

## **East German Memorandum on the Meeting of the Drafting Group for the Preparation of the Concluding Documents**

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2. During the drafting work, the following problems arose:

- having to work out and agree upon extensive new passages over against the Romanian draft documents (Soviet and collective contributions);
  - averting confrontational moments between the Romanian and Hungarian delegations or achieving reconciliation through compromise;
  - regarding the political assessments of the international situation, reconciling the Romanian special positions with the sometimes overly positive assessments on the Hungarian, the Polish and on some points also the Soviet sides. Also, the CSSR representatives were increasingly prepared to follow the Hungarian-Polish line (especially as regards the problem of human rights);
- in the military sphere,
- having to arrive at a balanced assessment in the thematic area “international situation, security, disarmament and confidence-building” (in particular, lowering the overly high assessment of progress achieved in the disarmament process),
  - having to make clear that neo-fascist threats to European Security are on the rise,
  - having to ward off an undifferentiated equating of the two alliances regarding their “participating in the arms buildup” (as proposed by the Hungarian People’s Republic, the PR of Poland and the USSR),
  - having to prevent unrealistic praise in the documents of NATO’s alleged readiness to begin negotiations on tactical nuclear weapons, without taking into account the conditions they set (attempt by the Hungarian People’s Republic, supported by the PR of Poland),

- making sure that proposals for talks on all aspects of military doctrine, above all also on the unchanged aggressive nature of NATO's conceptions, are included and stressing the criticism of NATO's conceptions (against resistance, again on the part of the Hungarian People's Republic and the PR of Poland) and
- stressing the need to conclude, in the near future, a convention on the elimination of the danger of the use or dissemination of chemical weapons (against objections from the SR of Romania and above all from the Hungarian People's Republic).

*[Translation from the German by Ursula Froese]*