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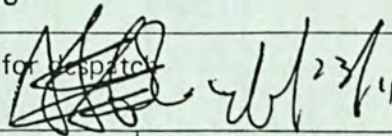
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12 Situation Report 22/23 November
13 Cyprus
14 1. On 22 November 1983 PoCo Foreign Ministers asked ^{the} Commission
15 to examine ^{the} possible consequences for EC trade with Northern
16 Cyprus of Turkish Cypriot UDI. Any decisions by EC Ministers
17 would be taken in the light of this. In practice it will
18 probably mean withdrawal of preferential treatment for exports
19 from northern Cyprus for the EC.
20 Brazil
21 2. Brazil's request for a revised IMF programme (an Extended
22 Fund Facility of 4.6 bn dollars) and for a buffer stock drawing
23 for 58 m dollars were approved by the IMF Executive Board on
24 22 November. This will release immediately 673 m dollars under
25 the Extended Fund Facility. This will in turn permit repayment

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2 of the BIS bridging loan. The Deputy MD said that the commercial
3 banks had pledged sufficient new money for the programme to go
4 ahead. Commitments of 5.865 billion dollars had been pledged out
5 of the 6.5 billion dollars total. The MD expressed confidence
6 that the 2.5 billion dollars sought from governments 'would be
7 forthcoming' but did not go into details of individual country
8 contributions. ~~The Paris Club is meeting today to consider~~

9 ~~Brazil's request for restructuring of her 1983/84 debt.~~
10 Lebanon *(The Paris Club reached agreement with Brazil today (23 November) on Brazil's request for restructuring of her 1983/4 debt)*

11 3. In an exchange between ^{the} Lebanese Army and Shia in Southern
12 Beirut on 22 November one rocket-propelled grenade missed its
13 target and detonated on the rocket screen surrounding BRITFORLEB
14 HQ. ^{There were} ~~no~~ casualties and no response from BRITFORLEB. HMS Glamorgan
15 and HMS Brazen arrived off Beirut yesterday and have taken up
16 positions 15 nautical miles off coast (outside Lebanese
17 territorial waters).

18 4. There has been a lull in the fighting in Tripoli, but rebel
19 forces are reported in Northern outskirts of the city within
20 half a mile of Arafat's HQ. The rebel leader has threatened to
21 enter ^{the} city in force unless Arafat leaves within three days. The
22 loyalists have been moving artillery to new positions within
23 Tripoli to counter expected ^{an} final attack. The dominant local
24 militia (Islamic fundamentalist) is now apparently fully involved
25 on the side of the loyalists and is building barricades.
26 Diplomatic efforts to stop the fighting continue. The Saudi
27 Foreign Minister met his Syrian opposite number in Damascus on
28 22 November. The NAM Delegation have also arrived in Damascus.
29 The PLO "Foreign Minister" Farouk Qaddoumi (loyalist) has gone
30 to Moscow for talks.

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