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EEC-CMEA NEGOTIATIONS

The following joint communiqué was released after the first round of negotiations between the EEC and the CMEA:

"On 29 and 30 May 1978 a delegation from the European Communities, led by Mr. W. Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, met Mr. N. Faddeev, Secretary of the CMEA, accompanied by a number of colleagues, in the CMEA premises in Moscow. This follows the exchanges of views which opened the way for negotiations aimed at the conclusion of an agreement between the parties.

Both sides showed a common desire to reach an agreement, finding that their present relationship failed to reflect developments in Europe, and that it would be in keeping with the spirit of the CSCE Final Agreement to establish normal links.

In the course of the meeting a wide exchange of views enabled those present to become more familiar with the proposals put forward by the two sides in the draft agreements submitted earlier, and to clarify their views on an agreement.

A further meeting was agreed on, to be prepared by a group of experts meeting in Brussels as soon as possible, as the next step in the negotiations.

The experts will be asked to define in greater detail, on the basis of agreed considerations, the scope of such an agreement and how it would be implemented.

It was felt that the meeting marked an important step forward, and stress was laid on the fact that the atmosphere throughout had been cordial."

