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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,
on Monday, 5th March, 1979 at 11 a.m.

I. SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Danish Delegation providing information on the activities of the Soviet Committee for European Security, Moscow.

II. BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the German Representative that according to the GDR Ambassador in Bucharest, the GDR would participate in the joint manoeuvres due to be held in Bulgaria;
- (2) was informed by the Turkish Representative that the Turkish Consul-General in Burgaz had observed considerable activity at the airport during the week preceding 1st March.

III. MALTA

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the United States Representative that as of 1st March, his Authorities had neither received information concerning the celebrations of the removal of the British bases from Malta on 31st March, nor been invited to attend; any United States participation would depend on the nature of the planned celebrations and would be provided by the US Embassy in Valletta.

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IV. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE MATTERS INCLUDING CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

(a) Programme of 1979 Allied manoeuvres

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Turkish Representative that if his Authorities decided to notify exercise DISPLAY DETERMINATION 79, this notification would be given 30 and not 21 days in advance;

(b) Meeting with experts on preparations for the Madrid meeting

The COMMITTEE:

agreed that if no objections were raised by close of business on Friday, 9th March, this meeting would be held on Wednesday, 25th April.

V. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

(a) Disarmament resolutions adopted by the 1978 UNGA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) requested the IMS to provide staff level views on the UN resolutions on the following subjects:
 - (i) the Swedish proposal for a UN Study on Nuclear Weapons;
 - (ii) new weapons of mass destruction;
 - (iii) negative security assurances;
 - (iv) chemical weapons;
- (2) agreed to await the IMS comments before deciding which topics should be studied in the Committee;
- (3) noted the reactions of the United States Authorities to the assessment of the disarmament debate in the UN First Committee provided by the Netherlands Representative at the meeting on 6th February;

(b) Swedish proposal for UN Study on Nuclear Weapons

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Representative providing his Authorities' views on participation in the UN Study;

(c) Romanian proposals on disarmament

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the United States Authorities had received the Romanian Appeal but did not intend to respond to it formally;
- (2) was informed by the Canadian Representative of details which President Ceaucescu had provided during a press interview of the Romanian proposal for the establishment of a demilitarized zone in central Europe;

(d) Incendiary weapons

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Representative providing his Authorities' views on the revised Netherlands proposal on incendiary weapons;

(e) Agenda for semi-annual meeting with disarmament experts

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before it the draft list of discussion points in ISD/214;
- (2) requested the International Secretariat to circulate a revised list incorporating the amendments and additions proposed in discussion;
- (3) agreed that if no objections were raised by close of business on Friday, 16th March, this list would be taken as agreed.

VI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 6th March, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

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