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**Resolution of the Central Committee, September 16, 1950, to revise a diplomatic note on the question of general elections in Germany and Gromyko's note to Stalin on this matter.**

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**Summary:**

Gromyko's 14 September 1950 note to Stalin about a diplomatic note to US, UK, and France on the process for general elections in Germany; and the Central Committee's 16 September 1950 decision to seek revision of the diplomatic note.

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To Comrades Malenkov, Gromyko. Excerpt

from minutes No. 77 of a VKP(b) Politburo session Decision of September 16, 1950 393.

Draft of a note from the Soviet government to the governments of the U.S.A.,

England, and France concerning Germany-wide elections.

1. Observe that

the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs is late in presenting to the Politburo the draft

note from the Soviet government to the governments of the U.S.A., England, and

France on the issue of Germany-wide elections.

2. Consider unacceptable the

draft note presented by the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs and instruct Comrade

Gromyko to revise it within 5 days based on the decision that has occurred.

Central Committee of the VKP(b) Politburo [handwritten]: From the notes of Com. Gromyko of

October 9, 1950. To Comrade J. V. STALIN

On behalf of their governments, the

English, U.S. and French Supreme Commanders in the western zones of Germany

have sent letters to Comrade Chuikov proposing to start negotiations on preparing a

draft electoral laws and holding Germany-wide elections to the National Constituent

Assembly of Germany.

They propose taking as the basis for the talks the

declaration by the foreign ministers of England, the U.S.A., and France concerning the

unification of Germany and also the resolution of the "Bonn government" on holding

Germany-wide elections. These documents contain conditions that are clearly not

acceptable to us. In particular they envisage that the electoral law be prepared by

representatives of the four occupying powers, and not by representatives of the

Germany people, and they contain a demand that reparations from current

production be stopped, that Soviet joint-stock companies in Germany be liquidated,

et al. Considering the upcoming October 15 elections in the German Democratic

Republic, the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises giving an answer to these

letters on behalf of the Soviet government to the governments of the U.S.A., England,

and France after October 15. The draft answer prepared by the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs evaluates the proposals by the representatives of the three powers

and contains our counterproposals concerning Germany-wide elections; our positions

are consistent with the decisions of the Potsdam Conference. The draft resolution

of the VKP(b) Central Committee is attached. I request your review.

A. Gromyko September 14, 1950