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The Rt Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, F.R.S., M.P.
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

Following the founding meeting of the Action Committee for Europe on 7 June I had the honour to send you the declaration which the Committee adopted on that occasion as well as its appeal to the European Council at Milan.

As we approach the next meeting of the European Council I am taking the liberty to bring to your attention once again the priorities for which the Committee called at Bonn.

The Committee insisted on :

- the creation of a border-free European home market by 1992;
- a major Community response to the challenge of advanced technology;
- strengthening the European Monetary System and bringing about mutually compatible economic policies of the member states with due regard to the promotion of solidarity between the richer and the poorer regions of the Community.

In addition, the Committee insisted that the following institutional reforms will be needed to achieve these objectives :

- majority voting in all cases where it is allowed by the Treaty and where it is indispensable for the creation of a European home market;
- a greater role for the European Parliament, in order to maintain democratic procedures in Community decision making;
- a greater role for the Commission in executing Community decisions.

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The Inter-Governmental Conference which was launched by the European Council at Milan on the basis of article 236 of the EEC Treaty has been dealing with the points mentioned above.

I should like to express, on behalf of the Action Committee, our strong hope that the amendments to the Treaty which the European Council will ask member states to ratify will include the objectives mentioned above as well as the institutional reforms needed to bring them about.

Yours sincerely,

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