

Translation from Russian

PROTOCOL

A meeting of the deputy foreign ministers of the PRB (People's Republic of Bulgaria), the GDR (German Democratic Republic), the PRH (People's Republic of Hungary), the PRP (the People's Republic of Poland), the SRR (Socialist Republic of Romania), the SU (Soviet Union) and the SRCS (Socialist Republic of Czechoslovakia) took place on 29-30 January 1975 in Moscow.

The meeting, which was organized by the Joint Secretariat established at the Warsaw session (1974) of the Political Consultative Committee, was attended by the following persons:

People's Republic of Bulgaria	A. Traikov;
People's Republic of Hungary	J. Marjai;
German Democratic Republic	H. Krolikowski;
People's Republic of Poland	S. Trepczynski;
Socialist Republic of Romania	C. Pacoste;
Soviet Union	N.N. Rodionov;
Socialist Republic of Czechoslovakia	F. Krajcsir.

The meeting was also attended by N.P. Firiubin, the general secretary of the Warsaw Treaty's Political Consultative Committee (PCC).

In accordance with the Political Consultative Committee's resolution, the members of the meeting studied the Polish proposal related both to the preparation and the execution of the ceremonies marking the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Treaty and to the measures to improve the political cooperation between the members of the Warsaw Treaty. Comrade S. Trepczynski, the Polish deputy foreign minister, gave a presentation of the above issues.

On the basis of the speeches made by the heads of delegations of the Political Consultative Committee's April session (1974), the members of the meeting all agreed that in preparing and staging the jubilee celebrations of the Warsaw Treaty the emphasis must be laid on the political aspects of the Organization's activities, demonstrating that this was a new type of alliance in history, with its peace loving policies serving the interests of not only its members, but also of the rest of the nations in the continent. The Warsaw Treaty Organization, which played a crucial role both in the defense of the socialist accomplishments and in the socialist countries' struggle to consolidate peace and security in Europe, continues to serve the interests of our security, at the same time providing an instrument for the fraternal nations to harmonize their efforts in the defense of socialism and peace on the international scene.

1.) The starting point of the meeting was that the central event of the series of celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Treaty should be the Warsaw session of the Political Consultative Committee. The PRP agreed to undertake the organization of the meeting and the associated tasks.

In accordance with the agreement by the participants, the PCC session will first hear the speeches by the heads of the delegations and then will accept either a Statement or some other summary document. The session will be open (there will be live radio and television coverage at the official celebrations, and permission will be given to reporters to record the events on films, photographs and in newspaper articles, the foreign press

included, etc.)

In addition, the PCC should also hold a closed meeting for the purpose of both making decisions to improve the mechanism of political cooperation within the Warsaw Treaty and, if necessary, discussing actual foreign political developments.

The date of the PCC's jubilee session - in the participants' view – should be decided later, after taking into consideration the timing of such momentous events as the 30th anniversary of the victory over Nazism, the all-European conference on security and cooperation in Europe, and the conference of European communist and labor parties.

2) The participants of the meeting exchanged their views on the further important tasks related to the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Treaty. They made the following plans:

- On the initiative of the PRP, the members of parliaments of the Warsaw Treaty countries will meet in Warsaw. The Polish Szejm is to issue invitations to the parliaments of the Warsaw Treaty countries;
- The SRCS has agreed to organize a meeting for public opinion representatives (trade unions, youth organizations, war veterans' associations, clubs, etc.);
- There will be jubilee celebrations in every country of the Warsaw Treaty;
- Articles will be published in the friendly countries' press during the days of the jubilee;
- A collection of documents related to the fundamental events in the Warsaw Treaty's activity will be prepared and edited. The establishment of an editorial committee is proposed in connection with this, with the deputy foreign ministers of all the member states of the Warsaw Treaty delegated to it. The Soviet Union has agreed to organize the work of the committee.
- The documents of the PCC's jubilee meeting will be published. The GDR has agreed to prepare and publish these materials with the assistance of the PCC's general secretary;
- The SRCS has agreed to make documentaries on the main events of the Warsaw Treaty's activities and the celebrations of the WP's 20th anniversary, with the participation of the film makers of the other WP countries.
- The PRB has agreed to organize a series of scientific conferences with the involvement of the Academy of Sciences about the history and activities of the Warsaw Treaty. Every Warsaw Treaty country will be invited to the conference.
- The PRH will issue a jubilee coin to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Treaty.
- Jubilee post stamps will be issued in the Warsaw Treaty countries.
- The PRP will organize a concert to coincide with the PCC's session, which will be broadcast by the Intervention and the radio. The PRP will invite the outstanding artists of the Warsaw Treaty countries to perform at the concert.
- It is emphasized that each member state of the Treaty will be entitled to determine the scale and the character of its own national jubilee celebrations.

