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Of the Meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty

On November 25-26, 1976, a meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the member-states of the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance took place in Bucharest.

The meeting was attended by:

On behalf of the People's Republic of Bulgaria – Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria, Chairman of the State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, Head of Delegation; Stanko Todorov, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria; Petr Mladenov, candidate member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bulgaria; Milko Balev, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria, Director of the Cabinet of the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria; Dimitar Stanishev, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria, Head of the Foreign Policy and International Relations Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria;

On behalf of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic – Gustáv Husák, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, President of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Head of Delegation; Lubomír Štrougal, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Prime Minister of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic; Vasil Biľak, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia; Bohuslav Chňoupek, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic; Antonín Vavruš, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Head of the International Policy Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia;

On behalf of the People's Republic of Hungary – János Kádár, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, Head of Delegation; Gyorgy Lázár, member of the Politburo of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Hungary; András Gyenes, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party; Frigyes Puja, member of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Hungary;

On behalf of the German Democratic Republic – Erich Honecker, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, Chairman of the State Council of the German Democratic Republic, Head of Delegation; Willi Stoph, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic; Hermann Axen, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany; Oskar Fischer, member of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic; Paul Markowski, member of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, Head of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany; Herbert Krolkowski, member of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, State Secretary, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic;

On behalf of the People's Republic of Poland – Edward Gierek, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, Head of Delegation; Piotr Jaroszewicz, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Poland; Edward Babiuch, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party; Stefan Olszowski, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Poland; Ryszard Frelek, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party; Jerzy Wasczuk, member of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, Head of the Office of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party;

On behalf of the Socialist Republic of Romania – Nicolae Ceaușescu, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Romania, President of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Head of Delegation; Mănea Mănescu, member of the Political Executive

Committee of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania, Prime Minister of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania; Ilie Verdet, member of the Political Executive Committee of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania; Stefan Andrei, candidate of the Political Executive Committee of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania; Aurel Duma, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania; George Macovescu, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Romania;

On behalf of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics – Leonid Brezhnev, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Head of Delegation; Alexei Kosygin, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics; Andrei Gromyko, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Konstantin Katushev, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; Konstantin Chernenko, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; Konstantin Rusakov, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Assistant to the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; Andrei Aleksandrov, candidate member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Assistant to the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union;

The meeting was also attended by General of the Army Anatolii Gribkov, Chief of Staff of the Unified Armed Forces of the Warsaw Treaty and First Deputy Supreme Commander of the Unified Armed Forces of the Warsaw Treaty, and Nikolai Firiubin, General Secretary of the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty.

The meeting of the Political Consultative Committee exchanged views on topical issues regarding the ongoing struggle for peace, the deepening of the process of international détente, and the consolidation of security and the development of cooperation in Europe.

Its participants unanimously approved the declaration “For New Results on the Path to International Détente, for the Consolidation of Security and the Development of Cooperation in Europe.”

The Warsaw Treaty member-states believe that the strengthening of peace, security and trust among countries and nations would be best served if all the states that have signed the Final Act undertook not to be the first to use nuclear weapons against each other. A draft treaty to such effect, together with an appeal by the Warsaw Treaty member-states, which was approved by the participants, will be distributed for consideration to all the other states participating in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The texts of the declaration and the draft treaty have been published separately.

To further improve the mechanisms of political cooperation within the Warsaw Treaty, it was decided to establish a Committee of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and a Unified Secretariat as bodies of the Political Consultative Committee.

The Political Consultative Committee listened to a report by the Chief of Staff of the Unified Armed Forces of the Warsaw Treaty, which dealt with practical issues relating to the Unified Command.

The meeting of the Political Consultative Committee took place in an atmosphere of full mutual understanding, fraternal friendship and close cooperation. The exchange of views at the meeting confirmed the unity of opinion of the Warsaw Treaty member-states regarding the major political issues around the globe and demonstrated the unity of their goals in the struggle for peace and socialism, international cooperation and friendship among nations.

[Translation by Jiří Mareš]