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Prime Minister

To note - Chancellor Kohl  
may refer to this letter.

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CSCE Madrid Meeting: Appeal by Certain Neutral and Non-Aligned  
Heads of State/Government

I enclose a letter to the Prime Minister which the Finnish Ambassador, Mr Pastinen, together with four other Heads of Mission from Neutral and Non-Aligned (NNA) countries, handed to Mr Rifkind on 18 April on behalf of their Heads of State and Government. A similar letter has been sent to other Heads of States and Governments represented at the Madrid meeting.

The letter expresses concern that continued and protracted negotiations at the Madrid meeting will lead to the erosion of the aims and purposes set forth by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The letter states that the NNA participants recently put forward a proposal in Madrid for a substantial and balanced concluding document. They appeal for a political decision soon to determine the outcome of the Madrid meeting.

Acknowledging receipt of the letter, Mr Rifkind said that we appreciated the contribution which the NNA had made by tabling the draft. It contained some advances but was silent on a number of important issues. We did not think it was yet certain what could or could not be achieved in Madrid.

In fact, there are differences of view within the Alliance on how to respond to the NNA draft concluding document. A majority of the Ten think we should use it as the basis for a short and intensive end-game in which the West should seek only a strictly limited number of improvements. The United States is inclined to reject the draft as embodying too few of the proposals, especially in the human rights field, which the West put forward last November, and instead to have the West stick firmly to these proposals. In Madrid and elsewhere we have sought to provide a bridge between these two approaches. We believe that the Alliance will have to establish a common position in Madrid if a successful outcome is to be achieved.

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In these circumstances, we need to consult Partners and Allies as to whether a reply to the Neutral and Non-Aligned appeal is required, and if it is what it might contain. I will write again when this has been done.

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