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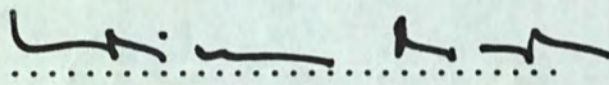
Dear Mrs. Prime Minister,

we are writing as members of the I.C.I.D.I. (The Brandt Commission) to seek your personal support for the financial replenishment of the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) at a more satisfactory level than is currently envisaged.

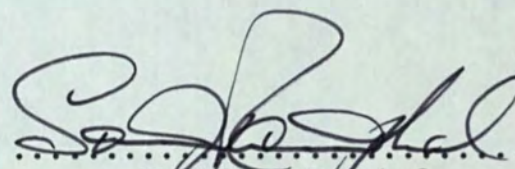
We have recently returned from a meeting in Rome held to review progress on proposals made by the Commission from time to time. Our meeting covered many issues, but we paid rather special attention to current difficulties over IDA replenishment. The negotiations so far have sadly reduced real funds for IDA VII to a level wholly inadequate for the needs of the world's poorest; indeed, far below the level which many donor countries were actually willing to provide. In our conclusions, we supported the proposal already on the table for a minimum contribution of \$ 12 bn. for IDA VII and undertook to do everything possible to encourage donor countries to make a response worthy of the international community.

We are aware that your own government has fully supported the efforts of the World Bank to sustain its IDA operations at the \$ 12 bn. level. We trust that you will maintain this objective and explore with the other donor countries the various possibilities which are now open, including the creation of a supplementary financing facility which does not necessarily include all donors.

Such is the importance and urgency of this matter that we would appreciate an opportunity for some members of the Commission to come to London to discuss it personally with you at the earliest possible date, and to review some of the options which are now available.



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Willy Brandt



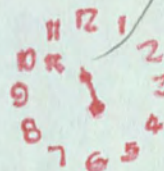
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