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IGC: BRUSSELS 25/26 NOVEMBER

SUMMARY.

GENERAL.

1. BAD STEERING BY POOS AND SHORTAGE OF TIME MEANT THAT ONLY THE INTERNAL MARKET, COHESION AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RECEIVED ADEQUATE ATTENTION. SEVERAL PROPOSALS WERE NOT DISCUSSED AT ALL. THIS GIVES THE PRESIDENCY A GOOD DEAL OF DISCRETION ABOUT HOW FAR TO AMEND AND HOW TO PRESENT ITS PROPOSALS.

2. SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES OF POSITION WILL HAVE TO BE PUT TO THE WEEKEND CONCLAVE ON VIRTUALLY ALL SUBJECTS, IN PARTICULAR THE INTERNAL MARKET. IN ADDITION THERE HAS NOW BEEN A VIGOROUS BACKLASH FROM DELORS, SUPPORTED BY ITALY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT BENELUX, AND REINFORCED BY THE MEETING WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THE MOOD IN THE RUN UP TO THE CONCLAVE IS THEREFORE UNEASY. ALL ARE AWARE THAT OUR RESERVE REMAINS AND NO ONE IS CONFIDENT OF AGREEMENT BUT SOME ARE BEGINNING TO YIELD TO THE TEMPTATION TO GRANDSTAND.

3. A LONG AND POORLY CHAIRED DISCUSSION LEFT MAJOR DIFFERENCES UNRESOLVED ON EVERY ARTICLE (EXCEPT ARTICLE 5, WHICH ALL EXCEPT FRANCE AGREED TO DELETE). YOU REGISTERED THE AMENDMENTS WHICH HMG SEEK, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW FAR THE PRESIDENCY WILL TAKE THESE AND OTHERS ON BOARD. STRONG OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL EXEMPTION FOR THE UK AND IRELAND ON HEALTH GROUNDS.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP).

4. UK CONCERNS REGISTERED ON PRESIDENCY TEXT, WHICH WILL GO FORWARD TO THE CONCLAVE WITH A NEW VARIATION FATHERED BY DELORS OUT OF PFLIMLIN. AT IGC/EP MEETING, MOST MEMBER STATES DEFENDED THE PRESIDENCY PROPOSALS ON EP POWERS, AND EXPLAINED THEIR DIFFICULTIES WITH GOING FURTHER. ONLY ITALY CALLED FOR A SUBSTANTIVE INCREASE: DENMARK WAS SCEPTICAL ABOUT NEED FOR ANY CHANGE. PREDICTABLE REJECTION BY EP. PRESIDENCY INTEND TO ARRANGE FURTHER MEETING, AND TO PUT ANY GUIDELINES AGREED BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL TO THE EP FOR DEBATE IN THE DECEMBER PLENARY, BEFORE FINALISATION OF CONFERENCE TEXTS.

MONETARY COOPERATION.

5. FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AT THE CONCLAVE.

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TECHNOLOGY

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6. UNDER PRESSURE FROM DELORS, PRESIDENCY AGREED THAT COMMISSION'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL ON THE MULTI-ANNUAL FRAMEWORK SHOULD GO TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ALONG WITH THE LATEST PRESIDENCY PROPOSAL.

SOCIAL PROVISIONS.

7. EVERYONE PULLING THE BLANKET IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS ON THE SOCIAL AREA AND DIALOGUE BETWEEN SOCIAL PARTNERS WILL GO FORWARD ALONG WITH PRESIDENCY PROPOSALS, WHICH MOST STILL FAVOUR. OUR FIRM OPPOSITION TO MAJORITY VOTING AND ANY EXTENSION OF SCOPE REAFFIRMED.

COHESION.

8. SOLID NORTHERN DEFENSIVE WORK, WITH HELPFUL FRENCH, GERMAN AND DUTCH INTERVENTIONS IN KEEPING WITH UK LINE. GREECE AFTER HAND-OUTS. IRELAND A BIT MORE SUBTLE. PRESIDENCY TO REVISE ITS TEXT : THEN TO CONCLAVE.

ENVIRONMENT.

9. NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. PRESIDENCY TEXT TO GO TO CONCLAVE, WITH FOCUS ON EXCLUSIVE NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION/FINANCE AND PROBLEM OF EXTERNAL COMPETENCE. UK AMENDMENTS GIVEN PRIVATELY TO PRESIDENCY AND COUNCIL SECRETARIAT.

TREATY OF POLITICAL COOPERATION.

10. USEFUL PROGRESS. TEXT WILL GO TO EUROPEAN COUNCIL WITH FEW OUTSTANDING POINTS. HELPFUL ITALIAN PROPOSAL TO MODIFY TEXT ON OBJECTIVE OF TREATY. FRENCH AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE ON SECURITY GAINED LITTLE SUPPORT. ALL MEMBER STATES AGREED TO WORK ON BASIS OF SMALL EPC SECRETARIAT AS PROPOSED BY UK. PRESIDENCY LEFT DISCUSSION OF FRENCH DRAFT CHAPEAU FOR FINAL STAGES OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL. POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SUBSIDIARY DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO MINISTERS ON 2 DECEMBER.

OTHER ISSUES.

11. NO DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION'S POWERS, EMPLOYMENT OR DIFFERENTIATION. LEGAL EXPERTS TO DISCUSS ECJ REFORM PROPOSALS ON 29 NOVEMBER.

12. DETAIL OF PARAS 3-10 REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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implementation of a
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