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MY TELNO 432: EUROPEAN COUNCIL: PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO EC  
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENCY REPORT ON FRONTIER CONTROLS,  
TERRORISM, IMMIGRATION AND DRUGS.

BEGINS:

FRONTIER CONTROLS/TERRORISM/IMMIGRATION/DRUGS  
(PRESIDENCY REPORT TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL)

1. ON SIGNING THE SINGLE EUROPEAN ACT AND COMMITTING THEMSELVES  
TO THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET BY 1992 WE DECLARED  
THAT:

QUOTE: IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, THE  
MEMBER STATES SHALL COOPERATE, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POWERS OF  
THE COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR AS REGARDS THE ENTRY, MOVEMENT AND  
RESIDENCE OF NATIONALS OF THIRD COUNTRIES. THEY SHALL ALSO  
COOPERATE IN THE COMBATING OF TERRORISM, CRIME, THE TRAFFIC IN  
DRUGS, AND ILLICIT TRADING IN WORKS OF ART AND ANTIQUES.

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2. THE UNITED KINGDOM PRESIDENCY HAS GIVEN PRIORITY TO WORK DESIGNED TO GIVE PRACTICAL EFFECT TO THIS DECLARATION. FURTHER TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE TERRITORY OF MEMBER STATES AND EVIDENCE OF STATE SPONSORED TERRORISM HAVE GIVEN THIS ADDED URGENCY.

THE TREVI MINISTERIAL MEETING ON 25 SEPTEMBER AGREED ON FURTHER ACTION TO COMBAT TERRORISM, INCLUDING A SECURE COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN NATIONAL POLICE FORCES AND THE REGULAR EXCHANGE OF THREAT ASSESSMENTS.

FOREIGN MINISTERS REACHED AGREEMENT ON 10 NOVEMBER ON CONCERTED MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THE EVIDENCE REVEALED IN THE HINDAWI TRIAL.

WE SHOULD DECIDE WHAT FURTHER ACTION CAN BE TAKEN TO DETER TERRORIST ACTIVITY ON THE TERRITORY OF ANY MEMBER STATE AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO MAKE NO CONCESSIONS TO TERRORIST BLACKMAIL, AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES IN OUR RESPONSE TO SUCH ACTIONS.

3. FOLLOWING THE FURTHER AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE MEETING OF THE INTERIOR AND JUSTICE MINISTERS AND LORD COCKFIELD ON 20 OCTOBER, WORK MUST BE CARRIED FORWARD ON:

- THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXTRADITION OF THOSE ACCUSED OF VIOLENT CRIMES:

- STEPS TO ENSURE THAT PROVISION FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS IS NOT ABUSED. WE HAVE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THOSE GENUINELY NEEDING ASYLUM IN OUR COUNTRIES - BECAUSE OF A DENIAL OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS ELSEWHERE, AND ATTEMPTS TO ABUSE THIS RIGHT AS A WAY OF CIRCUMVENTING IMMIGRATION CONTROLS:

- COOPERATION TO COUNTER THE THEFT AND FORGERY OF PASSPORTS:

- THE COORDINATION OF VISA REGIMES:

- CONCERTED ACTION TO DEAL WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

4. AT THE SAME TIME THE EFFORT MUST BE CONTINUED TO SIMPLIFY FRONTIER PROCEDURES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, WITHOUT WEAKENING OUR ESSENTIAL DEFENCES AGAINST TERRORISM, DRUGS AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. THIS MUST INCLUDE ACTION TO STRENGTHEN CONTROLS AT THE COMMUNITY'S EXTERNAL FRONTIERS.

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5. INTERIOR MINISTERS HAVE DRAWN UP A PLAN FOR ACTION ON DRUGS BY THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES. THEY HAVE AGREED ON THE NEED, IN COOPERATION WITH THE POMPIDOU GROUP, TO:

- CONCERT ACTION AGAINST THOSE WHO CRIMINALLY TRAFFIC IN ILLEGAL DRUGS:

- COORDINATE LEGAL ACTION, IN PARTICULAR IN RELATION TO CONFISCATION OF ASSETS:

- CONSIDER EXCHANGING DRUGS LIAISON OFFICERS:

- ENSURE THAT BILATERAL AND COMMUNITY AID SUPPORTS, AS APPROPRIATE, RECIPIENT COUNTRIES' EFFORTS TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE:

- DRAW ON EACH OTHER'S EXPERTISE IN REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG AND IN THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS.

6. THESE ARE PROBLEMS OF CONCERN TO CITIZENS IN ALL OUR COUNTRIES. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARE INVITED TO GIVE A FURTHER IMPETUS TO COOPERATION ON THESE SUBJECTS AND TO REACH CONCLUSIONS ON FURTHER ACTION.

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