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MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER.

1. PRESIDENT GAVIRIA HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE (DATED 26 NOVEMBER) TO THE PRIME MINISTER (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION: ORIGINAL BY BAG TO LAD).

BEGINS...

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN A SECOND BALLOT TO ELECT THE HEAD OF THE BRITISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY, I WOULD LIKE TO TRANSMIT TO YOU THE EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST ADMIRATION FOR THE STEPS YOU TOOK IN GUIDING THE DESTINY OF YOUR COUNTRY DURING THE LAST ELEVEN YEARS.

THE VALIDITY OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES, THE EFFECT OF THE MARKET ECONOMY, THE ENERGETIC CONVICTION AGAINST TERRORISM AND OTHER VIOLENT MEANS USED TO OBTAIN CHANGE, AND YOUR PRAGMATISM, CONSTITUTED THE FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS OF THE MAKE-UP OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. THE DEEP TRANSFORMATIONS WHICH THE WORLD IS LIVING TODAY INDICATE THAT THESE ARE PRECISELY THE PARAMETERS AROUND WHICH A NEW WORLD ORDER IS BEING BUILT. THE WORLD ACKNOWLEDGES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR LEADERSHIP.

I COULD NOT END THIS MESSAGE WITHOUT RENEWING, ON BEHALF OF THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE, OUR MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR GREAT BRITAIN'S QUICK, DECIDED AND EFFICIENT RESPONSE TO OUR CALL FOR SOLIDARITY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, THE MOST RECENT DECISION BEING THAT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IN GRANTING A PREFERENTIAL TYPE OF TREATMENT TO COLOMBIAN EXPORT PRODUCTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOU THE INVITATION MADE DURING OUR MEETING, TO HONOUR US WITH A VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY.

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