

1954

Meetings

**Dates of Meeting**

Early march 1954

**Type of Meeting:**

Politburo

**Place of Meeting:**

Beijing

**Attendance:**

**Major Agenda Items:**

Geneva conference

**Speeches/Reports:**

**Other Decisions and/or Actions:**

Our Estimation on the Geneva Conference and Preliminary Instructions on Our Preparation.

This document explicitly pointed out that "the United States, France and Britain disagree with each other particularly on the Indochina issue, and they have great difficulty in reconciling their views"; the internal conflicts of the Western bloc could be further "exploited to our advantage." The instructions then directed that "our delegation at Geneva should take all the possible initiatives and seize all the chances to contact the British, the French, and other neutrals" to "make our positions for a settlement and preference for peace known and understood by them." The Politburo pointed out that the Chinese delegation should try all means to generate positive outcomes. To this end, "we should concentrate on the issues that contain no big differences of opinion and try to accomplish at least tentative agreement on them. We shall not allow the conference to drag to the end without any result."

Zhang Shu Guang (2014). *Beijing's economic statecraft during the cold war, 1949-1991*. Pages 183-184

**Remarks:**