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THE PRIME MINISTER

I should like to offer my warm congratulations on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Königswinter Conference. In these 30 years the Conference has made a unique contribution to the development of a new level of understanding between the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany. It no longer stands alone as a forum for the exchange of views between men and women of influence in our two countries. But in its ability to attract participants of the highest calibre from varied walks of life and in the freedom and intimacy of its discussions it still has no competitor.

This year's Conference draws attention - not for the first time - to the continuing need to adapt to change in world political and economic affairs. Since the 1970s drew to their close the winds of change have blown more strongly than ever. I wish Königswinter every success in exploring ways of formulating our joint responses.

I look forward to attending your dinner on 28 March together with Chancellor Schmidt, and to seeing you all then.

*Margaret Thatcher*

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