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*From the Private Secretary*

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RHODES EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Thank you for your letter of 29 November covering the proposed European Council statement on the Community's international role. I think the Prime Minister will be generally content with it, but will not like the reference in paragraph 1 to "global reciprocity". She is also likely to have reservations about paragraph 6, in particular the phrase "to strengthen solidarity among them". I hope that our representative on the drafting group will work for changes on these two points.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Alex Allan (H.M. Treasury), Neil Thornton (Department of Trade and Industry), Shirley Stagg (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and Roger Lavelle (Cabinet Office).

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Rice Minister

This is the text  
of the political  
declaration for Rhodes.

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It looks generally  
harmless, except perhaps for some points

Dear Charles in para. 6. Agree it is generally acceptable?

Rhodes European Council

The Greek Presidency have circulated their revised draft of the proposed European Council statement on the Community's international role. The text is better than we expected, and a great improvement on the first Greek draft. The "no Fortress Europe" message is now commendably clear, and the Greeks have accepted UK advice to include a prominent and forthcoming reference to the new US Administration.

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We will be trying to seek a few further - relatively minor - amendments in the official drafting group which will meet in Rhodes. I shall be happy to explain these to you on the telephone. But in the Foreign Secretary's view the exercise so far has gone well: we can be fairly confident that at Rhodes we will be able to lift our reserve on the idea of issuing such a statement.

I am sending copies of this letter and its enclosure to Alex Allan (HM Treasury), Neil Thornton (DTI), Shirley Stagg (MAFF) and Roger Lavelle (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

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DECLARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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1. DETERMINED TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES ON THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STAGE, IN COOPERATION WITH ALL OTHER STATES AND APPROPRIATE ORGANISATIONS,

- AND AWARE THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET IN 1992, WHICH IS ALREADY INSPIRING A NEW DYNAMISM IN THE COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIC LIFE, WILL EQUALLY AFFECT THE COMMUNITY'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ROLE IN THE WORLD.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL REAFFIRMS THAT THE SINGLE MARKET WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY AND NON-COMMUNITY COUNTRIES ALIKE. THE INTERNAL MARKET WILL NOT CLOSE IN ON ITSELF. 1992 EUROPE WILL NOT BE A FORTRESS EUROPE BUT A PARTNERSHIP EUROPE. THE INTERNAL MARKET WILL BE A DECISIVE FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO GREATER LIBERALIZATION IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF GLOBAL RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. THE COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK IN THE GATT URUGUAY ROUND TO STRENGTHEN THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM. IT WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO PURSUE, WITH THE US, JAPAN AND OTHER PARTNERS, POLICIES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE NON-INFLATIONARY GROWTH IN THE WORLD ECONOMY.

2. THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES WILL WORK CLOSELY AND COOPERATIVELY WITH THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN AND DEEPEN THE SOLID AND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP. CLOSER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES WILL ALSO BE DEVELOPED.

IN PARTICULAR, THE COMMUNITY AND THE TWELVE WILL SEEK TO DEVELOP THEIR RELATIONS WITH EFTA COUNTRIES AND ALL OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS WHICH ~~SHARE~~ THE SAME IDEALS AND OBJECTIVES. OPEN AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WILL BE ACTIVELY PURSUED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OR REGIONAL GROUPS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, AFRICA, THE CARIBBEAN, THE PACIFIC, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA, WITH ALL OF WHICH EUROPE HAS CLOSE HISTORICAL TIES.

3. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL EMPHASISES THE NEED TO IMPROVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND TO PROMOTE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT BOTH THROUGH TRADE AND AID. IT LOOKS FORWARD TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS 66 AFRICAN, PACIFIC AND CARIBBEAN PARTNERS DURING THE COMING YEAR.

4. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES ARE DETERMINED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PRESERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. EUROPE CAN NOT BUT ACTIVELY DEMONSTRATE ITS SOLIDARITY TO THE GREAT AND SPREADING MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. TO THIS EFFECT, THEY WILL ENDEAVOUR TO STRENGTHEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO ITS PEACE-KEEPING ROLE.

5. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF IMPROVED EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WELCOMES THE READINESS OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO ACT WITH RENEWED HOPE TO OVERCOME THE DIVISIONS OF OUR CONTINENT AND TO PROMOTE ~~THE~~ WESTERN VALUES AND CONCEPT OF SECURITY WHICH MEMBER STATES HAVE IN COMMON.

TO THIS EFFECT. WE WILL STRIVE TO ACHIEVE:

- FULL RESPECT FOR THE PROVISIONS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE CSCE PROCESS;
- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURE AND STABLE BALANCE OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE AT A LOWER LEVEL AND THE STRENGTHENING OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE;
- PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, FREE CIRCULATION OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE OPEN SOCIETIES. PROMOTION OF HUMAN AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST;

POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, AND FURTHER COOPERATION WITH THEM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EACH COUNTRY'S SPECIFIC SITUATION. IN ORDER TO USE THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE . A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL WAY.

6. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE TWELVE ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE SINGLE EUROPEAN ACT IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN SOLIDARITY AMONG THEM, COORDINATION ON THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF SECURITY, AND CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE EXTERNAL POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE POLICIES AGREED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL

COOPERATION AND TO REACH SWIFT ADOPTION OF COMMON POSITIONS AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT ACTION.

7. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL INVITES ALL COUNTRIES TO EMBARK WITH  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS WORLD PARTNER ON AN HISTORIC EFFORT  
TO LEAVE TO THE NEXT GENERATION A CONTINENT AND A WORLD FREE OF  
THE SCARS OF THE PAST - A WORLD MORE SECURE, MORE JUST AND MORE  
FREE.

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