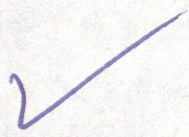


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PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH

1. YOU ASKED WHETHER I HAD ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS ON THE AID ASPECTS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 8 NOVEMBER. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT I SOUGHT TO COVER AID ON PAGE 6 OF THE DRAFT OUTLINE I SENT YOU WITH MY LETTER OF 18 SEPTEMBER.

2. I DO NOT HAVE ANY NEW POINTS BUT SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ONES MIGHT BE FURTHER EXPLORED.

(A) BILATERAL AID PROGRAMME

- TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER: THE PRIME MINISTER COULD BE SPECIFIC ABOUT THE AREAS IN WHICH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER MIGHT BE DESIRABLE. OBVIOUS ONES ARE NEW METHODS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY, POWER GENERATION, CFC SUBSTITUTION AND NEW AGRICULTURAL METHODS (INCLUDING FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE SUBSTITUTIONS).
- FORESTRY: THE PRIME MINISTER COULD BUILD ON THE NEW ANGLO/BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT, AND UNDERLINE NEW METHODS TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF FORESTRY (INCLUDING AGRO-FORESTRY). SHE COULD ALSO ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR A MASSIVE PROGRAMME OF REAFFORESTATION IN TEMPERATE AS WELL AS TROPICAL COUNTRIES.
- INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY: THE PRIME MINISTER COULD LAY NEW EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR SUPPORT FOR INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY, AND THE WORK OF THE INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP. SHE COULD REFER TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING OF TECHNOLOGIES DESIGNED TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF FUEL WOOD, SIMPLE ELECTRICAL GENERATING SYSTEMS, AND OTHER DEVICES DESIGNED FOR USE IN POOR COUNTRIES TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

(B) MULTILATERAL

- NEW ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITY: THERE SEEMS TO ME A CASE FOR THE CREATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITY AT THE WORLD BANK. ALTHOUGH THE BANK HAS RECENTLY DONE A LOT TO BRING THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION INTO ITS LENDING POLICIES, IT HAS NOT SO FAR AS I KNOW MADE SPECIFIC LENDING ARRANGEMENTS TO COPE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. A SUGGESTION OF THIS KIND COULD HELP HEAD OFF MORE RADICAL IDEAS FOR NEW GLOBAL FUNDS AND THE LIKE.
- DEBT-FOR-NATURE SWAPS: THE TREASURY AND THE ODA HAVE I KNOW LOOKED AT VARIATIONS ON THE THEME OF DEBT-FOR-NATURE SWAPS WHICH, ALTHOUGH MARGINAL IN EFFECT, COULD HAVE VALUE IN SOME SITUATIONS. IT IS FOR YOU TO SAY WHETHER OUR THINKING IS SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO IT IN A SPEECH.

3. AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM IN THIS FIELD IS THAT RECIPIENT COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL UNDERSTANDING AND CAPACITY ON THE GROUND TO GRASP AND APPLY NEW TECHNOLOGY TO COPE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. FOR THAT REASON PERHAPS WE SHOULD LOOK AGAIN AT OUR TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS BOTH IN BRITAIN AND IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

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