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RENDEZ-VOUS DE MIDI DU 3 MARS 1980

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1. STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT JENINS AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN
BELGRADE, 29 FEBRUARY (R. BEETHAM) [REDACTED]

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MY PURPOSE IN COMING TO BELGRADE WAS TO UNDERLINE THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS RELATIONSHIP, AS SYMBOLIZED AND GIVEN PRACTICAL EFFECT IN THE MAJOR AND THE UNIQUE AGREEMENT WHICH WAS INITIATED IN BRUSSELS ON 25 FEBRUARY 1980. DURING MY VISIT I HAVE HAD TALKS WITH VICE-PRESIDENT KOLISEVSKI, WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WITH THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY AND WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC CHAMBER OF YUGOSLAVIA. DURING MY TALKS I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT BOTH TO US IN THE COMMUNITY AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN BRINGING US CLOSER TOGETHER AND ABOVE ALL IN OPENING UP OPPORTUNITIES TO YUGOSLAVIA TO EXPAND HER EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY AND THUS REDUCE THE PRESENT IMBALANCE OF TRADE. NOT ONLY IS THE AGREEMENT FAR-REACHING FROM AN ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW, IT IS IN FACT SUI GENERIS AS AN AGREEMENT. IT IS WITHOUT PRECEDENT. IT FULLY RESPECTS YUGOSLAVIA'S POSITION AS A NON-ALIGNED, EUROPEAN, MEDITERRANEAN DEVELOPING COUNTRY. I HAVE BEEN PLEASED DURING MY VISIT TO BE ASSURED THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AGREEMENT IS FULLY APPRECIATED BY THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT AND I BELIEVE EQUALLY BY YUGOSLAV BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY. THOSE I MET EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION AT THE AGREEMENT AND AT THE OPPORTUNITIES IT OFFERS FOR THIS COUNTRY. I STRESS THE WORD 'OPPORTUNITY', FOR THE KEY WILL LIE IN THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE AGREEMENT AND I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE AMOUNT OF PREPARATION WHICH HAS BEEN DONE TO ENSURE ITS FULL IMPLEMENTATION. WE HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AND THAT IT CAN BE SIGNED IN APRIL. THE AGREEMENT WILL TAKE SOME TIME (POSSIBLY UP TO 12 MONTHS) TO BE RATIFIED AND THUS COME FORMALLY INTO EFFECT. WE THEREFORE HAVE IN MIND AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL BRING THE TRADE CLAUSES INTO EFFECT AS EARLY AS 1 JULY THIS YEAR. WE WOULD THEN ENVISAGE IN THE AUTUMN A FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOW-UP. THE COMMISSION ALSO PROPOSES TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN BELGRADE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, A PROPOSAL WHICH, I AM PLEASED TO SAY, IS
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WARMLY WELCOMED ON THE YUGOSLAV SIDE. ALTHOUGH THE AGREEMENT AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION FORMED THE MAIN SUBJECT OF MY DISCUSSIONS, I ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ABOUT CURRENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH AFFECT US BOTH IN THESE TIMES OF STRESS AND DANGER. I WAS ABLE TO GAIN A VALUABLE UNDERSTANDING OF THE YUGOSLAV VIEW, AND TO EXPRESS THE COMMUNITY'S FUNDAMENTAL RESPECT FOR THE YUGOSLAV POSITION. OUR LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING ARE NOW UNDERPINNED BY THE IMPORTANT NEW AGREEMENT.

2. PRESIDENT JENKINS' VISIT TO PARIS

MR JENKINS WILL VISIT PARIS ON 4 MARCH FOR TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER BARRE IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. HE HAS ALREADY PAID SIMILAR VISITS TO ITALY (TWICE), IRELAND AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

3. VISITE DU PRESIDENT JENKINS AU PORTUGAL

A L'INVITATION DU GOUVERNEMENT PORTUGAIS, LE PRESIDENT JENKINS SE RENDRA LES 6 ET 7 MARS EN VISITE OFFICIELLE A LISBONNE, OU IL AURA DES ENTRETIENS AVEC LE PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE, LE PREMIER MINISTRE ET AVEC D'AUTRES MEMBRES DU GOUVERNEMENT PORTUGAIS. IL S'AGIT DE LA DEUXIEME VISITE DE M. JENKINS EN TANT QUE PRESIDENT DE LA COMMISSION DES COMMUNAUTES EUROPEENNES.

