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PRIME MINISTER

Concept of
Some limited sanctions

of which ~~whose airlines fly~~
countries who fail
to prosecute terrorists, ~~to countries responsible~~
for leaders -

Terrorism

1. I understand that terrorism is likely to be dealt with at your dinner this evening. Whilst we are broadly content with the present draft statement (which contains for the first time a commitment by the Summit Seven to make no concessions under duress) it seems to me that there are three points which you may wish to make.

- (a) There should be a reaffirmation of the commitment to earlier Summit statements on terrorism. (This seems to me particularly important since Irangate followed the Tokyo Declaration.)
- (b) We have some other amendments intended to make the text crisper.
- (c) The annex to the main statement contains the Declaration on the amendment to the Bonn Declaration. This text was the result of many hours of work by experts. It has made the application of the Bonn Declaration somewhat wider ie the Montreal Convention covers such matters as violence to aircraft as well as civil hijacking. Nevertheless the changes are minimal and I do not think that our public will believe that we have indeed made the Bonn Declaration more effective as promised at Tokyo. We should therefore introduce into the Declaration the concept of limited sanctions against an offending country or sanctions applied for a limited period. this would make the declaration more flexible in application.



2. You might suggest that the best way of dealing with the texts would be to have them reconsidered by the Personal Representatives (accompanied by terrorism experts).

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*(Approved by the Foreign Secretary
and signed in his absence)*