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**Letter from the CC of the BCP to the CC of the RCP regarding the Romanian Proposal for  
the Transformation of the Warsaw Pact Structure, 21 June 1989**

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To the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party

Dear Comrades,

The CC of the BCP has carefully examined your proposals of 04.07.1988 regarding the organization, improvement, and democratization of the Warsaw Treaty bodies and activities.

We share your opinion about the necessity of further improvement of the Warsaw Treaty's political and military cooperation mechanism, which at present is especially topical. At the PCC Warsaw meeting in July 1988, this question was put before our parties and states as a primary task.

We also believe that positive changes in international relations, arms reduction, confidence building, and European and world cooperation will create the necessary prerequisites for military-political groupings to simultaneously disband their military organizations. In the future we will work toward achieving this aim. At the same time, realism requires admitting that conditions are not yet mature, as can be seen from the lack of any change in NATO's negative position in this respect.

In the present circumstances, the Warsaw Treaty provides a unique basis for cooperation among our socialist countries, an inseparable element and key factor for security and stability in Europe whose vitality and effectiveness have once again been confirmed with its renewal in 1985. Its unilateral demise would destroy this stability.

We have no doubt about the necessity of preserving the PCC as the main unit in the structure of the political and military cooperation within the Warsaw Treaty. Removing it from this structure would lead to disorganization of the mechanisms of cooperation.

We share the opinion that it is necessary to direct the PCC's activity towards a broader discussion among our countries in the spheres of the construction of socialism and multilateral cooperation. We should exchange our experiences in the socio-economic and ideological development of our people to foster the development of social democracy. This would fully conform to the current trends in international relations, including the increasing role of non-military factors in international security. We do not see legal or organizational difficulties in integrating these issues in the PCC's normal activities in accordance with our mutual expressed desire.

Dissolving the PCC would be contrary to our views regarding the most effective way toward the simultaneous disbanding of the military-political alliances in Europe by further strengthening the political element of their activities and establishing non-confrontational relations. Depriving the WTO of its main political organ would strengthen its military aspect and would undermine our efforts in that direction. The

idea of creating a political body for multilateral cooperation among the European socialist countries could become topical in the future, once the international situation allows for the disbanding of the military-political groupings.

As you know, we have made several proposals for the strengthening of the political functions of these groupings and for their increasing cooperation while enhancing their democracy as well as effectiveness. In our opinion, the creation of a permanent working group would contribute to this process as well as the promotion of the coordinating functions of the PCC Secretary General, and improvement of the activities of the PCC and other working groups.

According to us, this practice has proven the vitality of the Committee of Defense as well as its structure, role, place and function as defined in the PCC's decision of 17.03.1969. At the same time, we share the opinion that it is necessary to further democratize the military cooperation mechanism within the network of the Treaty as well as the working style of the CMD, and ensure closer cooperation between the political and military structures.

In conclusion, we would like to express our hope that the exchange of opinion between our parties on the questions you posed will play a positive role in our joint efforts toward further improvement of political and military cooperation within the Warsaw Treaty and will give them an additional impulse.

We are convinced that by using a constructive approach and mutual respect, our parties and states will find mutually acceptable solutions to political questions. Holding a joint meeting of the Committees of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Ministers of Defense in the near future would be an important step in carrying out our decision of July 1988. We are ready to make the necessary effort to constructively contribute to the successful solution of these questions at the upcoming PCC meeting in Bucharest.

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