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POLITICAL UNION AND SITES

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SUMMARY

1. A LENGTHY TOUR DE TABLE ON POLITICAL UNION PRODUCED LITTLE THAT WAS NEW. THE TEXT TABLED OVERNIGHT HOWEVER ATTEMPTED TO FIRM UP POSITIONS ON SEVERAL POINTS ON WHICH FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SO FAR ONLY LOOKED AT OPTIONS. OUR PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE PRESIDENCY, BACKED UP BY FRANCE, AND WE WERE FORCED TO RECORD RESERVES IN FOOTNOTES TO SEVERAL PARTS OF THE TEXT.

2. THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON SITES, THOUGH ANDREOTTI MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE HAD NOT MADE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TO PUT FORWARD A PACKAGE BUT HOPED TO DO SO IN DECEMBER.

DETAIL - POLITICAL UNION

3. ANDREOTTI SAID ROME II SHOULD AGREE THE BASIS FOR THE WORK OF THE IGC. SANTER (LUXEMBOURG) SAID WE NEEDED A REAL FOREIGN POLICY ALTHOUGH SOME ELEMENTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE DONE INTER-GOVERNMENTALLY. WE SHOULD STRENGTHEN ALL THE INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT ALTERING THE BALANCE BETWEEN THEM. THE PARLIAMENT'S ROLE IN THE COOPERATION PROCEDURE SHOULD BE INCREASED BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF INITIATIVE. THERE SHOULD BE BETTER RESPECT FOR THE COURT'S DECISIONS. LUBBERS (NETHERLANDS) SAID HIS PRIORITY WAS STRENGTHENING THE EP'S POWERS WITH A VIEW TO A FEDERAL EUROPE. SUBSIDIARITY SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE NEW TREATY. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL SHOULD REMAIN INFORMAL. CAVACO (PORTUGAL) WANTED TO ENLARGE COMMUNITY COMPETENCE TO THE AREA OF HEALTH AND TO STRENGTHEN IT IN THE AREAS OF RESEARCH, THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY. HE EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANS-

EUROPEAN NETWORKS. UNDER THE HEADING OF EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP HIS PRIORITY WAS THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. HE DID NOT SUPPORT CO-DECISION OR THE EP'S RIGHT OF INITIATIVE. HE WAS IN FAVOUR OF QUALIFIED MAJORITY AS THE GENERAL RULE FOR DECISION-MAKING. A COMMON, NOT A SINGLE FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY RESPECTING THE INDIVIDUALITY OF MEMBER STATES WAS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. THE IGC MUST CONSIDER THE IDEA OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' PAPER WAS A MISCELLANY OF IDEAS WHICH THE IGC WOULD HAVE TO SORT OUT. THE UK WOULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE PART. THE UK WAS NOT READY TO GO DOWN THE FEDERAL ROAD, WITH THE COMMISSION AS A CABINET AND THE COUNCIL AS A SORT OF SENATE. THE UK WOULD RETAIN ITS SOVEREIGNTY. NATO WAS THE BODY FOR DEALING WITH DEFENCE MATTERS, WITH THE USA. THERE SHOULD BE NO UNRAVELLING OF ARTICLE 5 OF THE REVISED BRUSSELS TREATY. SHE WAS HAPPY TO IMPROVE COOPERATION ON FOREIGN POLICY BUT EACH MEMBER STATE HAD ITS OWN VIEW OF ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS. THE UK HAD MADE PROPOSALS ON THE ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENT IN MONITORING EXPENDITURE AND ON ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE COURT'S JUDGEMENTS. SUBSIDIARITY SHOULD BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT IN THE TREATY. MARTENS (BELGIUM) WAS IN FAVOUR OF A FEDERAL EUROPE WHICH WOULD BECOME A MAGNET FOR THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. WORK ON POLITICAL UNION NEEDED TO CATCH UP WITH THAT ON EMU. HE SUPPORTED THE GERMAN IDEA OF A REGIONAL BODY. COMPETENCE SHOULD BE EXTENDED IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH, ENERGY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND TAXATION. SCHLUTER (DENMARK) SAID THE COMMUNITY MUST REMAIN OPEN. THE ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN A MORE CENTRAL ROLE. POLITICAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. THERE SHOULD BE A PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO A COMMON SECURITY POLICY AND IT SHOULD NOT INCLUDE DEFENCE, AT LEAST YET. NATO SHOULD REMAIN THE BASIS OF SECURITY POLICY.

