

## **August 4, 1977**

### **Transcript of CPSU CC Politburo Meeting (excerpt)**

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#### **Summary:**

Transcript of CPSU CC Politburo Meeting (excerpt) regarding the situation between Ethiopia and Somalia and the limited capability of the Soviet Union with regards to the situation

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MEETING OF THE  
CC CPSU POLITBURO  
4 August 1977

Chaired by: Com. KIRILENKO, A.P

Attended: Comrades Y.V. Andropov, F.D. Kulakov, K.T. Mazurov, A.Y. Pel'she, P.N. Demichev, B.N. Ponomarev, M.S. Solomentsev, M.V. Zimianin, Y.P. Ryabov, K.V. Rusakov.

8. About the address to the leadership of the progressive African states in relation to the sharpening of Somali-Ethiopian relations.

KUZNETSOV reports that the Ethiopians have sent a complaint to the Organization for African Unity, and that our address to the leadership of the progressive African states with an appeal to take steps toward the normalization of Somali-Ethiopian relations would be very timely.

PONOMAREV supports Kuznetsov's proposal.

KIRILENKO: The situation which we have here with these two countries is extremely complicated. We have no reasons to quarrel with either the Somali side or the Ethiopian side, but we have only limited capabilities to influence their mutual relations. We need to make a decision.

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