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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Political Committee
From: Acting Chairman

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

Preparation of the Ninth Report by the Political Committee

At its meeting on 1st October, 1975 the Council agreed that reports on those aspects of the implementation of the Final Act of the CSCE which have a particular importance for members of the Alliance could be prepared by the Political Committee. At the Meeting at the level of Foreign Ministers in May 1979 Ministers indicated their expectation that the Permanent Council will continue to review implementation through the semi-annual reports prepared on this subject.

2. In order to start preparations for the ninth such report, I attach a questionnaire on Eastern implementation during the period 1st May, 1979 - 15th October, 1979, dealing with the Declaration on Principles guiding relations between states, the chapter on Co-operation in the field of Economics, of Science and Technology and of the Environment, and the chapter on Co-operation in the Humanitarian and other fields.

3. This questionnaire is intended to identify trends and their possible backgrounds, supported by information on facts which can be compared.

4. In keeping with the normal practice, it is for each Government to decide whether and how to reply. But I do hope that as many nations as possible will respond, as fully as they can. Even if some Governments find it difficult to provide answers to some of the questions I hope they will respond to those for which they do have information.

5. Replies to this questionnaire would be appreciated by 1st November, 1979, in order to enable us to complete the report in time for the December Meeting of the Council in Ministerial Session.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE

Questionnaire on the Implementation of the Principles
guiding relations between Participating States, the Chapter
on Co-operation in the Field of Economics, of Science and
Technology and of the Environment and the Chapter on
Co-operation in Humanitarian and other Fields

Period 1st May, 1979-15th October, 1979

- A. General Assessment of the implementation of the CSCE Final Act in the period 1st May, 1979-15th October, 1979 by Bulgaria(1); General trends that can be identified, background and possible explanation.
- B. Assessment Chapter by Chapter.

- I. Declaration of Principles guiding relations between Participating States.

Positive or negative developments in the Bulgarian policy versus the 10 principles:

- (i) Sovereign equality, respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty.
- (ii) Refraining from the threat or use of force.
- (iii) Inviolability of frontiers.
- (iv) Territorial integrity of states.
- (v) Peaceful settlement of disputes.
- (vi) Non-intervention in internal affairs.
- (vii) Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms including the freedoms of thought, conscience, religion and belief.
- (viii) Equal rights and self-determination of peoples.
- (ix) Co-operation among states.
- (x) Fulfilment in good faith of obligations under international law.

Background and possible explanation.

(1) References in this questionnaire to Bulgaria and Belgium are illustrative. The same questionnaire applies to implementation between any Warsaw Pact country and any member of the Alliance.

II. CHAPTER ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMICS, OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1. General assessment and identifiable trends, background and possible explanation.
2. Business working conditions in Bulgaria:
 - (a) Access to business contacts and commercial officials.
 - (b) Business offices: number established in reporting period, changes in policies toward establishing offices.
 - (c) Availability of hotel accommodation for visiting businessmen and of housing accommodation for resident businessmen.
 - (d) Business travel and visa restrictions.
 - (e) Other observations.
3. Availability of economic and commercial information: type, coverage, and utility of information available.
4. Policies concerning economic/commercial co-operation arrangements: types of arrangements possible; flexibility towards different possible types of arrangements; new legislation affecting economic/commercial co-operation.
5. Other observations on implementation of this chapter.

III. CHAPTER ON CO-OPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS

1. Human Contacts

(a) General assessment, identifiable trends; background and possible explanation.

(b) Family Meetings

(i) Has there been an improvement in the Bulgarian performance in this field in the reporting period; background and possible explanation?

(ii) Supporting data:

- Number of Bulgarian(1) persons applying for Belgian(1) entry visas to visit their families.
- Average length of time elapsing between request and granting by Bulgaria of
 - (a) exit
 - (b) entry visafor family visits.
- Estimated number of
 - (a) exit
 - (b) entry visasfor family visits requested, that have been refused by Bulgaria or for which there is an extreme delay of time (if possible with indication of the reason why).

(c) Reunification of families

(i) Has there been an improvement in the Bulgarian performance in this field in the reporting period; background and possible explanation?

(ii) Supporting data:

- Number of Bulgarian persons applying for Belgian immigration visas for family reunification.
- Average length of time elapsing between request for and granting of emigration visa by Bulgaria.
- Estimated number of emigration visas for family reunification requested, that have been refused by Bulgaria or for which there is an excessive delay of time (if possible with indication of the reason why).

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- Cost of emigration documentation in Bulgaria.
- Estimated number of cases in which the presentation of an application has negatively affected the rights and obligations of the applicant or members of his family, if possible with an indication in what way, in general terms (by losing jobs etc.).

