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Dear Charles,

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH

I have just received from Stephen Wall a copy of the latest draft of the Prime Minister's speech for 8 November.

2. *I have three remaining points*
 - Page 7: I take it you have checked the figure of 3bn tonnes for the annual increase in the amount of atmospheric carbon dioxide.
 - Pages 16 and 18: I still think the draft weak on the institutional side. You refer to the need for effective monitoring of protocols, and suggest prolonging the Intergovernmental Panel, but this begs the question of who should do what. I fear that if we leave a gap others will try and fill it for us. Could we not add to the end of the third paragraph on page 16: "The central organs of the United Nations must also be seized of a problem which reaches into virtually all aspects of their work, and will do so still more in the future"?
 - Page 25 second paragraph: I suggest you delete "to combat climate change" and substitute "cope with the effects of climate change".
3. I particularly like the emphasis on biological diversity, so far the most neglected aspect of the whole problem. My felicitations on the draft as a whole.

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