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REYKJAVIK MEETING: POLITBURO COMMUNIQUE

1. A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE POLITBURO WAS HELD YESTERDAY, 14 OCTOBER, TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE REYKJAVIK MEETING.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL EVENT. THE SOVIET SIDE HAD BEEN HONEST, OPEN AND REALISTIC. IT HAD PUT FORWARD NEW COMPROMISE PROPOSALS WHICH FULLY TOOK ACCOUNT OF AMERICAN CONCERNS AND MADE POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE FEDUCTION AND EVENTUAL COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE WEAPONS AND THE ELIMINATION OF MEDIUM RANGE MISSILES IN EUROPE.

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3. UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO CONVERT THE ACCORD WHICH HAD VIRTUALLY BEEN REACHED ON THESE QUESTIONS INTO BINDING

WHICH HAD VIRTUALLY BEEN REACHED ON THESE QUESTIONS INTO BINDING AGREEMENTS. THE SOLE REASON FOR THIS WAS THE STUBBORN UNWILLINGNESS OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR READING THESE AGREEMENTS BY MEANS OF STRENGTHENING THE ABM REGIME AND ACCEPTING CORRESPONDING ODLIGATIONS WHICH WERE IDENTICAL FOR BOTS SIDES. SUCH BEHAVIOUR REINFORCED DOUBTS ABOUT WASHINGTON'S STATEMENTS THAT THE SDI PROGRAMME WAS EXCLUSIVELY PEACEFUL.

4. THE POLITBURO, HAVING APPROVED GORBACHEV'S ACTIVITY AT THE MEETING, NOTED THAT A ''QUALITATIVELY NEW SITUATION'' HAD DEN CREATED IN THE STRUGGLE FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. THE POLITBURO EMPHASISED ''THE NEED TO CONTINUE CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING AT GENEVA, ON THE WHOLE COMPLEX OF QUESTIONS OF NUCLEAR AND SPACE WEAPONS ON THE BASIS OF THE PLATFORM PUT FORWARD BY THE SOVIET SIDE AT REYKJAVIK. IT WOULD BE A FATAL STEP TO LET SLIP THE HISTORIC CHANCE FOR A CARDINAL SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF WAR AND PEACE.''

5. THE POLITBURO APPROVED ''SPECIFIC FOREIGN POLICY MEASURES AIMED AT IMPLEMENTING THIS PRINCIPLED LINE IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THE REYKJAVIK MEETING."

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