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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,
on Tuesday, 2nd October, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Norwegian Delegation
on the exchange of military visits between Norway
and the Soviet Union.

II. SOVIET UNION

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the United Kingdom
Delegation commenting on recent speeches by Soviet
leaders;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Canadian Delegation
on Brezhnev's issuing of Soviet awards.

III. LEGAL STATUS OF THE BALTIC REPUBLICS - OLYMPIC GAMES 1980

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Canadian Authorities were inclined
to favour the course of action outlined in
paragraph 6(a) of the German Delegation's paper of
23rd August;
- (2) was informed by the Danish and Netherlands
Representatives of the policy pursued by their
Authorities as regards recognition of the
annexation of the Baltic States;

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- (3) at the suggestion of the French Representative, requested the International Secretariat to draw up a table indicating the arrangements which each of the Allies intended to make with regard to official visits and contacts during the Olympic sailing regattas in Tallinn.

IV. 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GDR

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Canadian Authorities would welcome information on the intentions of their Allies as regards the sending of messages from Heads of State and the participation of Ambassadors at ceremonies organized in the GDR;
- (2) was informed that:
- (i) the Netherlands Authorities would strictly adhere to the line followed by the Allies having special responsibility for Berlin;
 - (ii) President Carter would send a brief message to Chairman Honecker; the United States would be represented at official functions in the GDR Embassy in Washington at Under-Secretary level; and the United States Ambassador in East Berlin would attend certain ceremonies but not the military parade;
 - (iii) the German Authorities would not send any message; their Permanent Representative in East Berlin would probably attend the cultural and political events but not the military parade.

V. MILITARY MANOEUVRES IN BULGARIA AND HUNGARY

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Greek Representative that (a) according to a reliable Bulgarian source, large-scale military manoeuvres had taken place in Bulgaria with the participation of Soviet troops and (b) military manoeuvres were to be held in Hungary with the participation of Soviet and Bulgarian forces.

VI. ROMANIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Greek Representative reporting rumours of a large-scale purge within the Romanian Communist Party.

VII. STUDY ON THE SITUATION IN POLAND

The COMMITTEE:

noted a statement by the French Representative regretting that 13 Allied Embassies in Warsaw had prepared a revision of ISD/225 instead of contributing comments, and expressing the hope that in future such contributions would be channelled through capitals.

VIII. NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING IN HAVANA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted contributions by the Canadian Delegation providing a preliminary assessment of the summit meeting and of its results as seen from a Soviet perspective;
- (2) noted contributions by the German and United Kingdom Delegations providing evaluations of the summit meeting;
- (3) was informed by the Italian Representative of an approach which the Yugoslavs had made to his Authorities seeking to ascertain the reactions of members of the Alliance to the summit meeting and the actions envisaged by the Allies in view of the danger created by the Cuban presidency of the non-aligned movement.

IX. AFGANISTAN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting representations which his Authorities had made to the Soviet and Afghan Embassies in Rome drawing attention to the negative effects of the intervention by foreign military forces in Afghanistan for the stability of the region;

- (2) noted contributions by the German and Canadian Representatives providing assessments of the situation in Afghanistan.

X. INDO-CHINA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting a conversation between his Under-Secretary of State and the Vietnamese Ambassador in Rome on 29th September on the situation in Cambodia and Vietnam and on the build-up of Chinese troops on the Sino-Vietnamese border;
- (2) requested the Military Committee Representative to provide information at the next meeting on this Chinese military build-up.

XI. JAPANESE QUERIES CONCERNING USE OF NETHERLANDS PORTS BY SOVIET RESEARCH VESSELS

Reference: AC/119-R(79)87, Item XIV
AC/119-R(79)90, Item XI

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the French Representative that his Authorities had not received any démarches from the Japanese but that if they did so, they would reply along the lines indicated in the note circulated by the French Permanent Representative in May 1978.

XII. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RELATIONS WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the French Representative;
- (2) had circulated to it by the Danish Representative information concerning certain aspects of the organization of the Warsaw Pact as provided by the Hungarian Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in May;
- (3) noted suggestions by the Danish, Netherlands and United States Representatives for the inclusion of specific topics in the Committee's study on relations within the Warsaw Pact;

- (4) noted that the International Secretariat would begin to prepare the first draft of the study.

XIII. WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS ON "MILITARY DETENTE"

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Canadian and United States Authorities supported the view of the United Kingdom Authorities that if any of the Allies responded bilaterally to the Hungarian aide memoire before the December Ministerial meeting, they should do so orally;
- (2) noted that the Turkish Authorities would respond bilaterally but had not yet decided whether to do so orally or in writing;
- (3) noted that the Danish and Portuguese Authorities would probably make their bilateral replies orally;
- (4) agreed to hold an open-ended meeting on Monday, 8th October at 11 a.m. in order to review all the amendments to ISD/231 proposed to date and to agree a final draft for approval by the full Committee.

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

(a) Preparations for the Madrid Meeting

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Canadian Representative reporting on the meeting of the neutral countries in Berne on 24th September and indicating that his Authorities would welcome information as to how the Allies would react to the idea promoted by Switzerland of holding a preparatory meeting on security aspects of all 35 CSCE participants in Spring 1980;
- (2) noted a contribution by the French Representative commenting on the results of the meeting of the neutral countries as reported to his Authorities by the Swiss;

(b) CBMs

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had circulated to it by the International Secretariat a table of CBM proposals to serve

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as a starting point for the work of the Open-Ended Working Group on CBMs which would hold its first meeting on Friday 5th October at 10 a.m.;

- (2) heard comments by the French Representative on the suggestion made by the Netherlands Representative at the last meeting as to how the Working Group might best carry out its work;
- (3) was informed by the German Representative that the Soviet Union had sent observers to Exercises HARTE FAUST and CONSTANT ENFORCER;

(c) United States-Soviet consultations on CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Delegation on this subject;

(d) Possible Preparatory Meeting on the Mediterranean

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United States Authorities would welcome information on reported Maltese intentions to press for a Preparatory Meeting on the Mediterranean in 1980; the United States would be opposed to the holding of such a meeting;

(e) French Proposal for a CDE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the French Representative that his Authorities had recently explained the general concept of their proposal to the Swiss, Finns and Austrians and intended to continue such consultations;
- (2) noted a suggestion by the French Representative that the Committee hold a further meeting with experts on Thursday 29th November to enable delegations to present their reactions to the proposals put forward by the French Experts at the meeting on 12th September;
- (3) agreed to consider at the next meeting whether this meeting might be held in conjunction with a further meeting with CSCE Experts on preparations for the Madrid meeting.

XV. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Delegation providing comments on the Danish/Norwegian draft working paper on the NPT Review Conference Final Declaration.

XVI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th October 1979, at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.