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MIPT: LETTER FROM SPANISH PRIME MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF LETTER DATED 16 OCTOBER FROM SPANISH PRIME MINISTER TO MRS THATCHER.
2. 'A YEAR AFTER MY LAST LETTER TO THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE EC COUNTRIES, I CONSIDER IT OPPORTUNE TO WRITE TO YOU AGAIN AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT IN THE CULMINATION OF THE PROCESS OF SPANISH ACCESSION TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCILS HELD IN STUTTGART IN JUNE 1983 AND IN FONTAINEBLEU IN JUNE 1984, BOTH IN SO FAR AS THEY REFER TO THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE INCREASE IN OWN RESOURCES AND THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, AND TO THE AIM THAT THE TREATY OF ACCESSION SHOULD COME INTO FORCE ON 1 JANUARY 1986, MARKED MILESTONES IN THIS PROCESS WHICH WERE VIEWED VERY POSITIVELY BY SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION.

THE POLITICAL WILL TO BRING ABOUT ENLARGEMENT, CLEARLY EXPRESSED IN BOTH EUROPEAN COUNCILS, BLENDED WITH MY COUNTRY'S UNDOUBTED MEMBERSHIP OF THE WESTERN WORLD AND WITH THE IDEAL FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION CHERISHED BY THE SPANISH PEOPLE.

HOWEVER AT PRESENT THE PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS CAN ONLY BE REGARDED WITH ANXIETY, FUNDAMENTALLY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF COMMUNITY PROPOSITIONS ON ESSENTIAL POINTS AND CHAPTERS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE LACK OF AGREEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY MEANS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY PASSED THE DATE INITIALLY FORECAST BY THE COMMUNITY FOR THE END OF NEGOTIATIONS AND, IF THINGS GO ON AS THEY ARE, MAY ALSO JEOPARDIZE THE TIMETABLE FIXED FOR ENLARGEMENT.

THIS SITUATION IS GENERATING SCEPTICISM AND MOUNTING DISILLUSION IN SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION IN THE FACE OF WHAT IS SEEN AS THE COMMUNITY'S INABILITY TO CONVERT INTO CONCRETE DECISIONS THEIR CLEARLY EXPRESSED POLITICAL WILL, AND TO FULFILL THE COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE COMMUNITY TO THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES.

I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE ONCE MORE THAT SPAIN WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, BOTH TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVE PURSUED AND THE FULFILMENT OF HER FORMAL OBLIGATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE.

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THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT FULL ADVANTAGE MUST BE TAKEN OF THE DAYS AHEAD TO FIND, THROUGH THE MOST APPROPRIATE NEGOTIATING MECHANISMS, ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO ALL THE REMAINING PROBLEMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF BALANCE, RECIPROCITY AND PROGRESSIVITY HALLOWED IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

IF THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO REACH A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION, THE SACRIFICES MUST BE FAIRLY DIVIDED AMONG EVERYBODY, SETTING ASIDE ANY TEMPTATION TO TRY TO MAKE THEM FALL EXCLUSIVELY ONTO THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES.

IN THIS WAY, BY MEANS OF FAIR, EFFICIENT AND LASTING SOLUTIONS, ENLARGEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED AS INTENDED AND MY COUNTRY WILL THEREFORE BE ABLE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND, WITH THEM, CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROSPERITY AND SECURITY OF EUROPE.

THE CONCERNS WHICH I HAVE EXPRESSED TO YOU IN THIS LETTER, AS WELL AS THE CONSIDERATIONS I HAVE OUTLINED, ARE ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY MY HOPE THAT THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES MAY BE OVERCOME AND THAT, WITH A JOINT EFFORT, WE MAY ACHIEVE THE SHARED OBJECTIVE OF THE ENLARGEMENT AND REACTIVATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS AT STAKE IS THE COMMUNITY'S CAPACITY TO DEMONSTRATE ITS VITALITY, BY INTEGRATING THOSE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH, LIKE SPAIN, WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE. I AM SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY, OVERCOMING ATTITUDES DICTATED BY CONSIDERATIONS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE, WILL KNOW HOW TO MEET THIS HISTORIC CHALLENGE.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, PRIME MINISTER, TO ASSURE YOU ONCE AGAIN OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM.

FELIPE GONZALEZ MARQUEZ.''

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