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YOUR TELNO 326 AND 335: LOME NEGOTIATIONS

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING REPLY FROM PRIME MINISTER TO FIJI
PRIME MINISTER:

BEGINS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 12 NOVEMBER ABOUT THE SIZE
OF THE NEXT EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND.

I WAS VERY GLAD THAT THE SIZE OF EDF VI HAS NOW BEEN AMICABLY
SETTLED. IT WAS NOT EASY FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO GO BEYOND
MAINTAINING THE SIZE OF THE EDF IN REAL TERMS. BUT AGREEMENT HAS
BEEN REACHED ON THAT, AND I THINK WE CAN ALL BE CONTENT WITH THE
RESULT. I DO REGRET THAT THE COMMUNITY DID NOT DO MORE ON THE TRADE
SIDE FOR OUR ACP FRIENDS, SINCE I THINK WE ARE ALL AGREED THAT
TRADE IS MORE IMPORTANT TO DEVELOPMENT THAN AID. BUT OVERALL THE
AGREEMENT IS A GOOD ONE WHICH BRINGS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS
OVER ITS PREDECESSOR EVEN IF - AS IS INEVITABLE IN ANY
NEGOTIATION - NEITHER SIDE SECURED ALL THAT IT WANTED.

WITH THE THIRD LOME CONVENTION, WE ARE NOW ENTERING A THIRD
QUINQUENNium OF A UNIQUE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY AND MORE THAN HALF OF THE WORLD'S DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
GIVING TO OUR RELATIONSHIP A STABILITY WHICH IS IN MY VIEW OF
CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN OUR INCREASINGLY UNSTABLE WORLD. IF
I MAY SAY SO, I THINK THE CONTRIBUTION YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY HAVE
MADE TO THIS OUTCOME, MARKED NOT LEAST BY YOUR HOSTING OF ONE
OF THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCES IN SUVA, HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING.

I HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A FRUITFUL
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES TO THE THIRD LOME CONVENTION.

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