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- 1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO SHAMIR AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON 5 NOVEMBER. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE FOUR IS BEING TELEGRAPHED TO YOU SEPARATELY.
- 2. BEGINS: I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE AND OBSERVERS (MFO) IN SINAI. WE WERE MOVED TO DO SO BY OUR DESIRE TO MAKE A PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE AREA, AND BECAUSE OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THE OBJECTIVES EXPLAINED IN THE TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. THE FRENCH, ITALIAN AND DUTCH GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE THE SAME DECISION AND IT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE TEN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE. IN DECIDING TO ACCEDE TO THE US REQUEST THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS THINK IT RIGHT TO PUBLISH THE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF THEIR POSITION, WHICH IS IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH THEIR KNOWN POLICY AND SPECIFICALLY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE VENICE DECLARATION. IT WILL BE ON THE BASIS OF THIS STATEMENT THAT WE SHALL MAKE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MFO AND THAT WE AND OUR PARTNERS IN THE TEN SHALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THESE PRINCIPLES AS THE BASIS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE IN THE REGION. DESPITE OUR DIFFERENCES ON

THE PATH TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT, WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT OUR OBJECTIVE, PEACE, AND OUR METHOD, PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS, ARE THE SAME. I HOPE THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH AN INCREASINGLY FRUITFUL DIALOGUE ON THE VERY DIFFICULT ISSUES WHICH THE NEED FOR A LASTING SETTLEMENT RAISES. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING ISRAEL IN THE NEW YEAR AND WILL BE IN TOUCH AGAIN THROUGH YOUR AMBASSADOR ABOUT THE DATES YOU HAVE SUGGESTED. ENDS.

2. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE TEN IS ALSO BEING TELEGRAPHED TO YOU. YOU MAY PASS THIS TO THE ISRAELI'S BUT SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THIS MUST BE IN CONFIDENCE SINCE WE DO NOT FORMALLY HAVE THE PERMISSION OF THE TEN TO DO SO. BOTH STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AT 1100 GMT ON FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER. YOU SHOULD STRESS TO THE ISRAELIS THAT WE EXPECT THEM TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THEN.

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