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BNOG: OIL PRICES

SUMMARY.

NIGERIAN OIL MINISTER REACTS CALMLY AND WITHOUT RECRIMINATION TO
 BNOG'S DECISION TO CUT THEIR OIL PRICE.

1. PROFESSOR DAVID WEST, THE MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND ENERGY,
 WAS CLOSETED IN MEETINGS BUT WAS ABLE TO HAVE A QUICK WORD
 WITH HIM ON THE TELEPHONE YESTERDAY EVENING, 17 OCTOBER. HE
 HAD HEARD A FEW MINUTES EARLIER ABOUT BNOG'S ACTION AND SAID
 HE WAS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH HIS OPEC COLLEAGUES, HAVING

AS TO SEVERAL OTHER OPEC OIL MINISTERS. DAVID-WEST SAID THAT OPEC WOULD REACT TO THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON A COLLECTIVE BASIS AND HE WAS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THERE WOULD BE AN OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETING IN GENEVA ON 29 OCTOBER TO DECIDE WHAT, IF ANYTHING SHOULD BE DONE. PERSONALLY, HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE SITUATION COULD BE CONTAINED.

2. DAVID-WEST THANKED ME WARMLY FOR HAVING CONTACTED HIM AND ASKED THAT HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY, WHO, DAVID-WEST SAID, HAD KEPT TO HIS UNDERTAKING TO KEEP NIGERIA INFORMED ON THESE MATTERS.

3. ALTHOUGH HE WAS ABLE TO RUN BRIEFLY THROUGH THE POINTS IN THE SECOND TUR, THERE WAS NOT TIME TO DRAW ON PARAS 9 - 14 OF THE FIRST TUR. HE TOLD DAVID-WEST, THEREFORE, THAT HE WOULD LET HAVE FURTHER VIEWS IN WRITING AND HE AM FOLLOWING UP WITH A LETTER TO HIM TODAY.

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