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To the Political Bureaus of the sections and the sympathizing organizations

Dear Comrades,

Below you'll find the initial guidelines for the pre-world congress discussion unanimously adopted by the July 1976 meeting of the United Secretariat.

For the US-Bureau
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Initial guidelines for the pre-world congress discussion

1. The entire pre-world congress discussion is to be published in English, French and Spanish. The United Secretariat shall undertake whatever steps are necessary to achieve this. In other languages, if it is not possible to translate or publish the entire discussion, priority shall be placed on publishing the line resolutions.
2. In order to insure the speediest possible publication, bulletins smaller than 48 pages can be published. Similarly, bulletins larger than 48 pages can be published, as, for example, in cases where it is desirable to include several contributions on a single theme, and the total pages number more than 48. The total number of pages for the discussion, however, remains 1152, the equivalent of 24 bulletins of 48 pages.
3. In order to attempt to achieve a balanced rhythm to the discussion, and to assure that adequate space will remain for the latter part of the discussion, the initial guideline shall be for a division of space into four periods, as follows:

I. May, June, July, August	192 pages
II. September, October, Nov.	288 pages
III. December, Jan., Feb.	336 pages
IV. March, April, May	336 pages
- Any unused space during one period shall be carried over to the next period, i.e. if only 162 pages are published in period I, then an additional 30 pages will be available during period II.
4. It is strongly urged that articles be kept short. If, during a given time period the material submitted exceeds the space allotment, the parity commission shall meet to consider what space restrictions need be made. Among the considerations to take into account in such an eventuality are the following:
 - a. the need to assure a fair division of space between comrades supporting counterposed lines in various topics.
 - b. the need to assure a fair amount of space to comrades advancing independent views on particular topics.
 - c. the need to assure the best possible balance between topics under discussion, taking account of the probability that some topics will generate more discussion than others.
 - d. the need to assure maximum participation in the discussion (shorter articles will allow more participants)
5. After each new international tendency is formed, on the basis of a written platform, the parity commission shall meet to discuss the allocation of space in the bulletin.
6. In accordance with the motion adopted at the February 12-15, 1976 IEC meeting, "Material accepted for publication in the internal bulletin prior to February 15, 1976, but not yet published, is not to be counted as part of the total of 24 bulletins of 48 pages each".
7. Material accepted for publication in the discussion bulletin for the previous world congress, but not yet published, is to be published during this discussion period.