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EUROPEAN LEADERS TO MEET ON JUNE 28-29: 1992 PROCESS ENTERS HOME-RUN

European Community Heads of State or Government will meet in Luxembourg June 28 and 29 for a European Council marking the conclusion of that member state's term in the EC Council Presidency. The Netherlands will hold the rotating six-month Presidency from July 1 until the end of this year.

The main European Community topics on the summit agenda are expected to be the completion of the Community's internal market (1992 program), the Intergovernmental Conferences on Political and Economic and Monetary Union scheduled to end late this year, the reform of the EC's Common Agricultural Policy, and the Uruguay Round. EC Foreign Affairs Ministers at the Luxembourg Council summit are expected to issue declarations on arms export controls, the Middle East, Yugoslavia, South Africa, human rights, and coordination of United Nations emergency aid.

EC leaders will also prepare for the mid-July G-7 summit in London where they will meet separately with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to discuss aid to the Soviet Union, the country's external debt and the question of Soviet membership in the International Monetary Fund.

EC Commission President Jacques Delors will address the Council on progress toward completion of the internal market. The latest figures show that 1992 is now an irreversible process. With only 18 months left until the December 31, 1992 deadline, almost 75 percent of the legislation necessary to establish the frontier-free market is in place. Only 89 of the 282 proposals in the 1985 White Paper on Completion of the Internal Market -- the document which imposed the 1992 deadline -- have still to be adopted in the EC Council of Ministers.

A Commission report, issued June 11 to the European Parliament and the 12 member states, has asked the Netherlands to give absolute priority to the 1992 project during its Presidency of the Council. The Council of Ministers is the final decision-making body in the EC's legislative process. It acts on proposals by the Commission, which has already tabled all the necessary proposals for directives implementing the 1992 program. Adopted directives must be incorporated into the national law of the individual member states. By end-May 1991, more than 72 percent of adopted measures concerning 1992 had been transposed into national law, as opposed to 67 percent in December 1990.

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