
**STENOGRAPHIC TRANSCRIPT of the meeting of the Executive Political Committee of the
Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party**

Neptun , 23 July 1988

The meeting was **chaired by** comrade NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party.

Participants : comrades Emil Bobu, Elena Ceausescu, Lina Ciobanu, Ion Coman, Nicolae Constantin, Constantin Dascalescu, Ion Dinca, Miu Dobrescu, Ludovic Fazekas, Paul Niculescu, Constantin Olteanu, Gheorghe Oprea, Gheorghe Pana, Dumitru Popescu, Stefan Andrei, Radu Balan, Nicu Ceausescu, Gheorghe David, Ion Fratila, Mihai Gere, Maria Ghitulica, Nicolae Giosan, Suzana Gâdea, Mihai Marina, Ilie Matei, Vasile Milea, Ioachim Moga, Ana Muresan, Cornel Pacoste, Tudor Postelnicu, Petre Preoteasa, Constantin Radu, Ion Radu, Ion Stoian, Iosif Szasz, Traian Stefanescu, Ioan Toma, Ioan Totu, Vasile Barbulescu, Silviu Curticeanu, Gheorghe Tanase.

The members of the government, the first secretaries of the county party committees, and other cadres with positions of responsibility in the line of party and state have also taken part.

Before dealing with the agenda of the meeting, the Executive Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party marked the celebration of twenty-three years from the 9th Congress of the Romanian Communist Party.

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POINT 4

Information regarding the Conference of the Political Consultative Committee of the states participating in the Warsaw Treaty

Comrades, have you read the materials related to the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee ? (Yes, we have.).

Have you anything to say, comrade Dascalescu? Say it.

Comrade Constantin Dascalescu :

Esteemed comrades,

I would like to express, from the very beginning, my whole adhesion to, and agreement with the activity of high political and revolutionary level, permeated by a great responsibility for the interests of the Romanian people, for our socialist homeland, for peace and international collaboration, carried out by comrade Nicolae Ceausescu at this conference.

In my capacity as a member of the delegation to the Conference, I am doing my duty of conscience

emphasizing the position of high principality adopted by Romania, the firmness with which the basic orientations of our foreign and internal policy have been promoted.

A vast and convincing picture of our party's experience in the construction of a multilaterally developed society in our country, and of the special results obtained in building socialism with the people and for the people was presented.

At the Conference, comrade Nicolae Ceausescu warned that the concrete appreciation of the ratio of forces extant in the international arena has a special importance. In this sense, he mentioned that although a number of steps had been made in the direction of disarmament, the conclusion of the agreement regarding the elimination of the short and medium range missiles, the current international situation is still extremely serious and complex. No radical change of the ratio of forces on the international plane has occurred. Consequently, the euphoria displayed by some of the countries participating in the Conference as regards the present state of affairs on the international plane is not justified.

Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu :

Have all of the comrades read the documents? (Yes). Then, as all of the comrades have read the speech, mention only the things of general importance which are not in the speech.

Comrade Constantin Dascalescu :

I want to tell you and make prominent comrade Nicolae Ceausescu's position in treating [the position of our] policy both in the Communiqué and in the Declaration, where comrade Nicolae Ceausescu made a significant contribution to the drawing up of these documents.

Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu :

Comrades, it is true, we have discussed a lot. They wanted to include a great many things which could not be accepted, either to show appreciation of the Reagan-Gorbachev meeting or the Moscow Conference or the fact that the danger of war has disappeared or diminished in intensity, as well as other assessments which could not be accepted and we did not accept them.

Obviously, everything was discussed in the commissions and between the ministers of foreign affairs. In the plenary session, each participant presented his points of view, which were accepted without discussions, but in our view the document as such is good, and we have to act firmly in order to fulfill the provisions regarding disarmament.

What should be underscored? A jarring note – the intervention of Gross, the secretary or first secretary of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party in relation to the nationality issue, as well as the attempt to introduce this issue in the document, which was naturally rejected first of all by Romania, but was not supported by any participant. Moreover, some of the participants took a firm stand, saying that it could not be accepted.

As a whole, therefore, we appreciate that the Conference concluded with good results and now we have to act with a view to fulfilling the provisions in the document. This would be the necessary conclusion.

Do you agree? (All of the comrades agree.)

POINT 5

Report regarding the measures of international economic cooperation.

In respect of the measures of economic cooperation, I would propose the approval in principle of this program because one still has to work a lot on it, and I think that the Ministry of Foreign Trade and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together of course, each ministry bearing direct responsibility, but the Ministry of Foreign Affairs having to commit itself more seriously in these actions of cooperation abroad and, consequently, to these two ministries the National Council for Science and Technology and the State Planning Committee – as synthesis organs – should be added, and the latter must collaborate in drawing up the concrete plans with each minister in its activity sector. The program is not too concrete yet. What we have done until now was achieved at a very slow rate. We have to emphasize in the Communiqué of the meeting as well that it is necessary for Romania to provide adequate support and that Romania will develop – on a large scale – cooperation in production with both the socialist states and the developing ones, as well as with other states, expressing our wish to actively participate – especially in the case of the developing countries – in the achievement of programs of economic cooperation and development under forms acceptable to all of the sides.

This is what I would propose to do, and also to improve the program depending on the countries and as from August to take action in that respect under forms acceptable to all of the sides since this must become an important issue both politically and economically.

This as regards this body. Have you anything else to say? You do not? Do you agree? (All of the comrades agree).

Then, comrades, I declare the meeting adjourned. (Prolonged applause).

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