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NATO ECONOMICS COLLOQUIUM  
23-25 MARCH 1988

"THE ECONOMIES OF EASTERN EUROPE UNDER GORBACHEV'S INFLUENCE"

Participants in the 17th NATO Economics Colloquium will focus their attention for three days on current economic developments in Eastern Europe under the influence of Gorbachev and ongoing reforms of the Soviet system. NATO Secretary General Lord Carrington will make a few brief remarks on the second day of the Colloquium. The programme includes presentations on several sectoral aspects of economic developments, as well as specific case studies on some of the East European countries' economies. The third day will be devoted to considerations of overall CMEA policies under Gorbachev, including developing CMEA relations with the European Community. Well-known experts from countries of the Alliance, engaged in East European economic affairs, will lead debates and present papers.

2. A limited number of media representatives can be accommodated. Speakers have been informed that reporting will be on a background basis. Direct citations can, of course, be made from papers that will be available. For further information, including copies of the programme, please contact Felix Dorough, Economics Directorate, telephone 241.00.40, ext. 2601.

3. A news conference will be held at the conclusion of the Colloquium on Friday, March 25, at 1600 hours. All interested observers are cordially invited to attend and questions from participants will be most welcome.

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