

72
See (73)

CONFIDENTIAL

GRS 400

ALQ 50/598/1		
RECEIVED IN REGISTRY		
DESK OFFICER		REGISTRY
INDEX	PA	Action Taken

CONFIDENTIAL

FRAME EXTERNAL

DESKBY 101200Z

FM UKREP BRUSSELS 101134Z APR 82

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 1464 OF 10 APRIL

INFO IMMEDIATE EC POSTS STRASBOURG UKMIS NEW YORK WASHINGTON

UKMIS GENEVA UKDEL NATO OTTAWA TOKYO CANBERRA WELLINGTON

COREPER (AMBASSADORS): 10 APRIL: EC/ARGENTINA

SUMMARY

1. AGREEMENT TO IMPOSE TOTAL EMBARGO ON IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA.

DETAIL

(68)

2. MY TELNO 1460. ITALY LIFTED ITS RESERVE ENABLING THE DECISION TO IMPOSE A TOTAL EMBARGO ON IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA TO BE TAKEN. DECISION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED BY THE TEN AT 1200Z TODAY IN THE TERMS REPORTED IN PARA 2 OF TUR. COREPER WILL MEET ON 14 APRIL TO DEAL WITH IMPLEMENTING TEXTS (ON WHICH PROBLEMS REMAIN).

3. A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS WERE MADE. GALLI (ITALY) EMPHASISED THE EXTREME DIFFICULTY OF THE DECISION, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE A HEAVY SACRIFICE AND WOULD PROBABLY BE MUCH CRITICISED IN ITALY. RUTTEN (NETHERLANDS) ALSO UNDERLINED THE EXTRAORDINARY NATURE OF THE DECISION. THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT NOTED PARTICULARLY THAT THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL WAS TO SUSPEND IMPORTS FOR A BRIEF PERIOD, THOUGH THIS COULD BE EXTENDED. THEY ALSO HOPED THAT, GIVEN THE EXTENT TO WHICH MEMBER STATES INTERESTS WERE NOW ENGAGED, THERE WOULD BE GENUINE CONSULTATIONS IN POCO ON THE GENERAL LINES OF HMG'S POLICY OVER THE DISPUTE. BLANCHEMAISON (FRANCE) TRIED TO GET "SUSPENDRE" SUBSTITUTED FOR "INTERDIRE" IN THE STATEMENT, BUT GAVE WAY WITHOUT A STRUGGLE WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT THIS GREATLY WEAKENED THE IMPACT. POENSGEN (FRG) HOPED THAT THE ACTION WOULD CONTRIBUTE AN OPTIONAL SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT. OTHERS MADE BROADLY SIMILAR STATEMENTS.

CONFIDENTIAL

4. IN REPLY TO NETHERLANDS QUESTION, PRESIDENCY CONFIRMED THAT IT WOULD BE INFORMING THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OF THE TEN'S STATEMENT AND THE MEASURES AGREED.

5. YOU WILL NO DOUBT BE CONSIDERING APPROPRIATE MESSAGES OF THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS.

6. MIFT CONTAINS THE LINE WHICH WE ARE TAKING IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE RANGE OF ECONOMIC MEASURES.

FCO ADVANCE TO:-

FCO - BRIDGES, BULLARD, GIFFARD, HANNAY, CROWE, EVANS, BAYNE,
DEW

CAB - GOODENOUGH, WADE-GERY, COLVIN

DOT - NEAL (ITP DIVISION), CORLEY, GRAY (DEP SEC)

TSY - CAREY

PMG OFFICE - FULLER, HATFIELD

NICOLL

FRAME EXTERNAL

ECD (E)

S AM D

EMERGENCY UNIT

ERD

TRED

MAED

ESID

SED

UND

ADDITIONAL DISTN.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

[ADVANCED AS REQUESTED]

2

CONFIDENTIAL