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INFORMAL MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TEN, BRUSSELS
4 JANUARY 1982.

FINAL COMMUNIQUE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE TEN UTTERLY DISAPPROVE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN POLAND.
2. THEY HAVE NOTED THE DECLARATIONS OF THE POLISH LEADERSHIP OF ITS INTENTION TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TO REESTABLISH IN THE NEAR FUTURE LIBERTY AND THE PROCESS OF REFORM AS WELL AS RESUMING THE DIALOGUE WITH THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE POLISH NATION. UNHAPPILY THE TEN MUST NOTE TODAY THAT, CONTRARY TO THESE DECLARATIONS, WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE HAS NOT BEEN DIALOGUE BUT REPRESSION BRINGING IN ITS TRAIN VIOLATIONS OF THE MOST ELEMENTARY HUMAN AND CITIZEN'S RIGHTS, CONTRARY TO THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
3. THE TEN THEREFORE APPEAL URGENTLY TO THE POLISH AUTHORITIES TO END AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE STATE OF MARTIAL LAW, TO RELEASE THOSE ARRESTED, AND TO RESTORE A GENUINE DIALOGUE WITH THE CHURCH AND SOLIDARITY.
4. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE GRAVE EVENTS EXTENDS BEYOND POLAND ITSELF. THE INABILITY OF THE SYSTEM IN EASTERN EUROPE TO ACCEPT THE MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO MEET THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE IS SUCH AS TO ENDANGER PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATIVE LINKS WITH THE EAST, AND THUS SERIOUSLY TO AFFECT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT THE TEN NOTE WITH CONCERN AND DISAPPROVAL THE SERIOUS EXTERNAL PRESSURE AND THE CAMPAIGN DIRECTED BY THE U.S.S.R. AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AGAINST THE EFFORTS FOR RENEWAL IN POLAND.
5. THIS ALREADY GRAVE SITUATION WOULD BE FURTHER AGGRAVATED IF IT LED TO AN OPEN INTERVENTION BY THE WARSAW PACT. FOR THIS REASON THE TEN WISH TO ISSUE A SOLEMN WARNING AGAINST ANY SUCH INTERVENTION.
6. THE TEN ARE TOTALLY IN SYMPATHY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE AND ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE THE DIRECT HUMANITARIAN AID TO THEM.

7. THE TEN HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF THE ECONOMIC MEASURES TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE U.S.S.R. THE TEN WILL UNDERTAKE IN THIS CONTEXT CLOSE AND POSITIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER WESTERN STATES IN ORDER TO DEFINE WHAT DECISIONS WILL BEST SERVE THEIR COMMON OBJECTIVES AND TO AVOID ANY STEP WHICH COULD UNDERMINE THEIR RESPECTIVE ACTIONS.

8. DEVELOPMENTS IN POLAND CONSTITUTE A GRAVE VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. THE TEN THEREFORE CONSIDER THAT THE MADRID CONFERENCE SHOULD DISCUSS THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THE TEN WILL MAKE APPROACHES TO THE NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED STATES TO PROPOSE AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE MADRID MEETING.

9. THE TEN WILL WORK IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALISED AGENCIES FOR A DENUNCIATION OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

10. OTHER MEASURES WILL BE CONSIDERED AS THE SITUATION IN POLAND DEVELOPS, IN PARTICULAR MEASURES CONCERNING CREDIT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO POLAND, AND MEASURES CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY'S COMMERCIAL POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE U.S.S.R. IN ADDITION THE TEN WILL EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF FURTHER FOOD AID TO POLAND.

11. THE TEN HAVE CALLED ON THE POLISH AUTHORITIES BOTH NATIONALLY AND THROUGH THE PRESIDENCY TO LIFT ABNORMAL AND UNACCEPTABLE RESTRICTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE WORK OF EMBASSIES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA, AIR SERVICES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS IN POLAND.

12. THE TEN WILL STUDY WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ALLEVIATE THE SITUATION OF POLES OUTSIDE POLAND WHO DO NOT WISH TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

13. REPORT FOLLOWS FROM FCO.

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