COMMITTEE OF POLITICAL ADVISERS

SIXTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL - MOSCOW
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Note by the United Kingdom Delegation

The programme of the Sixth World Youth Festival was published in Moscow early in May. The programme poses certain problems for the embassies of NATO countries in Moscow in relation to the acceptance of invitations, attendance at festival functions and contacts with national delegations. It would be desirable, as far as possible, to have a common NATO front. It can hardly be expected that agreement could be reached on details since the programme is so long and complicated. NATO action might thus be confined to agreement on the following principles:

(a) Heads of NATO missions in Moscow should, generally speaking, decline invitations to festival functions, especially the bigger and more official ones, such as the opening ceremony.

(b) Members of their staff need not be so inhibited but should nevertheless avoid doing anything which could be construed as lending official support to the festival.

2. NATO missions in Moscow should consult each other, when necessary, about the applications of these principles.

3. It might also be useful to argue that the Friendship Youth Games should in this context be considered as part of the Festival.

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