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PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH ON EUROPE: BRUGES 20 SEPTEMBER

1. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL DELIVER A MAJOR SPEECH ON EUROPE TO THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE IN BRUGES ON 20 SEPTEMBER.
2. THE SPEECH SETS OUT THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO BRITAIN'S ROLE AS A PART OF EUROPE, AND THE BRITISH VIEW OF THE WAY AHEAD IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND DEFENCE FIELDS.
3. IT WILL BE SENT TO POSTS BY COI IN THE VERBATIM SERIES. THE MAIN HIGHLIGHTS, TO WHICH YOU SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION AS APPROPRIATE AFTER DELIVERY, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) EUROPE'S FUTURE

THE EC BELONGS TO ALL ITS MEMBERS AND MUST REFLECT THE TRADITIONS AND ASPIRATIONS OF ALL IN FULL MEASURE. BRITAIN DOES NOT DREAM OF AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE EC, WITH AN ISOLATED EXISTENCE ON ITS FRINGES. OUR DESTINY IS IN EUROPE AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

EUROPE HAS TO BE READY, BOTH TO CONTRIBUTE IN FULL MEASURE TO ITS OWN SECURITY AND TO COMPETE. THE FIVE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

B) WILLING COOPERATION BETWEEN SOVEREIGN STATES
WILLING AND ACTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATES IS THE BEST WAY TO BUILD A SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. EUROPE WILL BE STRONGER PRECISELY BECAUSE EACH COUNTRY HAS ITS OWN CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS AND IDENTITY. TO CONCENTRATE POWER AT THE CENTRE OF A EUROPEAN CONGLOMERATE WOULD BE HIGHLY DAMAGING AND WOULD JEOPARDISE THE OBJECTIVES WE SEEK TO ACHIEVE.

ON MANY GREAT ISSUES THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE SHOULD TRY TO SPEAK WITH A SINGLE VOICE. WE SHOULD WORK MORE CLOSELY ON THE THINGS WE CAN DO BETTER TOGETHER THAN ALONE.

WE WANT TO SEE EUROPE MORE UNITED AND WITH A GREATER SENSE

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CITIZENS FROM CRIME, AND STOP THE MOVEMENT OF DRUGS, TERRORISTS, ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

WE DO NOT NEED NEW REGULATIONS WHICH RAISE THE COST OF EMPLOYMENT AND MAKE EUROPE'S LABOUR MARKET LESS FLEXIBLE AND LESS COMPETITIVE. IF WE ARE TO HAVE A EUROPEAN COMPANY STATUTE IT SHOULD CONTAIN THE MINIMUM REGULATIONS. BRITAIN WOULD FIGHT ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE CORPORATISM AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL.

E) EUROPE OPEN TO THE WORLD

EUROPE SHOULD NOT BE PROTECTIONIST. EXPANSION OF THE WORLD ECONOMY REQUIRES US TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF REMOVING BARRIERS TO TRADE, AND TO DO SO IN THE GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. OUR APPROACH TO WORLD TRADE MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE LIBERALISATION WE PREACH AT HOME.

F) EUROPE AND DEFENCE

EUROPE MUST CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A SURE DEFENCE THROUGH NATO. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF RELAXING OUR EFFORTS EVEN IF IT MEANS TAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS AND MEETING HEAVY COSTS. WE MUST STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE US COMMITMENT TO EUROPE'S DEFENCE. THE ALLIES SHOULD PLAY A FULL PART IN THE DEFENCE OF FREEDOM. EACH MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE MUST SHOULDER A FAIR SHARE OF THE BURDEN. THE US WILL INCREASINGLY LOOK TO EUROPE TO PLAY A PART IN OUT OF AREA DEFENCE, AS WAS DONE IN THE GULF. WE MUST KEEP PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NUCLEAR DETERRENCE. WE SHOULD DEVELOP THE WEU AS A MEANS OF STRENGTHENING EUROPE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON DEFENCE OF THE WEST. WE MUST NEGOTIATE ON ARMS CONTROL AND KEEP THE DOOR OPEN TO COOPERATION ON OTHER ISSUES COVERED BY THE HELSINKI ACCORDS.

G) THE BRITISH APPROACH

NOT ENOUGH TO TALK IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT A EUROPEAN VISION OR IDEAL. BRITISH APPROACH DOES NOT NEED NEW DOCUMENTS. WHAT WE NEED NOW IS TO TAKE DECISIONS ON THE NEXT STEPS FORWARD, RATHER THAN LET OURSELVES BE DISTRACTED BY UTOPIAN GOALS. HOWEVER FAR WE ALL WANT TO GO, THE TRUTH IS YOU CAN ONLY GET THERE ONE STEP AT A TIME. LET EUROPE BE A FAMILY OF NATIONS, UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER BETTER, APPRECIATING EACH OTHER MORE, DOING MORE TOGETHER BUT RELISHING OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY NO LESS THAN OUR COMMON EUROPEAN ENDEAVOUR. LET US HAVE A EUROPE WHICH PLAYS ITS FULL PART IN THE WIDE WORLD, WHICH LOOKS OUTWARD, NOT INWARD, AND WHICH PRESERVES THAT ATLANTIC COMMUNITY WHICH IS OUR GREATEST INHERITANCE AND OUR GREATEST STRENGTH.

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