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The Right Honorable Charles J. Haughey,
Prime Minister of Eire,
DUBLIN.

At the Meeting in Dublin of 28th April last, the European Council confirmed its clear intention of advancing towards political union; and it decided that the necessity for possible amendments to the treaties should be examined, to which end the various Ministers of Foreign Affairs should be entrusted with that task and that analysis, for the purpose of preparing proposals for debate at the next Meeting of the European Council in the month of June.

The brief period available to us emphasises even more the necessity to examine the matter as from the first moment, with the appropriate approach and suitable procedures.

Our starting point as regards the decisions in Dublin should consist in attempting to secure a clear understanding as to what we understand to be a Political Union. From my point of view the Political Union consists primarily in transforming an area which up to the present time has been essentially of an economic nature in the light of the guarantees necessary for the free circulation of workers, services, capital, and goods, into an integrated common area in which the European citizen would be entitled to a position of being the standard bearer.

For this reason I have already had the opportunity to state that I envisage the construction of the European Union as being built upon three great pillars: economic and monetary union, common citizenship, and common foreign policy and security.

Starting from the basic scheme it is necessary to reflect upon the essential aspects of this common European area having regard to the principles of global inter-connection, balance, and subsidiarity.

Logically, the Political Union shall have to take over new powers or to be in a position so to do, by reference to the requirements; accordingly it must dispose of the necessary means to carry out these policies.

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Gonzalez to Mr. Haughey, with

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This will give rise to a new institutional balance, with the necessary amendments to the present scheme in order to attain at the same time, a greater efficacy in the taking of decisions and in its activity; as also an increase of democratic control in various instances.

Finally, the Political Union must have a suitable reflection as regards its international image, and it must construct a common foreign policy and, where appropriate, a policy of common security.

In our recent Meeting in Dublin we have attained two contributions: the first, from the Belgian Government, proposes a series of concrete reforms by reference to the institutional scheme of which we dispose at the present time.

On the other hand the Franco-German initiative establishes at the outset four great objectives. The definition of the necessary reforms to reach the objective of Political Union has been left in obedience pending future contributions.

It is my view that the two foregoing proposals can be complemented by means of an approximation such as we have indicated above, in respect of which the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sr. Fernandez Ordoñez, will give greater details to his colleagues at future Meetings.

I am confident that the considerations above set out, and the future contributions which the Spanish Government may make, can give rise to a joint exploration of the best way to ensure that Political Union becomes a reality.

With my kindest regards, Prime Minister,
Yours sincerely,

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President of the Spanish
Government