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PRIME MINISTER

MADRID EUROPEAN COUNCIL: UK 'SOCIAL CHARTER'

You asked for a comprehensive statement of the social protection which the United Kingdom provides for its people, as well as our employment record and policy, for use with the press and others at Madrid.

I attach the first draft prepared by Departments. On substance, it seems to me very much on the right lines, and likely to be useful for e.g. Questions and other purposes as well. I wonder whether it is not too detailed for Madrid. One option would be to drop the Annexes. On a point of detail, I think it would be better to put the section on Social Protection before that on Employment.

But we need to give very careful attention to the lay-out and production, so that it is attractive as well as informative.

Are you broadly content with the draft?

CDP

(C. D. POWELL)  
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Some of the above  
points have now been  
taken into account in  
the attached amended version

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