5. KOHL SAID THE WORK ON EMU MUST BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF PROGRESS BY STAGES TO POLITICAL UNION. THE POWERS OF THE PARLIAMENT MUST BE STRENGTHENED BEFORE THE 1994 ELECTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE BY GIVING THEM THE POWER TO ELECT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE POWER OF CO-DECISION. POLITICAL UNION WOULD BE A DECISIVE STEP TOWARDS EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT AND MUST BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF SUBSIDIARITY AND FEDERALISM. A COMMON EXTERNAL AND SECURITY POLICY WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF IT. MITSOTAKIS (GREECE) SAID COMPETENCE SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO CULTURE, HEALTH, THE ENVIRONMENT, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION. THE COMMON EXTERNAL POLICY SHOULD BE COMPLEMENTARY TO NATO. HE LIKED THE COMMISSION'S OPINION. GONZALEZ (SPAIN) SAID EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP SHOULD NOT REPLACE NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP BUT SHOULD BE COMPLEMENTARY TO IT. HE WAS HAPPY TO SEEM MORE COMMUNITY

COMPETENCE AND MORE QM VOTING BUT THE COMMUNITY MUST BE GIVEN THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT THE NEW TASKS. POLITICAL UNION INVOLVED SHARING SOVEREIGNTY, NOT LOSING IT. FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD PRODUCE REPORTS ON 3 THEMES: EXTERNAL AND SECURITY POLICY, COMPETENCE AND INSTITUTIONS.

6. MITTERRAND (FRANCE) SAID IT WAS FOR THE IGC TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE OPTIONS SET OUT IN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' REPORT. MEMBER STATES WOULD RETAIN A VOICE IN EXTERNAL POLICY BUT WE HAD ALREADY GONE SOME WAY TOWARDS DEVELOPING OUR COOPERATION IN RELATION TO MORE DISTANT PROBLEMS (AFGHANISTAN, SOUTH AFRICA) AND WERE NOW COOPERATING BETTER ON THE MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WAS THE MOST DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION IN THE COMMUNITY AND ITSELF PROVIDED DEMOCRATIC LEGITIMACY. WHEN EUROPE BECAME FEDERATED THE ISSUE OF DEMOCRATIC LEGITIMACY AND INCREASING THE POWERS OF THE EP WOULD ARISE BUT WE WERE NOT THERE YET. HAUGHEY (IRELAND) SAID WE SHOULD DECIDE WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A COMMON FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY POLICY AND SPELL IT OUT IN THE TREATY. SECURITY SHOULD BE DEFINED IN BROAD AND GENERAL TERMS AND DISTINGUISHED FROM DEFENCE. ASSISTANCE TO THE LESS PROSPEROUS AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF POLITICAL UNION AND THE SCOPE OF THE TREATY ARTICLES ON COHESION SHOULD BE BROADENED. HE AGREED WITH MITTERRAND ON THE STANDING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. DELORS EMPHASISED THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS A SECOND SINGLE EUROPEAN ACT. ON SUBSIDIARITY THE COMMISSION HAD RULED OUT THE PREAMBLE-ONLY SOLUTION AS INADEQUATE AND ALSO THE SOLUTION OF ESTABLISHING LISTS OF MEMBER STATE, COMMUNITY AND MIXED COMPETENCES WHICH WOULD LEAD TO TOO MANY LEGAL CONFLICTS. THEY WERE IN FAVOUR OF AN ARTICLE IN THE TREATY ON THE LINES OF THE SPINELLI DRAFT, TO BE INTERPRETED BY THE COURT OF JUSTICE.

