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EUROPEAN COUNCIL : MIDDLE EAST

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL REVEAL THE FACT OF THE MESSAGE IF ASKED, BUT NOT ITS CONTENT. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE PRESIDENCY THAT YOU ARE PASSING A MESSAGE WHICH WILL BE COMPLEMENTARY TO THE PRESIDENCY'S OWN EFFORTS, BUT SHOULD NOT REVEAL TO THEM ITS CONTENTS.

BEGINS:

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN VENICE TODAY. I THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU STRAIGHTAWAY TO EXPLAIN OUR THINKING FIRST AND FOREMOST I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS NO PART OF OUR PURPOSE TO CRITICIZE OR INTERFERE WITH THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS. WE CONTINUE TO WISH IT WELL. NOR IS IT OUR INTENTION IN ANY WAY TO IMPOSE TERMS ON ISRAEL: ISRAEL'S FUTURE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND IT IS NOT FOR US TO INTERFERE IN THIS.

I KNOW SOME ASPECTS OF OUR DECLARATION WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO ACCEPT BUT WE THOUGHT IT RIGHT TO MAKE CLEAR PUBLICLY AT THIS STAGE OUR OWN VIEW OF HOW A LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT CAN BEST BE REACHED. WE WISH TO CREATE A BETTER ATMOSPHERE FOR PEACE EFFORTS SO THAT ALL CONCERNED CAN FEEL ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THEM. OUR OBJECTIVE REMAINS A SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL ENABLE ISRAEL TO TAKE HER RIGHTFUL PLACE AS AN ACCEPTED AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

IT IS MY PROFOUND HOPE THAT THE MISSION WHICH IS TO CARRY OUT SOUNDINGS WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES ON THE NINE'S BEHALF WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGE WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT. THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE NINE, INCLUDING BRITAIN, AND PUT ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HAVE ARISEN FIRMLY BEHIND US.

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