4. VISITE DE M. NATALI A LISBONNE (28/2-3/3)

CETTE VISITE A PERMIS DE DEGAGER UN ACCORD SUR LE CALENDRIER DE L'ADHESION POURTUGAISE. IL A ETE CONVENU QUE LA PREMIERE PHASE DEVRAIT ETRE L'ACHEVEMENT DE LA VUE D'ENSEMBLE SUR LES PROBLEMES DE LA NEGOCIATION AVANT LA FIN DE L'ETE. IL SERAIT AINSI POSSIBLE DE COMMENCER DANS LA DEUXIEME PARTIE DE CETTE ANNEE A RECHERCHER LES SOLUTIONS SUR LES PRINCIPALES QUESTIONS DE LA NEGOCIATION. M. NATALI A MIS L'ACCENT SUR LE FAIT QUE LE CALENDRIER EXIGE QUE D'IMPORTANTES DECISIONS SOIENT PRISES EN MATIERE NOTAMMENT DE LA DUREE ET DE LA NATURE DE LA PERIODE TRANSITOIRE. CETTE VISITE A EGALEMENT PORTE SUR LES ACTIONS NECESSAIRES A ACCELERER LE DEVELOPPEMENT ECONOMIQUE PORTUGAIS. LE GOUVERNEMENT PORTUGAIS A FAIT CONNAITRE LES PREMIERES ORIENTATIONS QUANT AUX INITIATIVES A PRENDRE POUR AMELIORER LES STRUCTURES DE BASE DU PAYS QU'IL S'AGISSE DE ROUTES, DE CHEMINS DE FER, DE PORTS OU ENCORE D'AGRICULTURE, D'EDUCATION ET DE FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE.

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LA COMMUNAUTE POURRAIT DONNER UNE AIDE AU PORTUGAL AVANT L'ADHESION POUR FACILITER CES INITIATIVES.

M. NATALI A PRIS NOTE DES PREMIERES ORIENTATIONS DU GOUVERNEMENT PORTUGAIS. IL FERA RAPPORT A LA COMMISSION ET AUX ETATS MEMBRES EN VUE DES DECISIONS A PRENDRE PAR LES INSTITUTIONS COMMUNAUTAIRES.

5. CONVERGENCE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

■ VISIT OF UK OFFICIALS ON 3 MARCH 1980

 IN ITS COMMUNICATION OF 5 FEBRUARY THE COMMISSION STATED ITS INTENTION TO DISCUSS WITH THE UK THE DETAILS OF POSSIBLE EXPENDITURE PROGRAMMES WHICH MIGHT BE THE OBJECT OF COMMUNITY FINANCING IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT A GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM IN COMMUNITY EXPENDITURE. IN RESPONSE TO THIS A TEAM OF UK OFFICIALS HAS TODAY VISITED BRUSSELS TO PURSUE THESE DISCUSSIONS INFORMALLY WITH THE COMMISSION SERVICES. FURTHER CONTACTS WILL BE TAKING PLACE AS NECESSARY. THE UK PUT FORWARD IDEAS COVERING A RANGE OF PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SPECIALLY DISADVANTAGED REGIONS OR PROBLEM AREAS, WHICH MIGHT FALL WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE COMMISSION'S COMMUNICATION.

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- DECLARATION JENKINS A BELGRADE (VOIR TEXTE CI-DESSUS)
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- IP(80) 62 : VERS L'ADAPTATION DES ACCORDS AVEC LES PAYS DE L'AELE EN VUE DE L'ADHESION DE LA GRECE A LA COMMUNAUTE
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- IP(80) 60 : EXTRAITS DISCOURS TUGENDHAT AUJOURD'HUI A HAMBURG ■■■■■■■■ A L'INSTITUT DE RECHERCHE ECONOMIQUE MONDIALE + TEXTE INTEGRAL
- DISCOURS GIOLITTI AUJOURD'HUI A PARIS AU VIII CONGRES INTERNATIONAL DES ECONOMIES REGIONALES
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