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1. AFTER AN APRIL 14 SPECIAL MEETING IN THE HAGUE, THE

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TWELVE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOREIGN MINISTERS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON TERRORISM.

BEGIN TEXT

STATEMENT BY MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE TWELVE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND THE CRISIS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

- 1. THE TWELVE ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED BY THE INCREASED TENSION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN CREATED BY THE RECENT ACTS OF TERRORISM. THEY MET TODAY TO CONCERT COMMON ACTION AGAINST THIS SCOURGE.
- 2. THEY CONSIDER THAT STATES CLEARLY IMPLICATED IN SUPPORTING TERRORISM SHOULD BE INDUCED TO RENOUNCE SUCH SUPPORT AND TO RESPECT THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THEY CALL UPON LIBYA TO ACT ACCORDINGLY.
- 3. THE TWELVE ARE CONVINCED THAT TERRORIST ATTACKS DO NOT SERVE WHATEVER POLITICAL CAUSE THE PERPETRATORS CLAIM TO BE FURTHERING. OUTRAGES LIKE THE ONES RECENTLY PERPETRATED ON THE TWA AIRCRAFT AND IN A DISCOTHEQUE IN BERLIN CAN NEVER BE JUSTIFIED. THE TWELVE VIGOROUSLY CONDEMN THESE OUTRAGES, DEEPLY DEPLORE THE LOSS OF INNOCENT LIFE INVOLVED AND EXPRESS THEIR SYMPATHY WITH THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
- 4. THEY ALSO REJECT THE UNACCEPTABLE THREATS MADE BY LIBYAN LEADERS AGAINST MEMBER STATES, WHICH DELIBERATELY ENCOURAGE RECOURSE TO ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND DIRECTLY THREATEN EUROPE. ANY ACTION OF THIS SORT WILL MEET WITH A

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VIGOROUS AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE TWELVE.

- 5. THE TWELVE HAVE DECIDED TO ACT ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING LINES REGARDING LIBYA AND, WHERE NECESSARY, REGARDING OTHER STATES CLEARLY IMPLICATED IN SUPPORTING TERRORISM:
- RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF DIPLOMATIC
- AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL;
- REDUCTION OF THE STAFF OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR
- MISSIONS:
- STRICTER VISA REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES.
- 6. IN CONFORMITY WITH THEIR DECLARATION OF 27 JANUARY 1986 THEY REAFFIRM THAT NO ARMS OR OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT WILL BE EXPORTED TO LIBYA. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEIR NATIONALS AND INDUSTRY DO NOT SEEK ANY COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE FROM MEASURES IN REACTION TO TERRORIST ATTACKS AND OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. THEY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER WHETHER FURTHER MEASURES MAY NEED TO BE

TAKEN. NO COUNTRY WHICH LENDS SUPPORT TO TERRORISM CAN EXPECT TO MAINTAIN NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THEM.

7. THEY HAVE INSTRUCTED THE EXPERTS CONCERNED IMMEDIATELY TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY THE TWELVE, IN PARTICULAR, SECURITY MEASURES, THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AND THE SAFETY OF CIVIL AVIATION. THE EXPERTS' REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE

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MINISTERIAL MEETING TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK.

8. THE TWELVE ARE INCREASING THEIR COOPERATION WITH OTHER STATES IN THE FIELD OF INTELLIGENCE, THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY MEASURES AND GENERALLY, TO PREVENT ACTS OF TERRORISM.

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9. IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO ELIMINATING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, THE TWELVE WILL USE THEIR JOINT INFLUENCE IN

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CONTACTS WITH LIBYA AND, WHERE NECESSARY, WITH OTHER STATES CONCERNED.

- 10. THEY HAVE DECIDED TO INFORM THE ARAB STATES AND THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES ABOUT THEIR CONCLUSIONS AND TO INVITE THEM TO ANALYSE JOINTLY AND URGENTLY THE ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.
- 11. FINALLY AND IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A POLITICAL SOLUTION, AVOIDING FURTHER ESCALATION OF MILITARY TENSION IN THE REGION WITH ALL THE INHERENT DANGERS, THE TWELVE UNDERLINE THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT ON ALL SIDES.

