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SUMMARY

1. A USEFUL START TO SHAPING THE AGENDA FOR RHODES. LITTLE SUPPORT FOR HAVING THE SOCIAL DIMENSION ON THE AGENDA. DISCUSSION CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON PRESIDENCY PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION AT RHODES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE COMMUNITY'S POSITION IN THE WORLD. ON THE LATTER, STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE NEED TO COUNTER THE PERCEPTION OF 'FORTRESS EUROPE' AND TO UNDERLINE THE COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE. ENVIRONMENT TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE FAC ON 21/22 NOVEMBER AND THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS ON 24 NOVEMBER. NO CONCLUSION REACHED ON PROPOSAL TO SET UP A GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

DETAIL

2. PANGALOS (PRESIDENCY) SAID THERE WERE ONLY TWO MAJOR TOPICS FOR RHODES: THE INTERNAL MARKET AND THE SOCIAL DIMENSION. WHAT WAS NEEDED IN ADDITION WAS TOPICS APPROPRIATE FOR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. THIS WAS WHY HE WAS PROPOSING THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE FORMER SHOULD COVER THE LOME CONVENTION, GATT, THE COMMUNITY'S OPENNESS TO THE WORLD AND HUMAN RIGHTS. ON THE ENVIRONMENT, DISCUSSION SHOULD COVER GLOBAL TOPICS, SUCH AS THE OZONE LAYER. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SET UP A GROUP OF MORE THAN 12 EXPERTS TO PRODUCE A REPORT ON THE ECOLOGICAL STATE OF THE WORLD. THIS WOULD TAKE MORE THAN A YEAR. HE HAD BEEN VERY INTERESTED IN MRS THATCHER'S SPEECH ON THE ENVIRONMENT. FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ (SPAIN) ASKED WHO WOULD PREPARE THE STATEMENT ON THE COMMUNITY'S ROLE IN THE WORLD. PANGALOS SAID FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD DO SO, TAKING ACCOUNT OF WORK BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND POLITICAL DIRECTORS.

3. LENIHAN (IRELAND) SUPPORTED THE PRESIDENCY. THERE WAS REAL CONCERN ABOUT THE ECOLOGY AND AN EXPECTATION OF A POSITIVE VIEW ON

EAST/WEST RELATIONS. WE MUST ALSO TACKLE THE US VIEW OF 'FORTRESS EUROPE' WHICH HAD STRUCK HIM FORCEFULLY DURING HIS RECENT VISIT. THE COMMUNITY MUST FIND AN ANSWER OR THERE WAS REAL DANGER OF A PHOBIA DEVELOPING IN THE US. THE COMMUNITY MUST SHOW THAT IT WAS OUTGOING.

4. CRESSON (FRANCE) SAID SHE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE IDEA OF A DECLARATION ON THE ROLE OF EUROPE IN THE WORLD. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL SAID EXTRAORDINARY THINGS ABOUT EUROPE AND WE MUST GET THE RIGHT VIEW ACROSS AND CHALLENGE THE IDEA OF FORTRESS EUROPE. WE SHOULD ALSO TALK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND ABOUT THE SOCIAL DIMENSION: IN THE US THERE WERE 20 MILLION PEOPLE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE. WE MUST PRESERVE EUROPEAN CULTURE AND NOT ALLOW IT TO BE SUBMERGED BY US CULTURE. WE MUST BE MORE POSITIVE ABOUT OUR SUPPORT FOR THE THIRD WORLD AND BE READY TO COOPERATE ON EUREKA WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. WE SHOULD BE A MODEL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WE MUST SHOW WE WERE NOT A FORTRESS BUT OPEN TO THE WORLD.

5. I SAID RHODES SHOULD DISCUSS THE COMMISSION'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL MARKET UNDER ARTICLE 8B OF THE SEA. IT WOULD BE PREMATURE AND UNHELPFUL TO DISCUSS THE SOCIAL DIMENSION. I SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF A DISCUSSION AT RHODES ON THE COMMUNITY'S GLOBAL ROLE. IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER HOW WE HANDLE THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION. IT WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO TAKE STOCK OF DEVELOPMENT IN MOSCOW FOLLOWING VISITS BY A NUMBER OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. I WAS NOT SURE WE NEEDED TO PLAN ON A DECLARATION ON THESE SUBJECTS.