7. IN RESUMED DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND DAY YOU SAID THE WORK OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD NOT GONE BEYOND ENUMERATING OPTIONS. THE DECISION BETWEEN THE OPTIONS WAS FOR THE IGC ITSELF BUT THE DRAFT CONCLUSIONS APPEARED TO PREJUDGE THESE DECISIONS. YOU PROPOSED THAT THIS SECTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS BE DRASTICALLY SHORTENED. AFTER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE PRESIDENCY WERE UNWILLING TO AMEND THEIR DRAFTS TO MEET OUR CONCERNS EXCEPT ON POINT (THE REFERENCE TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MAJORITY VOTING, DELEGATION OF POWERS AND STRENGTHENING THE COURT OF JUSTICE, WHICH WAS DELETED SINCE ANDREOTTI THOUGHT THE LIST WAS NOT EXHAUSTIVE.) IT WAS ACCORDINGLY AGREED THAT A FOOTNOTE READING QUOTE ON THE POINTS THE BRITISH DELEGATION PREFERRED NOT TO PREJUDGE THE DISCUSSION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE IGC

UNQUOTE SHOULD BE INSERTED AT 5 POINTS IN THE TEXT (DEALING WITH EXTENSION OF COMPETENCE, DEVELOPING THE LEGISLATIVE ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENT, THE DEFINITION OF EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP, THE OBJECTIVE OF A COMMON FOREIGN SECURITY POLICY AND GOING BEYOND PRESENT LIMITS ON SECURITY POLICY). THERE WERE NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT.

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ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

SUMMARY

1. THE OPENING TOUR DE TABLE SHOWED GENERAL SUPPORT, APART FROM THE UK, FOR SETTING 1 JANUARY 1994 AS THE START DATE FOR STAGE 2. THE PRESIDENCY CIRCULATED OVERNIGHT CONCLUSIONS CONFIRMING THE START DATE FOR STAGE 2 AND GOING WELL BEYOND WHAT WE COULD ACCEPT IN OTHER RESPECTS, IN PARTICULAR STAGE 3. THIS DRAFT EXPLICITLY ENVISAGED A SEPARATE PARAGRAPH RECORDING THE UK'S VIEWS AND WE DULY PROVIDED SUCH A PARAGRAPH. THE COREPER TEXT ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE WORK OF THE TWO IGCS WAS ENDORSED WITH MINOR CHANGES.

DETAIL

2. SANTER COULD AGREE TO 1 JANUARY 1994 FOR STAGE TWO BUT THE IGC SHOULD FINISH ITS WORK BY THE END OF 1991 TO LEAVE TIME FOR RATIFICATION. HE AGREED SOME OF THE CARLI REPORT CONDITIONS BUT THESE SHOULD NOT LEAD TO POSTPONEMENT OF THE DATE. HE AGREED TO THE COREPER PAPER ON PROCEDURE AND THOUGHT FINANCE MINISTERS WOULD HEAD DELEGATIONS IN THE EMU IGC WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT. LUBBERS WELCOMED THE INCLUSION OF THE DUTCH AND SPANISH IDEAS IN THE CARLI REPORT. CAVACO SAID EMU MUST RESPECT COHESION AND TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL POSITION OF SOME COUNTRIES, WHERE MAJOR CHANGE WAS NEEDED, BY CREATING NEW INSTRUMENTS TO ENSURE STABILITY. HE AGREED WITH SPAIN THAT THE UNION MUST HAVE THE NECESSARY MEANS TO CARRY OUT ITS POLICIES. HE AGREED TO 1 JANUARY 1994 FOR STAGE TWO. STAGE THREE SHOULD FOLLOW A POLITICAL APPRECIATION OF THE EXTENT OF CONVERGENCE REALISED. HE COULD NOT ACCEPT A TWO SPEED EUROPE.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE CARLI REPORT SHOWED THAT MUCH MORE

WORK WAS NEEDED AND THAT THERE WERE DIVERGENCES ON THE FINAL OBJECTIVES. THE RECENT DEBATE HAD SHOWN THAT PARLIAMENT WOULD NOT ACCEPT A SINGLE CURRENCY. THE POUND STERLING WAS A SYMBOL OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. WE WOULD NOT RENOUNCE CONTROL OF OUR ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICY. OUR OWN PROPOSALS DID NOT INVOLVE A EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK WITHOUT DEMOCRATIC LEGITIMACY. THEY DID INVOLVE A EUROPEAN MONETARY FUND RUNNING A HARD ECU. THIS WOULD INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS. WE COULD NOT FIX THE DATE FOR STAGE TWO UNTIL WE HAD DEFINED THE CONTENTS. BY JOINING THE ERM WE HAD ACCEPTED A DISCIPLINE ON OUR INTERNAL POLICY WHICH WOULD LEAD TO CONVERGENCE, REDUCE INFLATION AND PROMOTE GROWTH. EYSKENS (BELGIUM) SAID THAT WHEN THE BUNDESBANK CHANGED ITS RATES OTHERS HAD TO FOLLOW SUIT. MONETARY SOVEREIGNTY WAS CONSTANTLY SLIPPING AWAY. THE ANSWER WAS EUROPEAN SOVEREIGNTY. HE WOULD PREFER STAGE TWO TO START ON 1 JANUARY 1993 BUT COULD ALSO ACCEPT 1 JANUARY 1994.

