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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr President

Thank you for your letter of 16 November expressing concern about proposals put forward by the Commission of the European Communities to combat environmental pollution by cadmium.

As you anticipated in your letter, the Council of the European Communities discussed these proposals on 3 December. Our support for these was based on growing evidence of the accumulation of cadmium in the environment and on its known toxicity. Let me reassure you, however, that the need for action to be based on a proper scientific evaluation of the effects of cadmium on the environment and on human health is clearly spelled out in the proposals.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Abdou Diouf