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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of 12 March about the Sixth International Tin Agreement, which Dr. Soebroto brought with him when he called on me on 15 March.

As you will know, the United Kingdom has decided with our partners in the European Community that the Community and Member States should sign the Sixth International Tin Agreement. We were very conscious in doing so of the importance which members have always attached to the Tin Agreement as a forum for co-operation between producers and consumers.

For this reason, we have been greatly concerned at recent events on the London Metal Exchange; these cannot be in the interests of either producers or consumers. Our Community partners share our concern, and when the Community and Member States sign the Agreement we therefore propose to record our understanding that the Agreement will not be used to facilitate or support the manipulation of the tin market.

I am glad that we have been able to agree and very much hope that we can continue to work together to our mutual advantage. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Indonesia

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