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MIPT : GENSCHER'S SPEECH OF 31 JANUARY : GERMANY AND NATO

SUMMARY

1. FURTHER STATEMENT BY GENSCHER ON A UNITED GERMANY AND NATO CONFIRMS LINES GIVEN IN TUR. HE STRESSED ALSO THE NEED FOR THE ALLIANCE TO DEFINE THEIR ROLES IN AMORE POLITICAL MANNER, AND FOR CSCE TO PROVIDE THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR EAST-WEST COOPERATION AND STABILITY.

DETAIL

2. IN HIS MAJOR SPEECH AT TUETZING ON 31 JANUARY, WHICH WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY, GENSCHER REFERRED AGAIN TO HOW NATO AND A UNITED GERMANY MIGHT BE RECONCILED. HE UNDERLINED THAT "'OUR'" MEMBERSHIP OF NATO WAS IRREVOCABLE AND THAT A NEUTRALIST UNIFIED GERMANY WAS NOT IN QUESTION (SEE PARA 4). THE WESTERN ALLIANCE SHOULD HOWEVER RECOGNISE THAT THE WARSAW PACT WAS UNDERGOING CHANGE, WITH INCREASING DESIRE IN POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR NATO TO STATE CLEARLY THAT WHATEVER HAPPENED IN THE WARSAW PACT, THERE WOULD BE NO EXTENNSION OF NATO TERRITORY TO THE EAST IE CLOSER TO THE SOVIET FRONTIER. SUCH SECURITY GUARANTEES WERE NECESSARY FOR THE SOVIET UNION. CHANGE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE PROCESS OF GERMAN REUNIFICATION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH SOVIET SECURITY INTERESTS. THE IDEA THAT THE PART OF GERMANY WHICH IS CURRENTLY THE GDR COULD BE INCLUDED IN NATO MILITARY STRUCTURES WOULD BLOCK GERMAN-GERMAN RAPPROCHEMENT.

3. GENSCHER SAID THAT IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE ALLIANCE. THEIR FOCUS WOULD SWITCH FROM CONFRONTATION TO COOPERATION, AND THEY WOULD BECOME ELEMENTS OF A COOPERATIVE SECURITY STRUCTURES IN ALL OF EUROPE. THE WESTERN ALLIANCE WOULD REMAIN, SINCE ALLIANCES WOULD IN FUTURE CONTINUE TO HAVE A FUNCTION OF ENSURING PEACE AND STABILITY. BUT BOTH ALLIANCES WOULD HAVE TO DEFINE THEIR ROLE INCREASINGLY IN POLITICAL TERMS, AND ARMED FROCES TAKE A RGEATER ROLE IN CONFIDENCE-BUILDING AND VERIFICATION. AS THE WESTERN ALLIANCE THOUGHT ABOUT THE FUTURE IT

WOULD NEED TO RECOGNISE THAT DEMOCRACIES WERE ARISING IN THE WARSAW PACT. THE DISARMAMENT PROCESS SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. EUROPEAN AND GERMAN UNITY COULD ADD TO THE PLACE WITHOUT DECISIVE STEPS TOWARDS DISARMAMENT. THE AIM WAS TO REDUCE FORCES TO THE MINIMUM NECESSARY FOR DEFENCE. CFE I AND CSBM I AGREEMENTS WOULD NEED TO BE CONCLUDED IN 1990 AND FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY CFE II AND CSBM II TALKS. CFE II SHOULD COVER ALL STATIONED FORCES.

4. ALL OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD COME TOGETHER UNDER THE CSCE PROCESS WHICH WOULD FORM THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY POLICY COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

5. IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW AFTER HIS SPEECH, GENSCHER SPELT OUT HIS COMMENTS ON UNIFIED GERMANY AND NATO. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT A UNIFIED GERMANY WOULD BE A MEMBER OF NATO, BUT THAT NATO FORCES WOULD REMAIN WHERE THEY WERE NOW, IE ON THE TERRITORY OF TODAY'S FEDERAL REPUBLIC. THIS PROPOSAL HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH NATO PARTNERS, BUT GENSCHER THOUGHT THAT GERMAN UNITY WOULD NOT COME ABOUT IF THERE WAS A SHIFT IN THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNISE THE SECURITY OF OTHERS, AS WELL AS ONE'S OWN.

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