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EUROPEAN COUNCIL: 26/27 NOVEMBER.

1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF THE COMMUNIQUE:-  
BEGINS

EUROPEAN UNION.

1. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL <sup>received</sup> ~~WELCOMED~~ THE INITIATIVE OF THE GERMAN  
AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS ON EUROPEAN UNION AND TOOK NOTE OF THEIR  
PROPOSALS.

2. THE COUNCIL RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING  
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN PARALLEL WITH POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL INVITED THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN  
CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND CLARIFY THE  
GERMAN/ITALIAN PROPOSALS AND TO REPORT BACK TO A FUTURE  
MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

4. THE COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION  
AND OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TEN ON EUROPEAN UNION,  
AND RECEIVED THE REPORT ON POLITICAL CO-OPERATION AGREED BY  
THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TEN IN LONDON ON 13 OCTOBER.

CONCLUSIONS ON PORTUGAL AND SPAIN.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL RECALLED THAT THE MEMBER STATES  
OF THE COMMUNITY DECIDED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACCESSION  
OF PORTUGAL AND SPAIN IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL THE OBJECTIVES  
OF THE COMMUNITY, AS SET OUT IN THE PREAMBLE TO THE EEC TREATY,  
WERE SHARED BY THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS AND BY THE PEOPLES  
OF THE TWO COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE POLITICAL COMMITMENT WHICH  
WAS THE BASIS FOR THAT DECISION AND EMPHASISED THE DETERMINATION  
OF THE COMMUNITY TO BRING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION  
AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING PROGRESS. IT RECALLED  
THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE APPLICANT COUNTRIES THAT THEY WILL ACCEDE ON  
THE BASIS OF THE COMMUNITY TREATIES AND SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION  
IN FORCE ON THE DATE OF ACCESSION, SUBJECT ONLY TO SUCH TRANSITIONAL  
ARRANGEMENTS AS MAY BE AGREED. IT EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR BOTH  
THE COMMUNITY AND THE ACCEDING COUNTRIES TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE  
PERIOD UNTIL ACCESSION FOR CAREFUL PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY'S  
FURTHER ENLARGEMENT BY INTRODUCING THE NECESSARY REFORMS SO THAT  
THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR BOTH SIDES CAN BE REALISED. THE COUNCIL  
AGREED THAT IN THE COMMUNITY'S DELIBERATIONS ON ITS INTERNAL  
DEVELOPMENT, REGARD WOULD NEED TO BE PAID TO THE IMPORTANCE OF  
THE ACCESSION OF PORTUGAL AND SPAIN. IT ALSO AGREED ON THE  
IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTACTS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TEN AND THE  
APPLICANT COUNTRIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL CO-OPERATION  
AND CONFIRMED THAT IT IS THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO KEEP  
PORTUGAL AND SPAIN CLOSELY INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN

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POLITICAL CO-OPERATION. IT LOOKS FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THE LEADERS OF THOSE TWO COUNTRIES WILL TAKE THEIR PLACES IN THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AS FULL AND EQUAL MEMBERS.

POLITICAL COOPERATION.

A. THE CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY GAVE HIS COLLEAGUES AN ACCOUNT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT BREZHNEV IN BONN ON 22-25 NOVEMBER. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WERE IN FULL AGREEMENT ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS MEETING, AND ON THE NEED TO KEEP CHANNELS OF EAST/WEST COMMUNICATION OPEN BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AT ALL TIMES. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WELCOMED THE PRESENTATION BY THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR ON DETENTE, COOPERATION AND DISARMAMENT.

B. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WELCOMED THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ANNOUNCED IN PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SPEECH OF 18 NOVEMBER, TO THE GOAL OF MAJOR DISARMAMENT BY MEANS OF MUTUAL REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES. THEY LOOKED FORWARD TO THE OPENING NEXT WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ON INTERMEDIATE RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE WOULD LEAD TO EARLY AND POSITIVE RESULTS.

C. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS AT THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING AT MADRID. DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES THEY EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME IN THE FORM OF A SUBSTANTIVE AND BALANCED DOCUMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR, INCLUDING AGREEMENT ON A PRECISE MANDATE FOR A CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE TO NEGOTIATE CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN THE WHOLE OF EUROPE. THEY ARE READY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TOWARDS THIS END AND THEY LOOK TO ALL PARTICIPANTS TO SHOW THE SAME POSITIVE SPIRIT.

D. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HEARD A REPORT FROM LORD CARRINGTON ABOUT THE VISIT OF THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO LONDON ON 20 NOVEMBER. THEY TOOK NOTE OF PAST AND CURRENT COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES TO SUPPLY FOOD AT SPECIAL PRICES TO POLAND AND WELCOMED THE BUDGET COUNCIL'S RECENT ACCEPTANCE OF AN INITIATIVE FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL SUMS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED THEIR WILLINGNESS, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE MEANS OF THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES AND IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHERS, TO RESPOND TO THE REQUESTS OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE POLISH PEOPLE TO PROMOTE THE RECOVERY OF THEIR NATIONAL ECONOMY. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE RESCHEDULING OF THE POLISH DEBT AND THE PROVISION OF NEW CREDIT WOULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THAT END.

E. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE CONTINUING TRAGEDY OF AFGHANISTAN. THEY NOTED THAT, IN FLAGRANT DEFIANCE OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION AS EXPRESSED IN THREE SUCCESSIVE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UN, THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN CONTINUED WITH ITS ASSOCIATED REPRESSION AND BLOODSHED. THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

AGREED THAT THE SITUATION WAS IMMENSELY DAMAGING TO INTERNATIONAL  
TRUST AND CONFIDENCE. THEY CONFIRMED THEIR BELIEF THAT THEIR  
PROPOSALS OF 30 JUNE OFFER A REASONABLE AND PRACTICAL APPROACH  
TO SOLVING THE PROBLEM.  
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