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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Political Committee
From: Acting Chairman
Subject: Implementation of the CSCE Final Act

As agreed at the meeting of the Political Committee on 23rd March, I enclose a draft questionnaire on Western implementation on the Human Contacts and Information provisions in Basket III of the Final Act, for consideration at the Political Committee's meeting on 8th April.

2. This draft questionnaire complements the draft questionnaire on Eastern implementation in POLADS(76)10 as revised by POLADS(76)12.

3. The attached questions on Human Contacts are fewer than those in the questionnaire in POLADS(76)10 and POLADS(76)12 for the following reasons: in many respects Western governments are already known to implement these provisions; and the questionnaire in POLADS(76)10 and POLADS(76)12 already contains a few key questions relevant to Western implementation, i.e. A(ii), B(ii), D and E(ii), (iv), (vii). The attached questions on Information, on the other hand, are almost identical to those on Eastern implementation in POLADS(76)10 and POLADS(76)12.

4. If the Political Committee decides in favour of such a questionnaire, it may be desirable to amalgamate it with the questionnaire in POLADS(76)10 and POLADS(76)12.

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(DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE)

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT

Comparative statistics on Basket III for 1974 and 1975:
Western Implementation

I. HUMAN CONTACTS

A. Family Meetings (see also A(i) and (ii) of POLADS(76)10)

(i) degree of difficulty and delay placed by Belgium(1) on applications by Bulgarians for entry visas to visit families: (1) great difficulty; (2) considerable difficulty; (3) moderate difficulty; (4) little difficulty; (5) no difficulty.

B. Reunification of Families (see also B(i) and (ii) of POLADS(76)10)

(i) degree of difficulty and delay placed by Belgium on Bulgarian applicants for visas for reunification with their families: (1) great difficulty; (2) considerable difficulty; (3) moderate difficulty; (4) little difficulty; (5) no difficulty.

(ii) cost of (a) emigration and (b) immigration documentation.

C. Bi-National Marriages

(i) estimated number of exit/entry permits for Belgo-Bulgarian bi-national marriages delayed for more than six months by Belgium.

D. Travel, and E. Tourism (see also D and E(i), (ii), (iv), (vii) of POLADS(76)10 and 12)

(i) average length of time for completing all Belgian exit formalities.

(ii) has there been an improvement in Belgian performance in this field since the Helsinki Final Act: (1) much improvement; (2) moderate improvement; (3) little improvement; (4) no improvement; (5) worse.

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

II. INFORMATION

A. Printed Information

- (i) estimated number of Bulgarian newspapers and magazines in circulation in Belgium showing:
(a) number of titles (b) number of copies.
- (ii) degree of availability of these publications to the public (a) in the news-stands (b) in libraries and reading rooms (c) by subscription:
(1) wide; (2) moderate; (3) limited; (4) very restricted.
- (iii) has there been an improvement in this field since the Helsinki Final Act: (1) much improvement; (2) moderate improvement; (3) little improvement; (4) no improvement; (5) worse.

B. Filmed and Broadcast Information

- (i) estimated number of Bulgarian (a) entertainment (b) non-entertainment (documentaries, cultural films, language films) films shown in Belgium:
(1) commercially; (2) on television; (3) by special showings.
- (ii) number of broadcasts of Bulgarian programmes (except films) on Belgian television by (a) number of titles (b) number of showings.
- (iii) has there been an improvement in this field since the Helsinki Final Act: (1) much improvement; (2) moderate improvement; (3) little improvement; (4) no improvement; (5) worse.

C. Journalists

- (i) number of visas granted to Bulgarian journalists by Belgium (a) for permanent accreditation (b) for shorter visits.
- (ii) estimated number of such visas refused.
- (iii) estimated number of such visas delayed for more than six months.
- (iv) number of Bulgarian journalists permanently accredited to Belgium.

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- (v) degree of improvement since the Helsinki Final Act on (a) access to Belgian sources (b) freedom of movement (c) freedom to import technical equipment (d) freedom to import technical assistance (e.g. film crews) and (e) freedom to communicate as necessary with parent organizations by any means:
(1) much improvement; (2) moderate improvement;
(3) little improvement; (4) no improvement;
(5) worse.