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ACTION SHEET
AC/119-R(81)67

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,
on Wednesday, 22nd July, 1981 at 2.30 p.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it by the German Delegation a list of exchanges of high-level visits between the Federal Republic and the Soviet Union and GDR since 1979.

II. SOVIET NAVAL DAY CELEBRATIONS - 28TH JULY, 1981

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the Turkish Representative that his Naval Attache in Washington had received an invitation to attend these celebrations; his Authorities would decide how to reply following consultations with their Allies;
- (2) was informed by the French and German Representatives that their Naval Attaches in Washington had also received invitations and that their Authorities had decided that all such invitations should be declined;
- (3) noted that the United Kingdom would be represented by junior officials at the celebrations in London;
- (4) noted that other Allies had not received invitations and would probably decline any that were received.

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III. VISIT OF PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER TO MOSCOW

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Portuguese Representative providing a report from his Embassy in Moscow on the visit of Mr. Cunhal to Moscow.

IV. POLAND

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted contributions by the Canadian, Danish, French, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States Representatives providing preliminary assessments of the recent Polish Party Congress;
- (2) noted that the German Delegation had circulated its assessment at the meeting of the Council that morning;
- (3) noted a contribution by the Norwegian Representative commenting on Soviet media treatment of the Party Congress and providing information which his Embassy in Warsaw had received from a representative of the Polish news media on relations between Poland and the Soviet Union since Suslov's visit to Warsaw in the Spring.

V. ALBANIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Delegation.

VI. YUGOSLAVIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted contributions by the Canadian Delegation on the nationalities problem in Yugoslavia and by the United Kingdom Delegation on the implications for Yugoslavia of developments in Kosovo;
- (2) heard comments by the United States Representative on recent Soviet military visits to Yugoslavia.

VII. MALTA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) in reply to the questions posed by the United Kingdom Representative at the last meeting (1) was informed by the IMS Representative that:
 - (i) there was no special significance in the recent visits to Malta by a Soviet bunker tanker and 30 such visits had taken place during the past year, and
 - (ii) the Soviet vessel employed to bring petroleum products from Sardinia to Malta did have the capability to take oil out of the bunkers for refuelling of the Soviet fleet at sea, but no such refuelling had been observed;
- (2) was informed by the Italian and United States Representatives respectively that 30 Soviet ships had entered Maltese ports in June 1981 and 3 of them had unloaded petroleum, and that 71 Soviet ships had visited Malta between April and June 1981 compared with 33 over the same period in 1980;
- (3) received information from the Italian and Canadian Representatives on the visit to Malta by a Soviet Delegation headed by Vice Foreign Minister Ryzhov from 28th June to 2nd July, 1981.

VIII. MIDDLE EAST

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Delegation on the Soviet Union in the Arab world;
- (2) noted a contribution by the Netherlands Representative on the Gulf Co-ordinating Council;

IX. SURINAM

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Netherlands Delegation on the situation in Surinam.

(1) AC/119-R(81)66, Item X, (1)

X. WORLD PEACE COUNCIL

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United States Representative on current activities of the World Peace Council, on which he would welcome comments from other delegations.

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

(a) Romanian CSCE Initiative

References: AC/119-R(81)53, Item II
AC/119-R(81)54, Item II

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the Danish Representative that on 7th July, 1981, his Prime Minister had sent a short formal reply to President Ceausescu's letter.

(b) CBMs

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a suggested amendment put forward by the Netherlands Representative to the draft notification text for Exercise AMBER EXPRESS 81 circulated by the Danish Representative at the last meeting;
- (2) noted that the German Authorities intended to notify Exercises SCHARFE KLINGE, CERTAIN ENCOUNTER, RED CLAYMORE and CROSS FIRE and to invite all CSCE participants to send observers to all of these Exercises except CROSS FIRE.

XII. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

(a) Italian-GDR Bilateral Consultations

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Italian Delegation reporting on the Italian-GDR bilateral consultations held in Rome on 14th July, 1981.

(b) SSOD

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Italian Delegation providing Italian views on preparations for the second SSOD.

(c) Radiological Weapons

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted initial reactions by the French, United Kingdom and IMS Representatives to the letter which the Netherlands Representative had sent to the IMS on 16th July, 1981, requesting its advice on the military implications of the amendment proposed by Sweden to the draft Radiological Weapons Convention;
- (2) agreed to revert to this question at the next meeting.

(d) Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the United States Delegation;
- (2) agreed to revert to this subject at the next meeting.

(e) Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Norwegian Delegation on the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Convention and the Convention on Limitations on Specific Conventional Weapons.

(f) Meeting of IPU - Havana, September 1981

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Delegation explaining the amendments which the German Delegation at the IPU meeting would propose to the resolution on disarmament adopted at the last meeting in Manila.

XIII. QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO FUTURE MEETINGS

(a) Semi-Annual Meeting with Disarmament Experts
28th to 29th September, 1981

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had an exchange of views on the draft list of discussion topics circulated by the International Secretariat in ISD/284;
- (2) agreed that in requesting comments on the draft list, delegations should draw their Authorities' attention to the fact that Items III (36th UNGA) and IV (UN Second SSOD) would be considered the principle subjects of discussion.

(b) Meeting of Ad Hoc Group on the Mediterranean

The COMMITTEE:

agreed that the meeting would take place on 22nd October, 1981, with the possibility of extending it to 23rd October if necessary.

XIV. PRESS RELEASES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) approved the revised draft Press Release for Exercise AMBER EXPRESS 81 in POLADS(81)18(Revised), subject to deletions proposed by the Military Committee Representative in paragraphs 3 and 5;
- (2) noted that SHAPE would issue the Press Release after Denmark had issued its notification text for the Exercise.

XV. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 28th July, 1981 at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.