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London Economic Summit: Draft Declaration on Democratic Values

You asked for advice on how to handle this subject at the Summit meeting.

2. I presume that it is still the Prime Minister's intention to issue the Declaration on Friday 8 June, presumably at the end of the afternoon's session (though I suppose that we might be able to have it ready to issue at lunch-time on Friday, if all went well).
3. I suggest that the objective should be to minimise detailed discussion of the text at Ministerial level.
4. I therefore suggest that, at her dinner on Thursday 7 June, the Prime Minister might say that she understands that there is general agreement that a Declaration on Democratic Values should be issued from this Summit, not least (in the light of the very recent celebrations of D-Day) to emphasise that those who were enemies in the Second World War are now united by shared values and common causes. A draft text was circulated a fortnight ago, and comments were invited and received. Personal Representatives, accompanied by Political Directors, will be meeting that evening to consider a revised text taking account of the comments received. The Prime Minister hopes that that will enable her to circulate to her colleagues the following morning an agreed text, which Heads of State or Government can approve. She would then propose that it should be issued to the press either at lunch-time or at the close of the afternoon session.
5. The Prime Minister could go on to say that two or three of her colleagues had suggested that additional paragraphs should be included in the Declaration to cover East-West relations, arms control and the problems of the Gulf.

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Her view is that, important though these current political issues are, paragraphs dealing with them do not sit easily alongside the more timeless statement of values and aspirations which was envisaged. We shall therefore be proposing that the Declaration should deal only in the most general terms, if at all, with those issues. Clearly, however, Heads of State or Government and Foreign Ministers will be discussing those issues, and it would be appropriate for her, when she meets the press on the afternoon of Friday 8 June to say that those subjects have been discussed and to give some indication of the tenor of the discussion. She will of course be clearing with her colleagues the kind of thing she expects to say.

6. Personal Representatives and Political Directors will then hope to agree a text of the Declaration later that evening, and circulate it either immediately or very early the following morning to delegations, so that it can be in the hands of Heads of State or Government when they meet on the morning of Friday 8 June.

7. I have agreed with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office a revised draft of the Declaration on Democratic Values, taking account as seems appropriate of the comments made by other countries. If the Prime Minister agrees, this is the text which we will circulate as a basis for discussion by Personal Representatives and Political Directors on the evening of Thursday 7 June.

8. I have asked the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to prepare drafts of ^{conclusions to be released to the press} ~~of what the Prime Minister might say at her press conference~~ on the afternoon of Friday 8 June about peace, East-West relations, arms control and the Gulf. The Prime Minister will wish to consider whether to circulate drafts for consideration by other Heads of State or Government, or simply to read out to her colleagues what she proposes to say to the press. I think that it has to be said that there will be considerable interest in what she says on these subjects, and some delegations - notably the French - are likely to want to scrutinise a text in writing.



9. I am sending copies of this minute and of the revised draft to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

6 June 1984

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DECLARATION ON DEMOCRATIC VALUES

(Draft of 6 June 1984)

We, the Heads of State or Government of seven major industrial democracies with the President of the Commission of the European Communities, assembled in London for the Tenth Economic Summit meeting, affirm our commitment to the values which sustain and bring together our societies.

2. We believe in a rule of law which respects and protects without fear or favour the human and civil rights and liberties of every citizen, and provides the setting in which the human spirit can develop in freedom and diversity.

3. We believe in a system of democracy which ensures genuine choice in elections freely held, free expression of opinion and capacity to respond and adapt to change in all its aspects.

4. We believe that political and economic freedom are interdependent. It is for Governments to set the conditions in which there can be confidence in the soundness of the currency; in which enterprise and employment can flourish; in which there can be the greatest possible range and freedom of choice, and personal initiative; in which all can share in the benefits of growth, (standards of living can rise) and society can provide care and support for those in need; and in which the lives of all can be enriched by the fruits of innovation, imagination and scientific discovery. Our countries have the resources and will to master jointly the tasks of the third industrial revolution (to the benefit of all.)

5. We believe in close partnership with each other in the conviction that this will reinforce political and economic stability and solidarity in the world as a whole. We look for co-operation with all countries on the basis of respect for their independence and territorial integrity, regardless of differences between political, economic and social systems. We respect genuine non-alignment. We acknowledge the moral responsibilities that go with economic success. We reaffirm our will to act with all countries in order to foster their prosperity; our keen concern about the problems of hunger and poverty in the world; and our determination to help those who most need it.

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6. We believe in the need for peace with freedom and justice. Each of us rejects the use of force as a means of settling disputes: each of us will maintain only the military strength necessary to deter aggression and to meet our responsibilities for effective defence. [We are committed to effective arms control and we shall do our utmost to bring about a balance of forces at the lowest possible level. Our dedication to the rule of law, democracy and individual freedom is a guarantee of our commitment to work for a constructive relationship with all states on a basis of restraint and reciprocity.

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7. We believe that, as we stated at Williamsburg, our security is indivisible and must be approached on a global basis. We are convinced that international problems and conflicts can and must be resolved through reasoned dialogue and negotiation and we shall support all efforts to this end. *Security in 63*

8. Strong in these beliefs, our countries are endowed with unrivalled diversity and creative vigour. With such a heritage we look forward to the future with confidence.

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