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YOUR TELNO 1430: GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. WE SEE LITTLE ALTERNATIVE BUT TO AWAIT FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF AMERICAN INTENTIONS, AND PERHAPS REPRESENTATIONS IN CAPITALS (WASHINGTON TELNO 3644). WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE TEXT IN YOUR TELNO 1406 IS UNSATISFACTORY AND THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST AWAIT AMERICAN AND G77 REACTIONS BEFORE MAKING A FORMAL REPLY. WE THEREFORE REMAIN OPPOSED TO EITHER A PREJUDGE FAVOURABLE OR AN INDICATION THAT WE WILL ACCEPT IF OTHERS WILL (PARA 6 OF YOUR TELNO 1414). WE ARE CONTENT WITH THE LINE YOU TOOK ON 2 DECEMBER (PARA 3 OF TUR) AND HOPE YOU WILL MAINTAIN IT IN THE COMMUNITY.
2. WE HAVE TOLD THE GERMANS IN BONN THAT WE BELIEVE THE COMMUNITY SHOULD LET THE AMERICANS REPLY FIRST, THAT WE REGARD THE EXISTING TEXT AS INADEQUATE AND WOULD LIKE TO STRENGTHEN IT IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES BUT THAT, AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR A LAST MINUTE CHANGE OF FRONT BY THE AMERICANS.
3. IF SUCH A SITUATION ARISES (PARA 8 OF TUR) YOU HAVE DISCRETION TO ACCEPT A TEXT PROVIDED THAT BOTH THE AMERICANS, AND G77 HAVE STATED THEIR ACCEPTANCE. WE WOULD, IF POSSIBLE, LIKE TO WARN THE GERMANS IN ADVANCE OF OUR DECISION TO MOVE, BUT IF THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE IN CAPITALS YOU SHOULD AT LEAST CONSULT YOUR GERMAN COLLEAGUE.

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