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OBJET: REUNION INFORMELLE DES MINISTRES DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES
AU CHATEAU GYMNICH, LES 28 ET 29 OCTOBRE (R. BEETHAM)

1. LES TROIS SAGES (■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ PROPOSITION DE M. GISCARD
D'ESTAING): LES MINISTRES ONT EU UNE PREMIERE DISCUSSION PLU-
TOT DE PROCEDURE QUE DE FOND. ILS ONT CONSIDERE DES PROJETS
DE MANDAT POUR LES TROIS SAGES. ILS EN DISCUTERONT DAVANTAGE
ET EVENTUELLEMENT ADOPTERONT LE MANDAT EN MARGE DU CONSEIL DES
20 ET 21 NOVEMBRE. SANS MENTIONNER DES NOMS, ILS ONT AUSSI
CONSIDERE LA BASE DE COMPOSITION DES TROIS SAGES. IL EST PRO-
BABLE QUE LE CONSEIL EUROPEEN DES 4 ET 5 DECEMBRE S'OCCUPERA
DE CETTE QUESTION.

2. ADHESION GRECQUE: LES MINISTRES ONT EU UNE DISCUSSION
ASSEZ FRUCTUEUSE SUR LA QUESTION DU CONTENTIEUX DE LA PONDERA-
TION DES VOTES DANS LA COMMUNAUTE ELARGIE. UN ACCORD SERA
PROBABLEMENT TROUVE DANS LE PROCHE AVENIR AU COREPER, SANS
PREJUGER LES ARRANGEMENTS FUTURS POUR L'ESPAGNE ET LE PORTUGAL.
IL S'AGIT ET DU NOMBRE DE VOIX POUR LES NOUVEAUX ADHERENTS ET
DE LA GRANDEUR DE LA MAJORITE QUALIFIEE AU CONSEIL.

3. L'AFRIQUE MERIDIONALE: LES MINISTRES ONT ECOUTE UN RAPPORT
DE M. OWEN ET M. GENSCHER SUR LA NAMIBIE ET ONT PASSE EN REVUE
LES PERSPECTIVES DE LA DISCUSSION AUX NATIONS UNIES. ILS ONT
ELARGI LA DISCUSSION SUR LES AUTRES PROBLEMES DE LA REGION
(RHODESIE, AFRIQUE DU SUD).

4. REUNION MINISTERIELLE AVEC L'ASEAN (20 NOVEMBRE): BREVE
DISCUSSION PREPARATOIRE.

5. RELATIONS ENTRE LE PARLEMENT ET LA COOPERATION POLITIQUE:
LE PARLEMENT VEUT AMELIORER LES PROCEDURES D'INFORMATION: LA
QUESTION A ETE EFFECTIVEMENT MISE DE COTE JUSQU'APRES LES
ELECTIONS DIRECTES.

6. LES MINISTRES ONT EU DE BREFS ECHANGES DE VUE SUR:
- LE MOYEN-ORIENT
- LES PERSPECTIVES D'UN ACCORD SUR LA PECHE
- LA VISITE DE M. GROMYKO A PARIS.

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 TO : WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS
 MESSAGE PRESS NO. 20 OF OCTOBER 30, 1978

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DEAR COLLEAGUES,
 FOLLOWING ARE EKSCERPTS OF AN INTERVIEW GERMAN FOREIGN
 MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER GAVE THE GERMAN RADIO
 NETWORK WDR ON OCTOBER 28, 1978:

''...LET US CONSIDER THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE
 EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BOTH THE EC AS SUCH AND THE OPERATION
 CALLED EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION (EPC) - THAT IS, OUR
 FOREIGN-POLICY ACTIVITIES. BEYOND ANY DOUBT A COMMUNITY
 OF NINE HAS MORE WEIGHT INTERNATIONALLY THAN ONE OF SIX
 (SEMI) AND A COMMUNITY OF TWELVE MORE THAN ONE OF NINE.

''THAT SHOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THAT THE EC
 HAS THE INTENTION OF CLAIMING POWER FOR ITSELF. IT WOULD
 LIKE, RATHER, TO HELP IN IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONALLY THE
 PRINCIPLES THAT IT HAS OBSERVED WITHIN ITS OWN BORDERS.
 THE KEY PRINCIPLE HERE IS THAT THE EC IS A PARTNERSHIP- OF
 COUNTRIES ENJOYING EQUAL STATUS - INDEPENDENTLY OF EACH
 COUNTRY'S SIZE. WE SHOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A MODEL
 OF PARTNERLIKE COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND GROUPS
 OF COUNTRIES. THAT WE ARE DOING IN THE LOME AGREEMENT,
 THAT WE ARE DOING IN THE EUROPEAN-ARAB DIALOGUE, AND THAT
 WE ARE DOING IN INTENSIFYING OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COUNT-
 RIES OF THE ASEAN COMMUNITY. AS YOU KNOW, IN NOVEMBER
 FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EC AND ASEAN ARE TO MEET IN
 BRUSSELS''.

