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YOUR TELNO 984 TO UKREP BRUSSELS: GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. EVENTS MOVED SWIFTLY TODAY. KITTANI WHIPPED UP THE PACE AND PUT THE US UNDER PARTICULAR PRESSURE THIS AFTERNOON. THE OUTCOME WAS THE CLEAN TEXT ('TEXT C') IN MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM.

2. IN COMMUNITY COORDINATION THE MANDATE FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH GROUP (UKREP BRUSSELS TELNO 4565) WAS WELCOMED, THOUGH ALL WERE CONSCIOUS OF THE LIMITS ON THE COMMUNITY'S ABILITY TO ACT WHILE THE AMERICAN POSITION REMAINED SO OBSCURE. IN THIS CONTEXT IT WAS NOTED THAT:-

A) THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF PRESSING FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY RATHER THAN A CONFERENCE, SINCE THE AMERICANS HAD ALREADY CONCEDED A CONFERENCE AND KITTANI WAS OPPOSED TO A SPECIAL SESSION (WHICH HE WOULD HAVE TO CHAIR).

B) THE AMERICANS WERE RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS AT THIS STAGE HOW THE GN'S MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO AN END.

C) WHILE THE UK POINTED OUT THAT, IN THEIR VIEW, THE TEXTS ON THE TABLE PROVIDED FLIMSY PROTECTION FOR SPECIALISED BODIES, THERE WAS NO SIGN THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD PRESS FOR STRONGER LANGUAGE.

D) ONLY ON CONSENSUS WAS AGREEMENT CLOSE.

3. WE COMPARED NOTES WITH THE US MISSION DURING THE DAY, BUT WITHOUT MUCH ENLIGHTENMENT. CLARK INDICATED ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT THE MAIN US CONCERN AT PRESENT WAS NOT TO APPEAR TO BE BLOCKING GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS. MRS KIRKPATRICK'S SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTIONS IN KITTANI'S GROUP CONFIRMED HER TACTICS OF POSTPONING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE UNTIL THE GN'S OPENED.

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4. THE MAIN POINTS MADE IN DISCUSSION IN KITTANI'S GROUP, WHICH LED TO THE TEXT IN MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM, WERE AS FOLLOWS (NOT ALL PARAGRAPHS WERE DISCUSSED):

A) THE G77 EXPRESSED A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR "REAFFIRMING" RESOLUTION 34/138. MOST OECD COUNTRIES WERE READY TO ACCEPT EITHER "REAFFIRMING" OR "RECALLING" 34/138: THE US DID NOT COMMENT.

B) IN PARAGRAPH 2, ALGERIA SUGGESTED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE TIME FRAME OF THE GN'S AS WELL AS PROCEDURES AND AGENDA. THIS WAS AT ONCE ACCEPTED BY THE US, ADDING THE WORD "FIRST".

C) THE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 3 LIKEWISE EMERGED FROM CONTRIBUTIONS BY ALGERIA AND THE US, THE LATTER INSISTING ON THE TERM "THROUGHOUT".

D) PARAGRAPH 4 EMERGED FROM A PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL INTENDED AS A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE EARLIER TEXTS A AND B. THE US THOUGHT ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT THE PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE WAS "HELPFUL", IN PARTICULAR THE TREATMENT OF AD HOC GROUPS. ALGERIA SUBSEQUENTLY POINTED OUT THE DRAWBACKS IN THIS PARAGRAPH FOR THE G77 BUT UNDERTOOK TO EXAMINE IT UNCHANGED IN THE CONTEXT OF A FINAL TEXT.

E) THERE WAS GENERAL ASSENT FOR PARAGRAPH 5, AFTER KITTANI - WHO HIMSELF SUGGESTED THE CONFERENCE HAVE "HIGH PRIORITY" - EXPLAINED THAT THIS WOULD NOT LEAD TO A COMPETITION FOR UN FACILITIES OR A MASSIVE NEW BUREAUCRACY.

5. THE GROUP OF 77 HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO LOOK AT THE NEW TEXT IN THE COURSE OF TOMORROW. KITTANI'S NEXT MEETING IS AT 2215Z (THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT THE JAPANESE MISSION AT 1530Z FOLLOWED BY COMMUNITY COORDINATION AT 2000Z). WE EXPECT KITTANI TO PRESS ALL THOSE PRESENT AT HIS MEETING TO SEEK THEIR GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT TO THIS TEXT. IT IS BY NO MEANS AN IMPROVEMENT ON EARLIER VERSIONS. MRS KIRKPATRICK'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATION OF A TEXT WAS A WELCOME CHANGE BUT HER CONTRIBUTIONS WERE IDIOSYNCRATIC AND DID NOT REVEAL CLEARLY WHAT SHE MIGHT FEEL ABLE FINALLY TO RECOMMEND TO WASHINGTON.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT "C" OF 30 NOVEMBER.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
HAVING CONSIDERED THE ITEM ENTITLED QUOTE LAUNCHING OF THE GLOBAL
NEGOTIATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT
UNQUOTE,

REAFFIRMING RESOLUTION 34/138,

1. DECIDES TO CONVENE A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE FOR GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT FROM 1982;
2. DECIDES THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL FIRST ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES AGENDA AND TIME-FRAME FOR THE GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS;
3. DECIDES THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL FUNCTION THROUGHOUT AND REACH AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS;
4. DECIDES THAT THE CONFERENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL EXERCISE THE CENTRAL ROLE IN THE GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS AND IN THAT CONTEXT WILL ENTRUST SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS OR PARTS THEREOF, TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE OBJECTIVES AND GUIDANCE, TO SPECIALIZED FORA WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR COMPETENCE, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS, OR TO SUCH AD HOC GROUPS IT MAY CREATE IF NECESSARY;
5. DECIDES TO ACCORD HIGH PRIORITY TO THE CONFERENCE IN RELATION TO OTHER UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES EXCEPT THOSE OF THE PRINCIPAL ORGANS ESTABLISHED BY THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN RESPECT OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES, AND REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO THE CONFERENCE;
6. DECIDES THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION.

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