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EUROPEAN COUNCIL : POLITICAL CO-OPERATION
ITEMS

1. I attach clean copies of the four drafts requested by Heads of Government, in the form agreed by Political Directors this morning:-

Middle East - This follows the line of the original British draft, but has been up-dated. It says nothing about the circumstances in which the MNF might be withdrawn.

Cyprus - This is a Greek draft, with a final sentence suggested by the UK which is ambiguous on the question whether (as the Greeks say) the Turkish Cypriot UDI must be rescinded before the UN Secretary General can continue his mission of good offices.

Central America - This text was agreed some days ago in the Latin American Working Group. In substance it does not go beyond what the European Council said at Stuttgart.

Argentina - A message of congratulations on the establishment of a democratic government.

2. I also attach an agreed text on Afghanistan, for issue on 27 December, the fourth anniversary of the Soviet invasion.

3. There was a move by the Dutch and others to produce a paragraph on Chile. I said I saw no reason to single Chile

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out, and anything said about Chile would need to be balanced. The Dutch said they must have a strong statement or nothing. In the end it was agreed to make no recommendation on this.

4. The Germans withdrew their draft on East/West relations. My view is that any statement on this subject by the European Council is unnecessary, given that the Foreign Ministers of NATO are to meet later this week; and that if something is to be said in Athens, it can only be drafted after the Heads of Government or at least the Foreign Ministers have actually discussed East/West relations and agreed on what kind of things need to be said.

5. Lastly, I attach the political co-operation part of the "Annual Report on European Union" which Foreign Ministers will be asked to approve.

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