEE:

received from the United States Representative information (originating from a diplomatic source in Moscow) suggesting that the Pact proposal on the non-first use of nuclear weapons might be included in the MBFR negotiations.

IX. PROTOCOL TREATMENT OF SECRETARIES GENERAL OF COMMUNIST PARTIES WITHOUT THE RANK OF HEAD OF STATE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted information communicated successively by the French, German, Canadian and Greek Representatives on the practice followed in their respective capitals for official visits by the above-mentioned personages and, further, the practice followed by their Embassies in Warsaw Pact countries during visits by these personages;
- (2) noted that this information would be included in the survey of the subject to be prepared by the International Staff at the request of several of its members.

X. EXCHANGES OF VIEW ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

- (a) Draft Agenda and suggestions for the reinforced meeting on 7th February (POLADS (77)3)

The COMMITTEE:

noted the circulation during the meeting for examination at the next meeting of a preliminary draft Agenda and a draft note containing suggestions from the Acting Chairman on the items to be dealt with during this meeting.

(b) Exchange of information

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the United Kingdom Representative of the nature of the proposals submitted last December to several Warsaw Pact countries by the United Kingdom Authorities in connection with the implementation of the Final Act;
- (2) was informed by the Portuguese Representative of Hungarian proposals made within the context of the CSCE and aimed at improving bilateral relations between the two countries;
- (3) was informed by the Canadian Representative of Finland's views on the examination at the Belgrade meetings of the implementation of the Final Act; further, noted that a meeting of four neutral countries (Finland, Austria, Switzerland and Sweden) and non-aligned countries (Cyprus, Malta and Yugoslavia) would take place in Belgrade at the end of January, 1977 and that the next meeting of the four neutral states might be held in Berne in March 1977;
- (4) undertook a brief exchange of views on the reasons behind approaches made by the Czechoslovak Authorities to several Allied countries with a view to settling cases of separated families.

XI. CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES PROPOSED AT THE CSCE:
NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES AND EXCHANGES OF OBSERVERS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted the circulation of the third edition of the memorandum POLADS(76)37 on the programme of Allied manoeuvres;
- (2) noted that a Norwegian expert would be present at the meeting on 21st January at which it planned to discuss confidence-building measures.

XII. THEME OF THE NEXT APAG MEETING

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) continued its discussion on the theme to be chosen for the next APAG meeting on the basis of the Chairman's proposal at the meeting on 5th January;

- (2) noted that delegations were still divided in their views on this subject and heard several compromise suggestions for reconciling these various points of view;
- (3) finally agreed to a proposal from the United Kingdom Representative to take up the theme of the previous meeting and to resume their discussion of it, since there had not been time at that meeting to examine certain particularly interesting aspects of the subject and invited delegations to put this proposal to their respective capitals;
- (4) agreed to continue and, if possible, complete the discussion at the next meeting.

XIII. VISIT OF THE COMMITTEE TO SHAPE

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Chairman of the gist of the correspondence between General A. Haig and himself following the Committee's visit to SHAPE on 21st December last.

XIV. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to examine at its next meeting the possibility of holding the above-mentioned meeting from 29th March to 1st April, 1977.

XV. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 18th January, 1977 at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.