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Note from the visit of the CC PUWP International Department delegation in the PRC On September 8-15, 1987, a three-person delegation of the CC PUWP International Department, including a representative from the CC PUWP Political and Organization Department, visited the PRC. The delegation was headed by the Deputy Head of the International Department, Janusz Lewandowski. Following the results of the visit and the decisions made during the talks between the First Secretary CC PUWP W. Jaruzelski and Deputy Secretary General CC CCP Zhao Zhiyang, the delegation agreed upon the proposition of the inter-party cooperation plan for 1988-1989. The delegation conducted the exchange of information regarding the social situation in both countries and the views on international topics. The delegation met with the head and deputy head of the CC CCP International Communication Department...It paid a visit to the Central Party School of the CC CCP and got to know its functioning. It also visited the Canton Province and the Special Economic Zones in Shenzhen...[...]

Conclusions:[...]2. The talks prove that the PRC will remain its full autonomy in the area of foreign policy... The PRC can count on some political and economic benefits resulting from the rivalry between the USSR and the US... China will strive to affirm its interests in the [Asian] region, even more than before, especially in Southeast Asia and the entire Pacific region - the areas of Asia which it considers to be its priorities. Based on our conversations, the Chinese do not seem to be renewing their contacts with the CPSU in the near future. They reiterate the thesis of the existence of "three obstacles," especially the USSR's responsibility for introducing and maintaining Vietnamese troops in Cambodia. Therefore, while positively assessing M. Gorbachev's domestic policy, the Chinese add that "this course has not yet encompassed the USSR foreign policy to the sufficient degree."...3. There is no doubt that the CCP treats the issue of acceleration and economic development of China as its biggest priority...The concentration of power in the hands of the party apparatus (including administrative power) serves as a trailblazer for the [economic] reform.3. One should expect that the XIII CC CCP Congress will also be devoted to defining the direction of China's economic and social development ...4. The results of [China's] economic reform have been undoubtedly successful so far...These processes have also brought an increase in the standard of living...5. The Chinese realize that the politics of reform, the opening, and the economic revival require changes in the functioning of the political center. In this area, their overall directions generally correspond with the actions taken up by the PUWP at home. This particularly pertains to the problem of the managerial role of the party, as well as the separation of work between the party and state, especially at middle and lower levels. The issue of democratization of political and social life looks similar. The main difference is that the Chinese are approaching this problem with great care and carefully study the processes taking place in other socialist countries. Generally speaking, according to our Chinese interlocutors, political reforms will be much harder than the economic ones. They are stressing that the politics of the economic reform and "the opening" will cause negative social and political phenomena, which would have to be overcome with the aid of ideological work.6. The CCP confirmed its hitherto position of not participating in multilateral meetings organized within the framework of the communist and workers' movement. However, one can notice the CCP's growing interest in such meetings. One can expect that the Chinese will gradually join this multilateral cooperation, especially at the academic level...We reiterated that we would inform the CCP about these types of meetings, especially those organized by the PUWP, and in case the CCP showed interest in such meetings, we would be happy to send them invitations. 7. One can state that there is a good atmosphere within the CCP for developing and strengthening the cooperation with the PUWP...The International DepartmentCC PUWP