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SECOND ADD 57 (DUBCEK SPEECH TEXT)

XXX AND WORKERS GOVERNMENT.

(TEXT) IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT DURING ALL OUR ACTIONS IN THE PAST MONTHS AND IN PREPARING THIS CONFERENCE WE WERE ANXIOUS TO PREVENT A WEAKENING OF OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, BUT ON THE CONTRARY (?DESIRE) FURTHER PROGRESS OF WORLD SOCIALISM.

THE DISCONTINUATION OF PUBLIC POLEMICS IS SURE TO HELP IMPROVE OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS. THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED ON THE RADIO TODAY BY COMRADE SMRKOVSKY. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, IT IS IN OUR COMMON INTEREST TO KEEP THIS PROMISE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE BRATISLAVA MEETING, WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING TO SAFEGUARD PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND IN THE WHOLE WORLD. WE ARE READY TO MAKE OUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS TASK, THE MORE SO AS THIS IS IN ACCORD WITH THE VITAL INTERESTS OF OUR WORKING PEOPLE.

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THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC, AS IN THE PAST, STAND FIRMLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY BEHIND THE WARSAW PACT. THE PRINCIPLES EXPRESSED IN THE JOINT DOCUMENT CONFIRM OUR LINE WITH RESPECT TO THE GERMAN QUESTION AS WELL AS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CEMA.

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