3) The participants of the meeting acknowledge that the following events will be held on the military front:

- The Military Council of the Unified Armed Forces will hold a session and assess the work of its military organizations.
- There will be jubilee meetings in the general staff of the Unified Armed Forces

and in the allied armies.

- A military science conference in the general staff of the Unified Armed Forces with the participation of the allied armies' representatives.
- Representatives of border zones, garrisons and military units will meet the local population and the representatives of the garrisons of the allied armies.
- Joint sport events
- The exchange of films, performers, military art groups, participation in the week of feature films.
- The publication of articles by representatives of the national commands and the Joint Command in the press, interviews in the radio and television.
- The publication of the work "The Military Cooperation of Peoples and Armies" and of the collection of articles dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Treaty.
- Documentaries will be made on the cooperation of the allied armies.

It was agreed that the national events of military character would be carried out according to the plans of the national armies, while the General Staff of the Unified Armed Forces will coordinate the multilateral programs.

4) The participants of the meeting exchanged ideas on ways to improve the mechanism of political cooperation within the Warsaw Treaty Organization. In view of the fact that at the Warsaw meeting of the PCC (1974) the heads of every delegation had supported the idea of increased cooperation in foreign policy, voting for concrete measures in this area, it was decided that the proposal on the creation of the following bodies will be submitted to the Political Consultative Committee for consideration:

- The Committee of Foreign Ministers as a consultative body of the Warsaw Treaty;
- The Joint Secretariat as a subsidiary organization of the PCC, consisting of the General Secretary of the PCC and a representative of each member states of the Treaty.

The task of the Joint Secretariat is to support the work of the PCC and the Committee of Foreign Ministers by carrying out structural-technical preparation and assistance. If necessary, the Joint Secretariat should function between the PCC's sessions.

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The Romanian delegation noted that the introductory part, when certain political assessments had been made, should not be recorded in the minutes, as such assessments were for the highest authorities to make.

They believed that, of all the measures dedicated to celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Treaty, the following were neither wise nor useful: a meeting between the members of parliaments and the representatives of social organizations (instead, they recommended a meeting between representatives of the Warsaw Treaty countries' social organizations, members of parliaments included; they would dedicate the meeting to the strengthening of security and cooperation in Europe); the establishment of editorial committees for the purpose of publishing a collection of documents from the Warsaw Treaty's material; the joint publication of the PCC's jubilee session; the production of joint documentaries; the issue of jubilee medals and stamps.

With regard to the measures to be implemented in the military area, the Romanian delegation thought it important to clarify a number of points: The meetings between the inhabitants of the border areas, the representatives of the garrisons and military units and the personnel of the allied armies' garrisons must come under the jurisdiction of the

country concerned and must be realized on a bilateral basis fully respecting the internal order of the said country; the exchange of films, lecturers, military groups must take place according to the current bilateral agreements, while the question of the feature films' week will be decided by the individual country. The publication of the articles written by the representatives of the national military commands and the Joint Military Command in the press, the radio and the television is a matter for the individual countries to decide. He proposed to change the title of the work to be published as follows: "The Friendship and Cooperation of the Armies of the Socialist Countries of the Warsaw Treaty." Also, he opposed the publication of a collection of articles written by the leading bodies of the allied armies, in view of the publication of the jubilee bulletin of the general staff and the technical committee of the Unified Armed Forces. The Romanian delegation proposed that, instead of producing a film documenting the friendship of the allied armies, they should exchange a series of documentaries on the basis of bilateral agreements.

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In accordance with the resolution passed at the PCC's meeting (1974), the participants of the meeting submit the Official Record of Proceedings to the central committees of the CPB (Communist Party of Bulgaria), the HSWP (Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party), the GSP (German Socialist Party), the UWPP (United Workers' Party of Poland), the RCP (Romanian Communist Party), the CPSU (Communist Party of the Soviet Union) and the CPCS (Communist Party of Czechoslovakia) for study and approval.

Members of the meeting express their gratitude both to their Polish friends for the great work they have done in preparation for the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Treaty and to their Soviet friends for creating excellent conditions for the conference.

The meeting between the deputy foreign ministers of the Warsaw Treaty took place in the spirit of fruitful and constructive cooperation, friendship and unity.

Moscow, 30 January 1975

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