4. SCHLUTER CALLED FOR A RAPID MOVE TO STAGE TWO AND URGED THAT DENMARK'S LINKS WITH THE NORDIC COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. KOHL SUPPORTED 1 JANUARY 1994. THE FIVE YEARS FROM 1994 TO 1999 PROVIDED A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY FOR EUROPE. MITSOTAKIS SAID GREECE WAS DETERMINED TO TAKE PART IN EMU AND AGREED TO 1 JANUARY 1994. BUT CONVERGENCE WAS NEEDED AND GREECE WOULD NEED THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC MEANS TO PLAY ITS PART. GONZALEZ EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR COHESION AND PROMISED TO PRODUCE A WRITTEN CONTRIBUTION TO THIS DISCUSSION. HE WAS IN FAVOUR OF AGREEING ON 1 JANUARY 1994.

5. MITTERRAND WAS NOT IN FAVOUR OF MAKING THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL CURRENCIES IN THE NARROW BAND A CONDITION. WE SHOULD SET OUT A TIMETABLE FOR STAGE THREE. FOUR, FIVE OR SIX YEARS SHOULD BE ENOUGH. HE AGREED WITH THE COREPER CONCLUSIONS ON PROCEDURES. FRANCE WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE EMU IGC BY ITS FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS. HAUGHEY WAS IN FAVOUR OF THE 1 JANUARY 1994 DATE BUT FEARED THE NEGATIVE EFFECT OF EMU ON PERIPHERAL REGIONS AND CALLED FOR SUPPORTIVE MEASURES.

6. DELORS SAID THE EMS WOULD NOT HAVE COME INTO BEING IF IT HAD BEEN CONDITIONAL ON CONVERGENCE. WE SHOULD NOT IGNORE STAGE ONE WHICH WAS PROVING EFFECTIVE. THERE WERE FIVE SUBJECTS FOR THE IGC TO DISCUSS: WHAT BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS MEMBER STATES WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT, COHESION, THE ROLE OF THE ECU (INCLUDING THE UK'S PROPOSAL), THE NEED FOR TRANSITIONAL PERIODS FOR SOME COUNTRIES (WHICH SHOULD NOT BE MIXED UP WITH TWO SPEED EUROPE), AND THE ISSUE OF POLITICAL AND DEMOCRATIC CONTROL.

7. ANDREOTTI NOTED THE VERY LARGE MAJORITY IN FAVOUR OF SETTING 1 JANUARY 1994 AS THE DATE FOR STAGE TWO. THE VIEWS OF THE MEMBER STATE WHICH HAD DISAGREED WOULD BE RECORDED IN THE CONCLUSIONS. THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ICGS HAD BEEN AGREED BY COREPER. THE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASISED THAT THE UK'S VIEWS MUST BE RECORDED IN THE CONCLUSIONS.

8. IN THE RESUMED DISCUSSIONS ON THE SEND DAY THE PRIME MINISTER CIRCULATED THE FINAL PARAGRAPH SETTING OUT THE UK'S POSITION AND SOUGHT AN AMENDMENT TO THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF THE PRESIDENCY DRAFT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE TEXT COVERED POSITIONS SUPPORTED BY 11 MEMBER STATES. THIS WAS AGREED. ANDREOTTI NOTED THE POSITIVE POINTS IN OUR TEXT WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR FURTHER WORK. DELORS SOUGHT AGREEMENT TO REPLACE QUOTE THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE ITS OWN CURRENCY UNQUOTE BY QUOTE THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A SINGLE CURRENCY UNQUOTE. CAVACO CALLED FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE THIRD LAST PARAGRAPH OF A REFERENCE TO ASSESSING PROGRESS ON REAL CONVERGENCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE DECISION ON MOVING TO STAGE 3.

