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DECISION SHEET
AC/127-R/403

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Meeting held at NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels
on Thursday, 26th July, 1973 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

DECISION SHEET

I. PREPARATION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CSCE

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted, following an oral report by the Danish Representative on the meeting of the EEC Ad Hoc Group held in Copenhagen on 17th and 18th July, 1973, that the EEC had divided out between the different countries the preparation of documents which would be ready at the outset, could be submitted, eventually, by one or other of the Western countries and handled by one of the five sub-committees of the Economic Committee of the EEC; also noted that it would receive drafts of these documents as soon as possible to permit close co-ordination between the work done by the EEC and the work undertaken within the framework of NATO;
- (2) invited the Economic Directorate to establish a comparison between the NATO country proposals and the proposals put forward by the Warsaw Pact with respect to issues to be discussed in the fields of science, technology and the environment and to draw its attention to any points which emerged as a result of this comparison;
- (3) noted that at the request of several delegations, the United States would consider the possibility of drafting a document on the work to be done at sub-committee level in the field of science and technology;
- (4) noted the importance attached by the United Kingdom to the fact that all documents relating to the organization of the Economic Committee of the CSCE should comply with the principles governing the general organization of the Conference as approved by the SPC, on the basis

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of a United Kingdom proposal currently being considered by that Committee;

- (5) with this in mind, adopted an amendment to paragraph 6(a) of document AC/127-WP/362 and agreed to the deletion of the Annex;
- (6) reminded capitals that they had been invited to provide the Economic Directorate with all the information at their disposal on the drawbacks and obstacles encountered by Western firms in their business dealings with the East.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) agreed that there should be a joint two-day meeting with experts in the week of 8th to 12th October, 1973, the exact date to be decided later, with a view to examining recent economic developments in Bulgaria and Hungary;
- (2) agreed tentatively to a meeting, to be held at the end of November to examine the economic situation in Communist China;
- (3) noted that towards the end of the year Italy would be sending the Economic Directorate a paper on the economy of Albania;
- (4) noted that the Chairman had been approached by the Information Directorate with a view to the organization early in 1974 of another symposium on a subject yet to be decided but which could, for example, be: "Soviet energy resources".

III. TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS TO THE COUNCIL

Reference: AC/127-WP/355 and Corrigendum

The COMMITTEE:

approved the transmission to the Council for its information of the document at reference, dealing with recent developments in the economy of Eastern Germany.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to hold a meeting on 6th September, 1973 with a view to the preparation of the CSCE, should this prove necessary, and confirmed the meetings scheduled for 10th and 11th September.

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