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Dear Comrades!

Since the last meeting of the Political Consultative Committee [of the Warsaw Pact], which discussed questions related to the structuring of the [Unified] Armed Forces, more than two years have passed. In accordance with the decisions adopted at that meeting, significant work has been done in the Armed Forces of the participating states of the Warsaw Treaty to improve the organizational structure of the armies; to increase their military preparedness, their military and operational training; and to equip them with weapons, modern airplanes, tanks, radar sets and other military technology. We also cannot fail to take into account that since that time, the command of the aggressive NATO military bloc has carried out a series of military and other measures directed against the socialist states.

In connection with this, based on the experience of the work [already] done, it seems to us that the need has ripened to discuss measures directed towards further improving the military and operational training and raising the military preparedness of the Unified Armed Forces.

Moreover, as you know, the leadership of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and the government of the Mongolian People's Republic [MNR] addressed [to us] a request to admit the MNR into the membership of the participant-states of the Warsaw Treaty.

Taking all of this into account, the CC of the CPSU believes that it would be expedient to hold a regular meeting of the Political Consultative Committee from July 26-27 of this year in Moscow with the participation of the heads of state and the ministers of defense.

At the meeting, the report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Unified Armed Forces, Cde. A.A. Grechko, on the military preparedness and military training of the Unified Armed forces of the participant-states of the Warsaw Treaty could be discussed, and we can also consider the request of the leadership of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and the government of the MNR for admission of the Mongolian People's Republic into membership as a participant-state in the Warsaw Treaty.

We ask that you express your opinion.

With fraternal communist greetings,

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First Secretary of the CC CPSU

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