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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1215 OF 1 APRIL

INFO ROUTINE COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE, ROME, DUBLIN, PARIS, BONN,
LUXEMBOURG, ATHENS,
INFO SAVING BRUSSELS.

MY TELEGRAM NO. 1200.

PRIME MINISTER'S INITIATIVE ON DEREGULATION.

1. I SPOKE TO LAMY (DELOR'S CHEF DE CABINET) TO FOLLOW UP. I SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE COMMISSION COULD DO 3 THINGS:

- A. INSTRUCTION OFFICIAL IN ALL RELEVANT FIELDS TO GO THROUGH EXISTING LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO SEE WHERE IT IMPOSED A BURDEN ON SMES AND WHAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT IT.
- B. INSTRUCT THEM IN FUTURE TO CONSIDER THIS ASPECT MOST CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING ANY PROPOSALS.
- C. APPOINT SOMEONE WITH ENERGY AND DRIVE TO BULLY THE SERVICES INTO OBEYING THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND ALSO TO ACT AS A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. REPRESENTATIVES OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES SHOULD BE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE.

2. LAMY SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT WITH DELORS THIS MORNING. THEY WERE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION, BUT NEEDED A LITTLE TIME TO FIND SOMEONE ENERGETIC TO OVERSEE IT AND TO THINK OUT HOW THE EXERCISE COULD BE LAUNCHED. HE WOULD REPORT MY SUGGESTIONS. HE COULD ASSURE ME THAT DELORS WOULD WANT TO GET THINGS DONE.

3. I SALSO SPOKE TO COCKFIELD AND URGED HIM TO TAKE AN INTEREST. I AM SENDING HIM IN CONFIDENCE THE RECORD OF WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER SAID AND THE UK DRAFT CONCLUSIONS. HE UNDERTOOK TO SUPPORT.

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4. I RECOMMEND THAT WE OURSELVES MAKE A FURTHER IN-PUT BOTH FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND, IF POSSIBLE, FROM THE CBI AND THE BIM. THE COMMISSION WILL HAVE GENUINE DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING WHERE ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN AND WE SHOULD FEED IN PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

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