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ANGLO GERMAN CONSULTATIONS: PRESS CONFERENCE

1. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR GAVE A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1030Z TODAY. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT (CHANCELLOR KOHL'S STATEMENT WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY):

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1. CHANCELLOR KOHL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME AND FOR THE VERY FRUITFUL AND ENJOYABLE TALKS THAT WE HAVE HAD. THANK YOU ALSO FOR WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE VISIT TO BERLIN. I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO GO THERE - VERY PLEASED THAT WE ARE GOING THERE TOGETHER. THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO BERLIN. IT IS OF COURSE A UNIQUE CITY, UNIQUE IN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS GOVERNMENT AND PROTECTION: UNIQUE IN THE COURAGE AND RESOLVE OF ITS PEOPLE. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE WALL BEFORE AND I EXPECT IT TO BE SOMETHING OF A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE. WE NATURALLY RECOIL FROM WALLS THAT KEEP PEOPLE IN, BUT THAT WALL IS AN EVER-PRESENT REMINDER THAT, WHEN PEOPLE ARE FREE TO CHOOSE, THEY CHOOSE FREEDOM.

2. NOW, A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR TALKS. CHANCELLOR KOHL AND I HAVE OBVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN STRATEGIC TERMS: THE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BETWEEN THE GROUPS OF MINISTERS TO WHICH CHANCELLOR KOHL REFERRED. IF I MIGHT DIVIDE MY COMMENTS REALLY INTO 3 PARTS: FIRST WE DISCUSSED PROBLEMS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE AND THROUGHOUT EVERYTHING WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT OUR APPROACH IS VERY SIMILAR: IT IS A DETERMINATION TO SAFEGUARD PEACE WITH FREEDOM AND JUSTICE BUT WE WISH TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT AT A LOWER LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE THAN NOW, PROVIDED WE CAN GET AGREEMENT AT ALL STAGES WITH THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES - AN AGREEMENT THAT COULD BE PROPERLY RATIFIED. AND SO WE WORK FOR 2 THINGS SIMULTANEOUSLY: A DETERMINATION TO SAFEGUARD LIBERTY AND JUSTICE AND A WISH TO DO IT AT A LOWER LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE PROVIDED WE ARE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE TO DO SO. THERE ARE IN THE WESTERN ALLIANCE 1 OR 2 PASSING PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE SIBERIAN PIPELINE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND OURSELVES. WE HOPE THAT THOSE WILL SOON BE RESOLVED AND THAT SANCTIONS WILL BE LIFTED SO THAT THIS PROBLEM MAY RECEDE AND WE MAY CONTINUE FURTHER TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE THINGS TH
ARE
SO IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US.

3. WE HAD A CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT POLAND, THAT TRAGIC COUNTRY WHOSE PEOPLE SO LONG TO HAVE SOME OF THE FREEDOM WHICH WE TAKE FOR GRANTED AND OF COURSE WE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE ECONOMIC STATE OF POLAND, AND THE NEED OF THE PEOPLE TO GET THROUGH THE COMING WINTER.

4. WE THEN TURNED TO THE OTHER LARGE GROUPING OF WHICH WE ARE BOTH MEMBERS, TO THE COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THE NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS HAS REALLY BEEN VERY GOOD AND HAS GIVEN US ALL RENEWED FAITH IN IT AND A RENEWED DETERMINATION TO SORT OUT OUR PROBLEMS. TO GET A STEEL AGREEMENT WAS AN ACHIEVEMENT, TO GET THE FAIR DEAL ON THE BUDGET AGREEMENT VERY QUICKLY WAS ALSO A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT. WE HOPE MOST EARNESTLY THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY THE FIRST LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WHICH THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE MADE FOR A LONG TIME, NAMELY THE FISHING AGREEMENT. IT'S NOT YET CALLED THE COMMON FISHING POLICY BUT 9 OF US ARE AGREED ON SUCH A POLICY, WE HOPE THAT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS DENMARK WILL JOIN US SO THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS GREAT, NEW POLICY OF A COMMON FISHERIES POLICY FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. THROUGHOUT, OF COURSE, OUR APPROACH HAS BEEN VERY CONSTRUCTIVE TO ALL COMMUNITY PROBLEMS. IF BIG BUDGET PROBLEMS COME UP IN THE FUTURE AND WE SHALL HAVE TO TACKLE THOSE AGAIN ON A STRATEGIC BASIS.

5. THE THIRD GROUP OF SUBJECTS WHICH WE DISCUSSED WAS THE ECONOMIC GROUP AND WE BOTH VERY MUCH LOOKED FORWARD TO THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT (CHANCELLOR KOHL WILL OF COURSE BE SEEING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BEFORE THAT). WE APPROACH IT VERY MUCH IN THE FEELING THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE SUMMIT IS TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER'S MINDS AND TO SET IN TRAIN AS MUCH COOPERATION ON POLICIES AS WE POSSIBLY CAN, BECAUSE IN THE END WE ACHIEVE BEST COOPERATION AND THE BEST CHANCE FOR PROSPERITY AND STABILITY WHEN EACH OF US IS ABLE TO SET OUR OWN ECONOMIC HOUSE IN ORDER THEN WE ARE THE BETTER ABLE TO COOPERATE WITH OTHERS. WE VERY MUCH BOTH OF US SUPPORT AN OPEN TRADING SYSTEM AND REGRET THAT IN MANY WAYS OTHER COUNTRIES ARE NOT SUCH VIGOROUS SUPPORTERS OF THAT SYSTEM. WE RECOGNISE THAT TO HAVE AN OPEN TRADING SYSTEM, AND TO HAVE COMPETITION, IT MUST BE GENUINELY OPEN AND IT MUST BE GENUINELY FAIR COMPETITION. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS ON THE MARKET AT THE MOMENT THAT ARE NOT GENUINELY OPEN AND COMPETITION WHICH IS NOT GENUINELY FAIR.

6. IF I MIGHT JUST SAY ONE WORD ABOUT THE FLAVOUR OF THE TALKS. WHEN WE MET TOGETHER IN LONDON I SAID THAT THERE WAS A GREAT MEETING OF MINDS: THERE IS OF COURSE A GREAT MEETING OF MINDS AND IF I MIGHT JUST CHANGE THE ANALOGY THEY ARE RIGHT ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH. I THINK THE TALKS WE HAVE HAD TODAY BOTH BETWEEN CHANCELLOR KOHL AND MYSELF BETWEEN THE GROUPS OF MINISTERS - THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, THE TREASURY MINISTERS, THE TRADE MINISTERS AND DEFENCE MINISTERS - THEY HAVE GIVEN US A GREAT FEELING OF CONFIDENCE FOR COOPERATION AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE. ONE CAN ASK NO MORE THAN THAT. WE THANK OUR HOSTS MOST WARMLY FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND FOR CREATING THE ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS LED TO SUCH A VERY SUCCESSFUL BILATERAL MEETING.

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