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**The Politburo of the CC¹ of the CPC² and the Government of the ČSSR³:
Regarding the Meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw
Treaty in Warsaw**

The Politburo of the CC of the CPC and the Government of the ČSSR discussed the results of the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty, held in Warsaw on May 14-15, 1980, at which all the member-states commemorated the historical importance of the Warsaw Treaty's 25th anniversary.

The Warsaw Treaty Organization has played a crucial role in the defense of socialism and in the struggle for the peace and security of nations ever since its establishment. It is actively engaged in today's most serious problems: elimination of the danger of war, the consolidation of peace and détente, and the development of equal cooperation among states.

The significance of the Warsaw Treaty, this fraternal union of socialist countries, is particularly great today, at a time when the aggressive actions and increased activity of the forces of imperialism and reaction, especially the United States, have resulted in a deterioration of the international situation. The reactionary forces, especially NATO, are trying to achieve military superiority by escalating the feverish arms race, are grossly interfering in the internal affairs of other countries and are suppressing the struggle of nations for freedom and social progress. They are trying to reverse all the positive outcomes that have come about during the past years as a result of the advancement of the policy of peaceful coexistence between states with different political and social systems.

The Politburo of the CC of the CPC and the Government of the ČSSR voice their full support for the declaration adopted at the meeting and note with satisfaction that the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee, drawing upon an in-depth analysis, has set tasks, which, once fulfilled, can make a decisive contribution to repelling the attacks against the forces of socialism, peace and progress and to strengthening security and international cooperation. Once again, the meeting has demonstrated that the Warsaw Treaty member-states are uncompromising fighters for peace, freedom, the independence of nations and the policy of détente. Bearing witness to this fact was a number of new,

¹ Transl. note: Central Committee.

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significant initiatives to stop the feverish arms race and to incrementally achieve disarmament; to eliminate crises and hotbeds of tension, and to ensure all-round security, especially on the continent of Europe. The Warsaw Treaty Organization has once again proved to be an effective factor for peace and stability in international relations.

The Politburo of the CC of the CPC and the Government of the ČSSR attach crucial importance to the fact that the declaration adopted at the meeting once again emphasizes the resolute will of the fraternal socialist countries to strengthen and further develop in every respect their close mutual cooperation and coordination in building and defending socialism and ensuring global peace. Both believe that the unified approach of the socialist countries represents a crucial factor in accomplishing all the great tasks for peace set out at the meeting.

On behalf of all the Czechoslovak people, the Politburo of the CC of the CPC and the Government of the ČSSR declare that they will strive resolutely for the preservation and consolidation of peace and for further victories for socialism and progress worldwide. They will act in the spirit of the documents adopted at the meeting and in close cooperation with the Soviet Union, the other socialist countries and the broadest possible array of peace-loving and progressive forces.

The Politburo of the CC of the CPC and the Government of the ČSSR approve the actions of the Czechoslovak delegation, voice their full consent for the documents adopted at the meeting, and are taking steps to implement them in every respect.

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