QUESTION: ''BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, WE KNOW HOW DIFFI-
 CULT IT HAS BEEN WITHIN THE EC TO MAKE PROGRESS IN EVENING
 OUT DIFFERENCES - ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES. ISN'T
 THERE A DANGER FOR THE EC IN ITS SEEKING PARTNERSHIPS WITH
 OTHER REGIONS - PARTNERSHIPS OF EQUALS, AS YOU HAVE PUT IT?
 DOESN'T DOING THIS INVOLVE THE DANGER THAT THE EC IN THE
 END WILL WEAKEN ITSELF, BY DANCING AT TOO MANY WEDDINGS?''

ANSWER: ''NOT. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BECAUSE OF
 ITS ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE, BUT ALSO IN VIEW OF ITS POLITICAL
 IMPORTANCE, HAS ACQUIRED VERY DEFINITE RELEVANCE OF THE
 NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE - AND FOR A WORLDWIDE POLICY OF PEACE
 AS WELL. THIS CIRCUMSTANCE EKSPLAINS WHY WE ARE ACTIVE IN
 CONSTANTLY MORE AREAS, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EUROPEAN
 POLITICAL COOPERATION. IN EACH AREA WE ARE SEEKING TO
 ARRIVE AT A JOINTLY AGREED FOREIGN-POLICY POSITION.
 THINK IN THIS CONJUNCTION OF AFRICA POLICY (SEMI) OR OF
 MIDDLE EAST POLICY (SEMI) OR OF OUR POLICY AT THE CSCE
 SESSIONS IN HELSINKI AND THE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IN BEL-
 GRAD.

''ALL THAT REPRESENTS MAJOR PROGRESS. AND OUR RE-
 SPONSIBILITY IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IS A PART OF THIS
 WORLDWIDE PEACE POLICY...''

QUESTION: ''I GATHER FROM YOUR WORDS THAT YOU WEL-
 COME REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, AND WANT THE EC TO SUPPORT
 THEM. DOESN'T THAT, HOWEVER, GET THE EC INTO DIFFICULTIES?
 FOR EKSAKPLE, WE SEE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN THE COMMUNITY'S
 POSITION TOWARDS NON-ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES SINCE THE AGREE-
 MENT OF LOME. THE MATTER OF PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS HAS
 STIRRED UP, TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, SOMETHING LIKE A FEELING
 OF ENVY''.

ANSWER: "YOU ARE RIGHT TO MENTION PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS. THEY ARE A PROBLEM THAT CONFRONTS US. BUT I WOULD LIKE, RATHER, TO REPLY BY REFERRING TO SOMETHING BROADER. THE REALLY BASIC CHANGE IN WORLD POLICY CONSISTS OF THE PERCEPTION THAT THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR DOMINATION. THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR AN IMPERIALISTIC POLICY AIMING AT CREATING ZONES OF POWER AND SPHERES OF INFLUENCE, AT BRINGING OTHER COUNTRIES UNDER THIS OR THAT POWER'S CONTROL. THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR THIS KIND OF PRACTICE BECAUSE IT IS OPPOSED BY HISTORY'S STRONGEST FORCE: THE POPULAR DEMAND FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. AND THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS ARE AN EKSPRESSION OF THIS PUBLIC DEMAND FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, IN THAT SUCH ASSOCIATIONS ARE ABLE TO PRESERVE THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY...."

QUESTION: "IN THAT CONJUNCTION... PEOPLE SOMETIMES SAY THAT AFTER ALL EUROPE DOES NOT END AT THE BORDERS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (SEMI) THAT INSTEAD A EUROPE STRETCHING TO THE URALS IS CONCEIVABLE. DO YOU THINK THAT POSSIBLY IN THE COMING DECADE THERE COULD EVOLVE, HERE IN EUROPE, A CLOSER MUTUAL INVOLVEMENT - THAT IS, A DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING A SPECIFIC DIALOGUE - LEADING TO TREATY ARRANGEMENTS - BETWEEN THE EC AND COMECON?"

ANSWER: "THAT WOULD FIRST OF ALL PRESUPPOSE THAT THE MEMBER-COUNTRIES OF COMECON WERE TO FINALLY ADOPT A REALISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE EC. IN VIEW OF THIS PROBLEM, I WOULD NOT IDENTIFY WITH THE SPECIFIC AND AMBITIOUS GOAL YOU HAVE SUGGESTED. NOT THAT I WOULD NOT WELCOME IT AS PROGRESS IF THIS REALISTIC ATTITUDE FINALLY WERE TO BE TAKEN.

AFTER ALL, OTHER COUNTRIES OUTSIDE EUROPE HAVE PROVIDED AN EKSAMPLE OF SUCH AN ACCOMMODATION. THINK, FOR INSTANCE, OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA". (IF)

YOURS SINCERELY,

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