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EUROPEAN COUNCIL, RHODES 2-3 DECEMBER: POLITICAL COOPERATION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CONCLUSIONS APPROVED ON POLITICAL COOPERATION.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HAD AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF THE OVERALL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE BASED ON VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS CONCERNING THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS. MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH ENSURING THE NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A PARAGRAPH ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OF A DECLARATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES, WHICH IT HAS DECIDED TO MAKE PUBLIC AT THE END OF ITS MEETING IN RHODES.

MIDDLE EAST

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HAD A THOROUGH DISCUSSION ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT REAFFIRMED THE POSITIONS EXPRESSED BY THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THEIR DECLARATION OF 21 NOVEMBER 1988 AS WELL AS THE DECLARATION OF 30 NOVEMBER 1988.

LEBANON

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT OF THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC.

IT SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS WHICH THE LEBANESE ARE CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING IN ORDER TO SEARCH FOR A CONSENSUS WHICH

CONSTITUTES THE CONDITION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBANON.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN LEBANON AND IN THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT.

IT EXPRESSES THE VIEW THAT THE UNITED NATIONS COULD IN PARTICULAR, IF THAT WOULD BE USEFUL, CONTRIBUTE TO THE SATISFACTORY HOLDING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

CYPRUS

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HAD A DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IT ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT THAT THE TRAGIC DIVISION OF THE ISLAND REMAINS UNCHANGED AND REAFFIRMED THE PREVIOUS DECLARATION OF THE TWELVE, WHICH SUPPORT WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND UNITY OF CYPRUS.

WHILE EXPRESSING ITS SATISFACTION AT THE RESUMING OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL DIALOGUE, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THIS DIALOGUE SHOULD PROGRESS AND LEAD RAPIDLY TO A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM, ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES AND THE RELEVANT U.N. RESOLUTIONS.

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