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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO SIGNOR COSSIGA

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Dear Signor Cossiga,

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The decision of all Member States to confirm the agreement reached at Brussels on the budget and on related issues is most welcome. The invaluable leadership given by the Italian Presidency throughout the negotiations is deeply appreciated in Britain as elsewhere in the Community. I should like to pay tribute to the efforts made by you and your colleagues.

With this agreement behind us I believe that the Community is well placed to make progress both with its internal development and in dealing in a coherent way with world problems.

I look forward to our discussion in Venice. The Middle East will clearly need careful attention as will preparation for the Economic Summit. I hope that we will be able to have informal and forward-looking discussions on these and other issues of common interest.

Yours sincerely,

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