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Preparations for Milan

A / Genscher made a strong statement, emphasising the need for decisions to be taken at Milan. There should be no question of subjects simply being remitted for decision by subsequent meetings or conferences. Andreotti said that the Presidency had already suggested an agenda. It might prove possible to reach certain precise conclusions, or perhaps to adopt a mandate on the basis on which Foreign Ministers could take matters further in a kind of intergovernmental conference. Milan should focus on decision taking, the powers of the Parliament, the internal market, and political cooperation.

~~The Secretary of State~~ said it was important to get away from references to a 'mandate'. The menu for Milan should be set out in the form of alternatives. The candidates should be required to answer all questions. Andreotti said that the Presidency had it in mind to produce a non-paper in the run-up to Milan, to ensure that discussion at the European Council did not take too general a form. Van den Broek asked if this would be distributed at Milan or before. Genscher said that it would be useful to have it at least two days in advance of the meeting. Andreotti said the Presidency would do their best.

In a bilateral meeting he had later with ~~the Secretary of State~~ Genscher reverted in strong terms to the importance of decisions being taken by the European Council. The Germans, he said, would not accept a meeting which simply shoved off the most important questions for discussion by a conference. ~~The Secretary of State~~ said there really should be no need for a conference. Genscher agreed.

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