Decision of the CC of the BCP regarding the Warsaw Treaty Leaders' Meeting in Berlin on 14. December 1987, 13 December 1987

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Agenda:
Berlin meeting of the General Secretaries/First Secretaries of the fraternal Parties from Warsaw Pact states.
Decisions:

After listening to the information from the meeting of the General Secretaries/First Secretaries of the fraternal Parties from Warsaw Pact states, held on 11.12.1987 in Berlin, the CC BCP Politburo made the following decisions:

1. [It] fully agrees with the meeting assessment that the results of M.S. Gorbachev's visit to Washington represent a historical step, which even now is having a positive impact on the international situation.

For Bulgarian communists and our nation as a whole, there is no doubt that in terms of reaching an agreement on the destruction of second-class nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union has played the decisive role through foreign policy and diplomacy, tireless efforts and an innovative approach.

The agreements are a result of the realism shown by both superpowers and their desire to reach a compromise in solving the most important problem—preservation of life on earth.

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2. [It] fully supports the meeting conclusion that this achievement could prove to be the beginning of a process of real disarmament. A key stage in this process would be an agreement under the conventions of the Air Defense Treaty for the reduction by half of USSR and USA strategic attack weapons.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria is fully prepared, together with the other fraternal countries, to make a contribution to all spheres of arms control. These include: prohibition and liquidation of chemical weapons, ceasing nuclear weapons tests, reduction of armed forces and arms reduction from the Atlantic to the Urals, creation of nuclear and chemical weapons-free zones, building a system of peace and international security.

From beginning to end, this policy conforms with the general line of the declaration of the Berlin meeting of fraternal countries—close cooperation with all peaceful powers that stand for the keeping and strengthening of peace and the elimination of war in people's lives.

- 3. [It] approves of the activities of the Bulgarian delegation, led by Com. Todor Zhivkov, which has actively participated in the collective analysis of the current critical situation and has confirmed the constructive attitude and principle of our party and state.
- 4. The media will make a public announcement about the Politburo's evaluation.

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