

PRIME MINISTER

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The informal meeting of the International Tin Council yesterday made a little progress. The Germans and Dutch were more forthcoming than had been expected about the package put forward by the banks and brokers, though the French continued to stand out against it. (Your messages may have begun to have some effect).

I am arranging a meeting for the end of next week to discuss what the Government should do if the discussions about the package come to nothing. A meeting at that time should be able to take account of the outcome of the full meeting of the ITC scheduled for next Tuesday.


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