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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I should like to present to you my thoughts on the topics and course of our deliberations at the European Council Meeting to take place from 17 to 19 June in Stuttgart.

First of all, we shall have to consider the difficult questions dealt with in the report to the European Council concerning the 'Community's financial resources and related problems'. It will be important to allow sufficient time for these issues. I would therefore suggest that we focus first on this area, and it is likely that we will have to continue our discussion of these questions on Saturday morning.

Later Saturday morning we should direct our attention to the solemn declaration on European union, so that we can, I hope, wind up that discussion before the departure of the French President, planned for later that day.

We might subsequently discuss the work programmes decided upon at our two previous meetings - regarding social issues, particularly unemployment among young people, the continuation of community policies on research and energy, the problems of European industry and its competitiveness, including particularly steel-related issues, and environmental protection.

I consider it vital that we avoid limiting our role in Stuttgart to merely taking note of progress achieved and calling upon the Council to continue its efforts. Our meeting will only be credible if we succeed in arriving

at sufficiently specific guidelines which will ensure that the Council of Ministers achieves the results we are striving for.

We must also consider the special problems confronting our Greek partner, which were dealt with by the Commission in its most recent communication.

Before and during the Williamsburg summit, the general economic and social situation already occupied a central position in our considerations. I do not believe that we should devote a great deal of time to an assessment of the economic and social situation, supplementing the Commission's communication on this topic. What we need is to give a clear signal that the Community and its member states are making a suitable contribution to the process of economic recovery worldwide.

On Saturday afternoon we should also direct our attention to the topics of political co-operation. As you know, I would like to conclude the second day with a dinner for the Heads of Government and the foreign ministers, where we could continue our discussion of political co-operation.

On Sunday morning we should go through the draft conclusions resulting from the deliberations of the two previous days. My aim is to conclude our meeting before lunch.

Finally, I cannot deny my concern about the prospects for achieving results at the Stuttgart meeting of the European Council. I am convinced that a positive outcome can only

be reached if all parties are prepared to meet each other half-way. In view of the complex nature of the issues at hand, I regard it as indispensable, in the interest of balanced, positive results, for each of us to go to Stuttgart willing and able to make a concrete contribution to a successful summit meeting and to strengthening the Community.

I am looking forward very much to seeing you in Stuttgart.

Yours sincerely,

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