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FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL: LUXEMBOURG: 17/18 FEBRUARY.

EC/TURKEY.

SUMMARY

1. GREECE CONTINUED TO OPPOSE EARLY MEETING OF ASSOCIATION COUNCIL. MOST OTHERS FAVOURED A GRADUAL PROCESS OF UNBLOCKING DETAILED ISSUES FOLLOWED BY AN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL IN THE AUTUMN. THE UK GOT LITTLE SUPPORT FOR AN EARLIER MEETING. VAN DEN BROEK CONCLUDED THAT THE AIM SHOULD BE A MEETING IN THE EARLY AUTUMN WITH A FIXED AGENDA. MEANWHILE WORK AND CONTACTS SHOULD CONTINUE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES. FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT MARCH FAC.

DETAIL

2. VAN DEN BROEK (PRESIDENCY) FOLLOWED UP OVER LUNCH THE FAC DISCUSSION OF 27 JANUARY. HE UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEMS FACED BY GREECE, BUT THE COMMUNITY COULD NOT TURN DOWN THE REQUEST FOR AN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL. PANGALOS (GREECE) SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT CAUSE DIFFICULTIES OVER THE TURKISH LETTER. BUT, ALTHOUGH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN TURKEY, THE PARLIAMENT WAS STILL NOT REPRESENTATIVE, THERE REMAINED OVER 32,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND THERE WERE REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES OF TORTURE. IN ADDITION, THE TURKS REMAINED IN MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS. IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE TURKS WANTED A GUARANTEE FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. GREECE COULD ACCEPT SOME FORM OF COMMUNITY GUARANTEE BUT NOT CONTINUED MILITARY OCCUPATION. GREECE COULD AGREE TO AN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL, BUT THE AGENDA WOULD HAVE TO BE SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE RATHER THAN OPEN. THE COMMUNITY SHOULD PREPARE THE AGENDA THROUGH CONTACTS. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO AVOID AN OPEN STATEMENT BY THE TURKS, TO WHICH GREECE WOULD HAVE TO REACT.

3. VAN DEN BROEK POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS THE COMMUNITY RATHER THAN

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THE TURKS WHO HAD SUGGESTED AN OPEN AGENDA IN ORDER TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF AREAS OF CONCERN TO MEMBER STATES. GENSCHER (GERMANY) AGREED. CHEYSSON (COMMISSION) TOOK THE STANDARD COMMISSION LINE THAT THERE SHOULD BE GRADUAL NORMALISATION, INCLUDING THE UNBLOCKING OF THE FOURTH FINANCIAL PROTOCOL LEADING TO AN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING. LALUMIERE (FRANCE) AGREED.

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4. UNDER QUESTIONING FROM MRS CHALKER, PANGALOS CONFIRMED THAT HE COULD AGREE TO THE APPROACH SET OUT BY CHEYSSON PROVIDED THAT THE AGENDA WAS LIMITED. HE COULD ALSO AGREE TO A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE TURKS, BUT NOT THAT ALONE. TYGESEN (DENMARK) WAS ANXIOUS NOT TO GIVE THE TURKS CARTE BLANCHE. HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT RECENT REPORTS OF MEASURES AGAINST THE TURKISH TRADE UNIONS. ANDREOTTI (ITALY) FAVOURED A STEP BY STEP APPROACH TO ENCOURAGE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE MARTIAL LAW AND IMPROVE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. VAN DEN BROEK SPECULATED THAT IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO HOLD AND ASSOCIATION COUNCIL BEFORE DECEMBER 1986. CHEYSSON FAVOURED A DATE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE AUTUMN, BY WHICH TIME THE COMMISSION WOULD HAVE DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF MOVEMENT OF WORKERS WITH THE TURKS. PANGALOS SAID THAT, WHILE A COUNCIL IN THE AUTUMN MIGHT BE THE AIM, IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT AT THIS STAGE. MRS CHALKER ARGUED STRONGLY FOR A MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. VAN DEN BROEK CONCLUDED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONTINUE ITS CONTACTS WITH A VIEW TO MAKING PROPOSALS IN TIME FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MARCH FAC. HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE AN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL BY THE EARLY AUTUMN.

6. NO REFERENCE WAS MADE IN THE DISCUSSION OF A VISIT BY CHEYSSON AND VAN DEN BROEK TO ANKARA. FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION OVER LUNCH VAN DEN BROEK REMOVED THE ITEM FROM THE COUNCIL AGENDA.

COMMENT

7. THIS DOES NOT TAKE US FORWARD AS FAR OR AS FAST AS WE AND THE TURKS WOULD LIKE. BUT I DOUBT WHETHER AN IMPATIENT REACTION BY THEM OR AN ATTEMPT TO CONTEST THE PROCESS LEADING UP TO AN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL IN THE AUTUMN WILL SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE. INDEED, IT WILL PROBABLY PLAY INTO THE HAND OF THE GREEKS, WHO INSTEAD OF BEING SUBJECTED TO A PROCESS OF ATTRITION ON THE DETAILED EC/TURKEY ISSUES (ENLARGEMENT ADAPTATION, FINANCE, LABOUR) WILL BE ABLE TO GO ON STONEWALLING IN POLITICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS. SEEN FROM HERE, THE BEST WAY FORWARD MAY BE TO RESUSCITATE THE IDEA OF AN EARLY PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETING AT POLITICAL LEVEL WITH THE TURKS. THIS COULD BOTH HELP THEM POLITICALLY AND ASSIST US AS THE INCOMING PRESIDENCY WITH THE SUBSEQUENT PROCESS OF GRINDING DOWN GREEK OBJECTIONS. IT IS FOR THE DUTCH PRESIDENCY TO INFORM THE TURKS OF THE POSITION REACHED SO FAR AND TO DISCUSS THE NEXT STEPS WITH THEM.

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NIPT: FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL 17 FEBRUARY.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENCY PRESS RELEASE:

WE DISCUSSED OUR RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AT LENGTH, IN THE LIGHT OF THE TURKISH REQUEST TO HOLD AN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL.

WE NOTED THAT WORK IS NOW GOING AHEAD ON ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN PENDING: THUS

- THE PROTOCOL NEGOTIATED AFTER THE FIRST ENLARGEMENT (UK, DK, IRL) CAN NOW COME INTO EFFECT (THIS IS A DOSSIER THAT HAS BEEN IN ABEYANCE FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS):

- TECHNICAL WORK IS GOING AHEAD TO FINISH NEGOTIATIONS ON PROTOCOLS OF ADAPTATION FOLLOWING THE 2ND AND 3RD ENLARGEMENT:

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- ON FINANCIAL AID, INTERNAL WORK (AND CONTACTS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND TURKEY) CAN NOW GO AHEAD ON ALLOCATING THE 29 MECUS WHICH HAD REMAINED UNSPENT SINCE 1981: ALSO, WE HOPE FOR THE SIGNATURE SOON OF THE 4TH FINANCIAL PROTOCOL (WHICH WILL ALLOCATE 600 MECUS TO TURKEY):

- WORK WILL SOON BEGIN WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN TAKE PLACE WITH TURKEY ON THE COMPLEX PROBLEM OF THE FREE CIRCULATION OF WORKERS.

ON THE PROCEDURAL LEVEL, I CAN ANNOUNCE THAT THE COMMISSION WILL GIVE US A "STOCKTAKING" REPORT IN MARCH, SO THAT WE CAN REVIEW THE OVERALL SITUATION. WE HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS ON ALL THESE MATTERS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL IN EARLY AUTUMN.

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