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to the foreign ministers of the ten Member States of the European Community meeting in political cooperation

Subject : Need for an integrated defence plan for the European Community countries in view of the seriousness of the current international situation

- In view of the deep concern felt by the people of Europe at the seriousness of the current international situation;
- Bearing in mind the evident tendencies of the superpowers to pursue policies which are becoming more dangerous every day, with less and less regard for the demands and expectations of the peoples of Europe;
- Having regard to the consequent risk that the Community countries will simply be required to bear the consequences of catastrophic decisions taken elsewhere without even being consulted or given any say in the matter;

- Considering the grave risk that the concern of the peoples of Europe for peace could be exploited to subversive and undemocratic ends through dangerous, alarming and barbarous acts of terrorism such as the attack on NATO bases and on the commander of the American forces in Germany;

Would the foreign ministers please state:

- whether they do not feel it imperative for a European initiative at politico-diplomatic level to be introduced without further delay, in order to restore essential international credibility to the Community as a whole and to the individual Member States vis-à-vis both the USA as allies and the USSR as interlocutors;
- what initiatives have or will be taken to give fresh impetus to the process of Community integration, not only at economic level but also at political and defence level, in order to ensure security and peace for the peoples of Europe and of the world at a very difficult conjuncture in world affairs;
- whether they do not consider it essential to draw up immediately an integrated defence plan - at all levels - for the Community countries and within the more general context of NATO;
- whether they do not consider it necessary to hold special talks immediately on these vital matters in the relevant Community bodies, calling on all the political forces of Europe to give their opinion on the best ways and means of protecting our independence and of ensuring the very survival of our peoples.