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The comments you sent me about the draft Declaration are indeed very helpful. They encourage me to think that with some further discussion in Melbourne we can come up with a useful statement, which will characterise for the Melbourne Meeting both our understanding of the problem and our determination to see something done about it.

The draft Declaration, as you know, was shown to a few other Heads of Government, and Sonny Ramphal is waiting on responses from them. If I may, I shall let Sonny know of your own reaction.

Our Budget seems to have attracted the usual range of critics, but also some acknowledgement that the policies are right and need to be firmly pursued.

The Melbourne Meeting is now less than a month away, and I am looking forward to welcoming you there.

Margaret Thatcher, MP,

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