6. TYGESEN (DENMARK) WAS IN FAVOUR OF A DISCUSSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT. BUT PRODUCING A DECLARATION ON SO ALL-EMBRACING A TOPIC AS THE COMMUNITY'S ROLE IN THE WORLD WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT. IT WAS A PITY THE COMMUNITY HAD NOT KEPT BACK ITS AMENDING LETTER ON CAP SAVINGS UNTIL AFTER MONTREAL. IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO REBUT THE FORTRESS EUROPE IDEA IN THE EYES OF THE LOME COUNTRIES AND JAPAN AS WELL AS THE US AND THE SCOPE OF THE DECLARATION WOULD NEED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

7. ADAM-SCHWAETER SAID A GLOBAL DISCUSSION SHOULD NOT DISTRACT US FROM CURRENT PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NORTH SEA. THE PROBLEM OF THE US PERCEPTION OF FORTRESS EUROPE WAS VERY SERIOUS AND NEEDED TO BE CORRECTED. IT AFFECTED THEIR THINKING ON HORMONES AND AIRBUS FOR EXAMPLE. THIS WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN NOT JUST TO THE U.S. BUT ALSO TO THE LOME COUNTRIES AND EFTA. A DECLARATION COULD BE USEFUL BUT MANY INTERESTS WERE INVOLVED AND IT WOULD BE HARD TO

DRAFT. VAN VOORST (NETHERLANDS) AGREED WITH THE IDEA OF A DECLARATION ON TRADE MATTERS TO COUNTER THE IMAGE OF FORTRESS EUROPE. ON THE ENVIRONMENT, HE AGREED WITH GERMANY THAT WE MUST AVOID LOOKING AS IF WE WERE ESCAPING OUR OWN PROBLEMS BY CONCENTRATING ON GLOBAL MATTERS. THERE WOULD NEED TO BE A CAREFUL BALANCE BETWEEN GLOBAL AND COMMUNITY MATTERS. THE PRESIDENCY SHOULD HAVE DRAFTS READY FOR THE NOVEMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL MEETING.

8. PINHEIRO (PORTUGAL) WAS ALSO IN FAVOUR OF A FIRM DECLARATION ON THE OUTWARD LOOKING NATURE OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF A DISCUSSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT. POOS (LUXEMBOURG) AGREED TOO. ON THE WORLD VIEW, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A TEXT FOR DISCUSSION. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DECIDE WHAT TO PUT IN IT AND WHETHER IT COULD BE ADOPTED AT RHODES. BUT WE MUST SHOW THAT THE COMMUNITY'S PERIOD OF INTERNAL PREOCCUPATION WAS OVER AND THAT WE WERE OUTWARD LOOKING. FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ WELCOMED THE IDEA OF A DECLARATION ON THE ROLE OF EUROPE. THIS WAS AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT AND THERE WOULD BE INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES EG OVER EAST/WEST, THE GATT, THE US, LOME AND THE GULF. THE COMMUNITY RISKED BECOMING A SCAPEGOAT IN THE US ELECTION AND SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO EXPLAIN ITS ATTITUDES. CHEYSSON (COMMISSION) SAID THAT WE MUST NOT FORGET THE CONCERN OF THE THIRD WORLD ABOUT FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE WHICH WORRIED THEM AS MUCH AS THE PROBLEMS OF TRADE.

9. ANDREOTTI (ITALY) CONGRATULATED THE GREEK PRESIDENCY ON THEIR USEFUL SUGGESTIONS. HE ENTIRELY AGREED WITH SPAIN THAT WE NEEDED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF 'SELF PROPAGANDA' TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION MORE CLEARLY TO THE WORLD. LAST WEEK'S COMMISSION DOCUMENT WAS A GOOD TEXT BUT NOT ALL THIS COULD BE PUT INTO A DECLARATION.

10. PANGALOS SAID HE WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE RESPONSE TO HIS IDEA. WHO WAS TO PRODUCE ALL THE PURPLE PROSE REQUIRED? THE DECLARATION SHOULD NOT BE TOO LONG SO THAT IT COULD BE READ BY ORDINARY PEOPLE. COREPER, POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND THE COMMISSION SHOULD ALL COOPERATE IN PRODUCING A TEXT. WE SHOULD AGREE ON THREE OR FOUR MAIN TOPICS. THE AIM SHOULD BE TO AGREE A TEXT AT THE FAC IN NOVEMBER SO THAT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT COULD JUST GIVE THEIR APPROVAL. IF IT WORKED THIS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT. IF NOT, A FEW PARAGRAPHS COULD BE ADDED TO THE COMMUNIQUE. ON THE ENVIRONMENT, WE MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE WORK ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS WERE DOING AND WE HOPED A GROUP OF EXPERTS COULD BE SET UP.

#### COMMENT

11. DELORS TOLD ME PRIVATELY THAT HE WAS AGAINST ANY DISCUSSION

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