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MIPT: DRAFT EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON EC EXTERNAL
RELATIONS

1. REAFFIRMING ITS DETERMINATION THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD
FULFIL ITS INTERNATIONAL ROLE IN AN OUTWARD-LOOKING AND OPEN WAY
AND WORK FOR CLOSER COOPERATION AND HARMONY IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL:

- UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUSION TO THE
GATT URUGUAY ROUND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PREFERABLY BEFORE THE
END OF THIS YEAR. TO ACHIEVE THIS, EARLY PROGRESS IS NEEDED
BEFORE THE END OF JULY ON INCREASED ACCESS TO MARKETS WORLDWIDE,
ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIBERALISING TRADE IN SERVICES, AND ON
THE MECHANISMS FOR REDUCING AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT AND PROTECTION.
THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMS THE COMMUNITY'S DETERMINATION TO PLAY A
FULL AND CONSTRUCTIVE PART IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONFIRMS ITS
UNDERTAKING TO NEGOTIATE SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS ON DOMESTIC
SUPPORT, IMPORT ACCESS AND EXPORT COMPETITION. IT RECOGNISES
THE NEED FOR REFORM OF THE CAP AND LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING
PROPOSALS TO THIS END. IT UNDERTAKES TO ENSURE THAT THESE
REFORMS ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMITMENTS MADE IN THE
GATT NEGOTIATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL INTEND TO FOLLOW THE
PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS CLOSELY. IF IT PROVES NECESSARY,
THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO MEET AGAIN TO REVIEW THE EC POSITION IN
THE CONCLUDING STAGES OF THE ROUND.

- WARMLY WELCOMES THE PROGRESS MADE IN NEGOTIATIONS TO
ESTABLISH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA. IT ENDORSES THE
CONCLUSIONS OF THE EC/EFTA MINISTERIAL MEETING OF 18 JUNE AND
REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC
AREA TREATY COMES INTO FORCE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1993

- WELCOMES THE PROGRESS OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORM IN THE
COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. IT RECOGNISES THE PART

PLAYED BY THE G24 EFFORT IN UNDERPINNING STRUCTURAL CHANGE AND DEMOCRACY AND URGES ALL G24 PARTICIPANTS TO PLAY THEIR FULL PART IN THIS PROCESS.

- REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY'S LINKS WITH THESE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IMPROVED TRADE ACCESS FOR EAST EUROPEAN EXPORTERS TO EC MARKETS. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WELCOMES THE PROGRESS MADE SO FAR IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS WITH POLAND, HUNGARY AND THE CZECH AND SLOVAK FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND CALLS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF COMPREHENSIVE AND LIBERAL AGREEMENTS, FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE GATT, BY THE END OF OCTOBER 1991.

- EXPRESSES ITS DETERMINATION THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD PLAY ITS FULL PART IN IMPROVING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE LOME IV CONVENTION WHICH SHOULD COME INTO FORCE BY 1 OCTOBER 1991, THE NEW PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN ASIA, LATIN AMERICA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN ALL HERALD A NEW ERA. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL RESTATES ITS BELIEF THAT IN THIS PARTNERSHIP CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS WILL GROW IN IMPORTANCE: THE SPREAD OF DEMOCRATIC AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PEOPLE, AND SOUND ECONOMIC PRACTICES.

- WELCOMES THE NEW STAGE IN RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, ENCAPSULATED IN THE JOINT DECLARATIONS SIGNED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR. THE CRUCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE COUNTRIES, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES WILL CONTINUE TO FORM THE BACK-BONE FOR WESTERN PROSPERITY AND SECURITY. IN ADDITION, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL LOOKS FORWARD TO STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, ON THE BASIS OF A SIMILAR DECLARATION.

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