(d) Binational Marriages

- (i) Has there been an improvement in Bulgarian performance in this field in the reporting period; background and possible explanation?
- (ii) Supporting data:
 - Estimated number of applications for Bulgarian/Belgian marriages requiring Bulgarian action.
 - Number of Bulgarian
 - (a) exit
 - (b) entry visasissued for Bulgarian/Belgian marriages.
 - Estimated number of
 - (a) applications for marriages
 - (b) exit/entry permitsdelayed for more than six months by the Bulgarian Authorities.

(e) Travel

- (i) Has there been any improvement in this field in the reporting period; background and possible explanation?
- (ii) Supporting data:
 - Number of applications for
 - (a) visas for professional reasons
 - (b) tourist visasfor travel from Bulgaria to Belgium.
 - Number of
 - (a) visas for professional reasons
 - (b) tourist visasgranted to Belgian citizens by Bulgaria.
 - Average length of time for issue of Bulgarian visas.
 - Cost of Bulgarian visas.

- Average length of time for completing all Bulgarian exit formalities.
- Estimated total cost of Bulgarian exit formalities.
- Currency charge and other requirements for Belgian citizens visiting Bulgaria.
- Currency charge and other requirements for Bulgarian citizens in order to get exit visas.
- Regulations concerning movements of Belgian citizens in Bulgaria.

2. Information

- (a) General assessment and identifiable trends, background and possible explanation.
- (b) Circulation and accessibility of information
 - (i) Has there been an improvement in this field in the reporting period; background and explanation?
 - (ii) Supporting data:
 - Estimated number of Belgian newspapers and magazines in circulation in Bulgaria:
 - (a) number of titles
 - (b) number of copies
 - (c) percentage accounted for by Belgian Communist publications.
 - Are these publications available:
 - (a) on news stands (estimated number);
 - (b) other selling points (estimated number);
 - (c) by subscription (estimated number);
 - (d) in libraries and reading rooms.
 - Estimated number of Bulgarian newspapers and magazines in Belgium:
 - (a) number of titles
 - (b) number of copies
 - Number of broadcasts of Belgian programmes on Bulgarian television.
 - Number of broadcasts of Bulgarian programmes on Belgian television.
- (c) Working conditions for Journalists
 - (i) General assessment and identifiable trends, background and possible explanation.

(ii) Supporting data:

- Number of visas granted to Belgian journalists by Bulgaria:
 - (a) for permanent accreditation;
 - (b) for shorter visits.
- Estimated number of visas:
 - (a) refused;
 - (b) delayed for more than six months.
- Number of Belgian journalists permanently accredited to Bulgaria.
- Number of Bulgarian journalists permanently accredited to Belgian.
- Has there been an improvement in Bulgarian performance in the reporting period on:
 - access to Bulgarian sources
 - freedom of movement
 - freedom to import technical assistance
 - freedom to communicate as necessary with parent organizations by any means.

3. Co-operation and Exchanges in the field of Culture

(a) General assessment and identifiable trends, background and possible explanation.

(b) Supporting data:

- Estimated number of Belgian book titles (fiction and non-fiction) available in Bulgaria:
 - (a) in original
 - (b) in translation
- Estimated number of Bulgarian book titles (fiction and non-fiction) available in Belgium.
- Estimated number of Belgian films shown in Bulgaria.
- Estimated number of Bulgarian films shown in Belgium.
- Number of selling points of Belgian books in Bulgaria.
- Number of artistic performances (theatre, ballet, orchestra etc.) in Bulgaria by Belgian groups.
- Number of artistic performances (theatre, ballet, orchestra etc.) in Belgium by Bulgarian groups.

4. Co-operation and Exchanges in the field of education

(a) General assessment and identifiable trends, background and possible explanation.

(b) Supporting data:

(i) Exchanges

- Number of Belgian scholars visiting Bulgaria for the purpose of study, teaching or research.
- Number of applications for visits of Belgian scholars to Bulgaria for the purpose of study, teaching or research refused by Bulgaria. (If possible indicate the reasons why).
- Number of Bulgarian scholars visiting Belgium for the purpose of study, teaching or research.
- Number of applications for visits of Bulgarian scholars to Belgium for the purpose of study, teaching or research refused:
 - (a) by Bulgaria
 - (b) by Belgium(If possible indicate the reasons why).

(ii) Access

Has there been an improvement in the Bulgarian performance in the reporting period on:

- The exchange of information of facilities for study and courses open to Belgian participants and the conditions under which they will be admitted and received.
- Facilitating travel between Bulgaria and Belgium by scholars, teachers and students for the purpose of study, teaching or research.
- Providing scholars, teachers and students in good time with more detailed information about their placing in universities and institutes and the programmes envisaged for them.
- The accessibility for Belgian scholars of Bulgarian scholarly scientific and open archival materials.
- Facilitating travel of Belgian scholars during their stay in Bulgaria for the purpose of study or research as well as in the form of vacation tours.