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- 2. IN THEIR POST-MEETING PRESS CONFERENCES, SEVERAL EC MINISTERS STRESSED THE ADVANCE THIS STATEMENT REPRESENTED OVER PREVIOUS EUROPEAN POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS ON TERRORISM. TODAY'S TEXT THRICE CITES LIBYA BY NAME, WHEREAS THE LAST EC STATEMENT ON TERRORISM (ISSUED IN BRUSSELS JANUARY 27) OMITTED MENTIONING LIBYA, BECAUSE OF SPANISH AND ITALIAN RETICENCE. TODAY'S TEXT COMMITS THE EC-12 TO TIGHTENING RESTRICTIONS ON LIBYAN OFFICIALS IN EUROPE. BUT IT DOES NOT COMMIT THE TWELVE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO CLOSING RESIDENT LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAUS -- A MOVE BOTH THE BRITISH AND DUTCH HAD URGED ON THEIR PARTNERS, UK SPOKESMAN SAID.
- 3. IN HIS PRESS BRIEFING, HOWE CALLED THE STATEMENT AND THE RESTRICTIONS ON LIBYAN DIPLOMATS A "CREDIBLE RESPONSE" TO THE LIBYAN TERRORIST THREAT -- "A PLAIN STATEMENT OF OUR RECOGNITION OF (QADHAFI'S) RESPONSIBILI-

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TY. " HE HOPED IT WOULD BE FAVORABLY RECEIVED "ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC." IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER THE EC WOULD SUPPORT AMERICAN MILITARY ACTION AGAINST LIBYA, HOWE REFERRED TO THE UN CHARTER'S ARTICLE 51 AND SOVEREIGN STATES' RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE IF ATTACKED. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD HIS FELLOW MINISTERS THAT LONDON WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED BY US MILITARY ACTION IF THE EC FAILED TO RESPOND CREDIBLY TO THE LIBYAN THREATS. RESPONDING TO SIMILAR QUESTIONS, MEETING CHAIRMAN VAN DEN BROEK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE US WAS IMPLIED IN PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE EC STATEMENT, WHICH URGES ALL PARTIES TO SHOW SELF-RESTRAINT. VAN DEN BROEK ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THAT PORTION OF THE STATEMENT HAD CONSUMED MUCH OF THE MINISTERS' ATTENTION, AND HE HOPED THAT THE EC'S SEEKING "POLITICAL SOLUTIONS" WOULD FORESTALL MILITARY ACTION. VAN DEN BROEK STRESSED THE EUROPEANS SYMPATHY FOR AMERICAN VIEWS, AND HOPED THAT AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION WOULD RECOGNIZE THE EC'S SERIOUSNESS IN TREATING THE PROBLEM. LIKE HOWE, THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER FELT THE EC STATEMENT SENT QADHAFI A STRONG MESSAGE.

TERRORISM WORKING GROUP HAD ALREADY BEGUN DELIBERATING
THE SPECIFIC MEASURES COMMUNITY MEMBER STATES MIGHT TAKE
FURTHER TO RESTRICT LIBYAN ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE. BUT
IT COULD BE "DAYS OR WEEKS" BEFORE THESE WOULD BE AGREED
ON, VAN DEN BROEK CAUTIONED. THE ITALIANS, GREEKS,
SPANISH AND GERMANS HAD BEEN MOST RELUCTANT ACTUALLY TO
CLOSE THE PEOPLES' BUREAUS, EC DIPLOMATS TOLD US. (THE
EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL MEET IN LUXEMBOURG APRIL 21-22
FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON TERRORISM.) FINALLY, VAN
DEN BROEK TOLD PRESS THAT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST
LIBYA HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AT THE APRIL 14
MEETING, BUT THESE WERE NOT EXCLUDED AS POSSIBLE FUTURE
MEASURES IN THE EVENT OF FURTHER LIBYAN TERRORIST ACTIVITY.

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BRITISH OFFICIALS HAD EARLIER TOLD THE PRESS THAT IN THEIR OPENING STATEMENTS, BOTH THE SPANISH AND GERMAN MINISTERS HAD ARGUED AGAINST ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AT THIS POINT.

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