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GATT URUGUAY ROUND:

SUMMARY

1. TEXT CALLING FOR COUNCIL TO REACH AGREEMENT ON COMMUNITY OFFER AGREED DESPITE SOME RELUCTANCE OF THE PART OF THE PRESIDENCY TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT. PRESIDENCY DECIDED NOT TO CALL AGRICULTURE/TRADE MINISTERS COUNCIL FOR 30 OCTOBER IN ORDER TO GIVE MORE TIME FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATION.

DETAIL

2. ANDREOTTI SAID THAT DESPITE THE PROGRESS MADE THERE WAS STILL NO AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNITY'S OFFER BUT THERE WOULD BE A FURTHER MINISTERIAL MEETING ON 30 OCTOBER. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL SHOULD GIVE A POLITICAL IMPULSE TO THE PROCESS BUT NOT DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE. THE CONCLUSIONS SHOULD UNDERLINE THE URGENCY OF REACHING AGREEMENT IN VIEW OF THE INTEREST OF THE US AND OTHERS AND URGE THE RAPID ADOPTION OF THE MANDATE. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE MANDATE HAD NEARLY BEEN AGREED AT THE COUNCIL ON 26 OCTOBER. THERE WAS NO POINT IN THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL DISCUSSING SUCH MATTERS AS EMU AND POLITICAL UNION IF IT DID NOT AGREE ON A COMMON POSITION ON THIS IMMEDIATE MATTER. FAILURE TO AGREE WOULD BE VERY BAD FOR THE COMMUNITY'S REPUTATION IN THE EYES OF THE US AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY SERIOUS TO HAVE THIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE US AT A TIME WHEN THE US WAS IN THE LEAD ON THE GULF AND HAD SUPPORTED GERMAN UNIFICATION. THE COMMUNITY MUST NOT ACT LIKE A CLOSED CLUB OF RICH COUNTRIES AND FIRM INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO AGRICULTURE MINISTERS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. ANDREOTTI SAID ALL WERE AGREED THAT FIRM INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MINISTERS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.



3. IN RESUMED DISCUSSION AFTER THE CIRCULATION OF DRAFT CONCLUSIONS, LUBBERS (NETHERLANDS) SAID THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL SHOULD DO MORE THAN GIVE A POLITICAL IMPULSE. THE WORDS QUOTE ON THE BASIS OF THE DRAFT CONCLUSION WHICH WERE BEFORE THE COUNCIL ON 26 OCTOBER UNQUOTE SHOULD BE ADDED. THE PRIME MINISTER STRONGLY AGREED. IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THIS URGENT MATTER SHOULD REMAIN UNDECIDED AFTER SO MANY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL. LUBBERS DOUBTED THE VALUE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S CONCLUSIONS ON THE LESS URGENT ISSUES OF EMU AND POLITICAL UNION IF THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON THE URUGUAY ROUND. MITTERRAND SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE CURRENT US PROPOSALS NOR THOSE OF THE COMMISSION. ANDREOTTI SAID THE ITEM WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND HE COULD NOT AGREE TO FURTHER DISCUSSION PARTICULARLY SINCE KOHL HAD ALREADY LEFT. THE PRESIDENCY WOULD HOWEVER DEVOTE ALL ITS EFFORTS TO GETTING A SOLUTION. GENSCHER, MITSOTAKIS AND HAUGHEY SUPPORTED ANDREOTTI. LUBBERS SAID THE PRESIDENCY SHOULD CALL A VOTE ON THE SUBJECT AT THE COUNCIL. ANDREOTTI ASSURED HIM THAT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE WOULD BE RESPECTED.

4. AFTER THE END OF THE MEETING THE PRESIDENCY ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AGRICULTURE/TRADE COUNCIL ON 30 OCTOBER BECAUSE MORE TIME WAS NEEDED FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. IT REMAINED THEIR FULL INTENTION THAT THE TIMETABLE FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND, AS SET OUT IN THE DUBLIN II EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS, SHOULD BE RESPECTED.

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