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**Appendix to 'Summary of Meeting between
Ambassador to Arab States Kiesewetter and General
Secretary Belhocine and Head of Bureau Waker'**

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Summary:

Note from Algeria's Socialist Countries Bureau describing the June 17, 1961 meeting with the GDR Ambassador to Arab Countries. Note explains that the East German government is contemplating the unilateral "de jure" recognition of Algeria's government, and recommends that Algeria does not oppose this recognition.

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Note to the Minister

Relations with the GDR

During a recent meeting with the GDR Ambassador to Arab countries (see summary of 17 June), we were informed that the East German government was favorably contemplating the de jure recognition of our government. It was said that this would constitute a unilateral act that involved no action on our part. "This recognition would take place under the same conditions of that extended by China" noted the Ambassador. Once the principle of this recognition takes place, it will be up to us to set a date when it could be announced. This represents a new position that we must acknowledge. We believe in principle that there is no reason to oppose this recognition, especially since a request had been made to that end by the GPRA.