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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM OF 23 APRIL

1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF GORBACHEV'S ACCOUNT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN HIS SPEECH AS PUBLISHED ON 24 APRIL.

A) GENERAL SOVIET OUTLOOK

INVOKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY GORBACHEV CONFIRMED SOVIET ADHERENCE TO A POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND CORRECT, EQUITABLE AND CIVILISED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROVIDED IMPERIALISM ABANDONED ATTEMPTS TO SETTLE MILITARILY THE HISTORICAL DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO SOCIAL SYSTEMS. PARITY BETWEEN NATO AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WAS IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE MAINTAINED: IT CURBED NATO'S AGGRESSIVE APPETITE. THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES WOULD HAVE EVERYTHING NEEDED IN ORDER TO DEFEND THE HOMELAND AND ITS ALLIES FROM BEING CAUGHT UNAWARES.

B) US AIMS AT WORLD DOMINATION

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TROUBLED AND DANGEROUS INTERNATIONAL SITUATION LAY WITH THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WAS SABOTAGING DISARMAMENT, ATTEMPTING TO SPREAD THE ARMS RACE TO SPACE, CREATING SEATS OF CONFLICT (CF NICARAGUA AND GRENADA). THE AMERICANS WERE ENGAGED IN ECONOMIC AGGRESSION, DISORGANISING AND UNDERMINING THE WORLD ECONOMY AND TRADE SYSTEM. THROUGH CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL RESOURCES IN THIRD COUNTRIES THE US WAS PRESSING THEM INTO THE SERVICE OF ITS MILITARY PROGRAMME. IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT INTEREST HAD BEEN AROUSED IN NEW MEASURES TO NORMALISE ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TO ENSURE STATES' ECONOMIC SECURITY.

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C) CMEA AND THE WARSAW PACT

THERE SHOULD BE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN CMEA COUNTRIES IN THE POLITICAL ECONOMIC, IDEOLOGICAL AND DEFENCE FIELDS. THEIR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS SHOULD BE "ORGANICALLY COMBINED", THE MARCH WARSAW PACT "SUMMIT" (IE THE MEETING IN MOSCOW FOLLOWING CHERNENKO'S FUNERAL) HAD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE WARSAW PACT MUST CONTINUE SO LONG AS NATO EXISTED.

D) CHINA

THE SOVIET UNION WOULD CONTINUE PERSISTENTLY AND WITH A SENSE OF PURPOSE TO STRENGTHEN MUTUAL TIES AND DEVELOP COOPERATION WITH OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

E) ASIA ,AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

THE SOVIET UNION FAVOURED FURTHER EXPANSION OF COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES FROM THESE REGIONS AND WOULD SUPPORT THEIR RIGHT TO SHAPE THEIR OWN FUTURE WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

F) CSCE

THE POLITBURO CONSIDERED THAT INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS FROM THE PERIOD OF DETENTE INCLUDING THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT REMAINED SIGNIFICANT. THEY OFFERED AN EXAMPLE OF HOW INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COULD BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, AND MUTUAL SECURITY. ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CSCE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SIGNATORY STATES TO MEET IN HELSINKI AGAIN TO RENEW THEIR WILL TO OVERCOME TENSION AND DEVELOP PEACEFUL COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

G) EAST WEST TRADE

THE SOVIET UNION WANTED FRUITFUL COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AND ON A BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE AND WAS READY TO EXPAND TRADE RELATIONS AND TO DEVELOP NEW FORMS OF ECONOMIC LINKS. FAVOURABLE OPPORTUNITIES EXISTED DESPITE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS. THE SOVIET UNION STOOD FOR EXTENSIVE AND DIVERSIFIED MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION WITH EST EUROPEAN STATES, JAPAN AND OTHER CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

H) US/SOVIET RELATIONS

THE SOVIET UNION WAS READY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. THERE WAS NO FATAL INEVITABILITY OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. BUT BRIDGES OF COOPERATION HAD TO BE BUILT FROM BOTH SIDES. HOWEVER THE FIRST STAGE OF THE GENEVA TALKS SHOWED THAT WASHINGTON DID NOT SEEK AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION. BY REFUSING TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF PREVENTING THE ARMS RACE FROM SPREADING TO SPACE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATION AND REDUCTION, THE US WAS VIOLATING THE ACCORD REACHED IN JANUARY.

CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE US STILL AIMED AT ATTAINING A DOMINANT MILITARY POSITION. SUCH AIMS WERE DOOMED. THE SOVIET UNION HOPED THAT THE US WOULD CHANGE THEIR POSITION AND THUS MAKE POSSIBLE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENTS. THE SOVIET SIDE WAS READY FOR THIS. GORBACHEV REHEARSED SOVIET PROPOSALS ON ARMS CONTROL. THE HASTE WITH WHICH THE US ADMINISTRATION HAD DISMISSED THEM WAS SURPRISING. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECONCILE AN ARMS RACE AND DISARMAMENT TALKS. THOSE ENGAGED IN A POLITICAL GAME RATHER THAN SERIOUS POLITICS SHOULD TAKE NOTE THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE A RECURRENCE OF THE UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE OF THE PREVIOUS TALKS.

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