

ACTIVE SUPPORT OF PEACE INITIATIVES SET

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(Text) The foreign affairs committee of the National Assembly met Mar. 31 under the chairmanship of Karoly Kiss to discuss the draft budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Foreign Minister Endre Sik gave a report on the work of the Foreign Ministry and Hungarian diplomatic missions abroad. He emphasized that the main task was to actively support the peace initiatives of the socialist countries, first of all the USSR, and to further deepen Hungary's friendly relations with the USSR and the socialist states.

The normalization and the developing of Hungary's diplomatic, economic, and cultural relations with capitalist states was also an important task, as well as the active support of the cause of the countries which had recently been liberated from the yoke of imperialism. Sik also spoke about the significance of our work in the international organizations. The report was followed by a debate.

(Editor's Note: Radio Budapest at 1900 GMT adds: In his report Endre Sik referred to Hungary's relations with Western countries. In our relations with the United States and her allies we intend to put forward such proposals and take such measures as will be helpful in bringing the normalization of our relations, said the minister.)