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DECISION SHEET  
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ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Meeting held at NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,  
on Thursday, 2nd December, 1976 at 10.15 a.m.

DECISION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the United States Representative that his country and the Soviet Union had, on 26th November, 1976, signed a new agreement on Soviet fishing off the American coast; he described the arrangements that would govern Soviet fishing fleet activities within the United States protected area, which would come into being on 1st March, 1977.

II. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION (BASKET II)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) at the request of the Norwegian Representative, held a broad exchange of views on his country's proposal for an international conference on air pollution control;
- (2) noted the details supplied by the Norwegian Representative, who recalled that the proposals put forward by his Authorities were a normal follow-up to Norway's initiative during the preparation of the Final Act and could not be compared with the Finnish initiative, which was a response to Mr. Brezhnev's proposals;
- (3) heard statements by the Belgian, German, Canadian and United Kingdom Representatives emphasizing that while their Authorities have not yet been able to take position on the Norwegian proposal, they should welcome complementary information on it.

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If such a conference would take place, it would have to be very carefully prepared, have a clearly defined objective and be held under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva;

- (4) noted the information supplied, also in response to a request by the Norwegian Representative, by the United Kingdom, Belgian, United States and German Representatives regarding the activities of Soviet-controlled trading companies established in their countries;
- (5) agreed that the meeting of experts given over to the preparation of the Belgrade meetings and particularly to an analysis of the Brezhnev proposals could be held on 14th March, 1977, but put off a final decision until its next meeting.

III. RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN BULGARIA

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The COMMITTEE:

agreed to postpone consideration of this report until a later meeting after the French version had been circulated.

IV. PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1977

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to postpone until early July 1977 the meetings on defence expenditure of the Soviet Union and on the methods of calculating Soviet national product, and to hold them consecutively.

V. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The COMMITTEE:

took note of contributions circulated by the United Kingdom Representative on:

- (1) Communist countries' activities in developing countries during October 1976;
- (2) the controversy between the Soviet Union and India over the establishment of a rouble-rupee exchange rate;

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(3) the fishing industry in the Soviet Union.

VI. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 16th December, 1976 at 10.15 a.m.

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1110 Brussels.

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