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**EC : EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE**

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 21 November to Geoffrey Howe.

I welcome the way in which your initiative is developing and recognise the need for a section dealing with the implications for training. I am however uneasy about the reference to Council encouragement in connection with education during the compulsory school period since this may be seen as an invitation to the Commission to bring forward substantive proposals in that area. As you may know, the Treaty of Rome does not provide specific powers for the Community in education and we have argued against introducing powers of that kind.

Since the proposed Resolution begins by referring to the Treaty, I shall be grateful if you can ensure that references to developments in education are not framed in terms of possible action by the Community. This means, I think, that the reference to education during the compulsory school period should feature in the introductory paragraph about training rather than in a list of Council measures and that the other references in that section should be to vocational training rather than education and training. I attach a list of possible modifications on this basis which I hope you will be able to accommodate.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, Geoffrey Howe, Nigel Lawson, Norman Fowler, Paul Channon, Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir David Hannay.

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO TEXT ACCOMPANYING MR KENNETH CLARKE'S  
LETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER

SECTION ON TRAINING (PAGE 6)

After second sentence of introductory paragraph add:-

".... access to the employment market. A sound foundation for this training is the provision by Member States of high quality education during the compulsory school period, including the encouragement of links between schools and the world of work. In this respect ..."

In next indent, replace "vocational programmes of education and training" by "vocational training" and delete first sub-indent.

In second and third sub-indent: replace "vocational education and training" with "vocational training".



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