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Dear Charles,

Joint Ten Statement on Southern Africa

We shall need to consider at POCO on 16/17 July what line to take on the question of a joint Ten statement on Southern Africa. The Italians have circulated the text which was prepared, with brackets on two passages, by Political Directors at Milan (COREU tel CPE/ROM 652 - copy enclosed). This text was never finally considered by Ministers.

The Foreign Secretary considers that we should aim to secure agreement on an improved text at POCO. I enclose a draft of a suggested text. As a fallback, if partners resist any further additions to the text discussed at Milan, we would settle instead for that text with the deletion of the first phrase in brackets ("including those opposed to apartheid") and the inclusion of the second ("in the absence of any significant progress within a reasonable period of time, the Ten reserve the right to reconsider their attitude"). This wording is, if anything, a little less strong than that which we accepted at CHOGM in 1983, admittedly in the context of Namibia, to the effect that "If South Africa continues to obstruct the implementation of Resolution 435, the adoption of appropriate uneasiness under the charter of the UN will have to be considered".

The Foreign Secretary makes this recommendation because an agreed text would enable us to hold the rest of the Ten to a common policy consistent with our own ideas and, to provide the Prime Minister with a document that would strengthen her position at CHOGM by showing that the UK has a forward looking policy on Southern Africa held in common with our European partners. An agreed Ten statement at this stage could be publicised not only at the Foreign Affairs Council but also used as the basis for the passage on Southern Africa in the Presidency speech at CHOGM in September. By contrast, it would add substantially to our difficulties at CHOGM and elsewhere if we were identified as the only European opponent of a text which went no further than one which we accepted two years ago.

The two passages in brackets should not cause us great difficulty. Partners are firm in resisting the first, and the point seems adequately covered by



the preceding words "all concerned". The second passage was a compromise between French insistence on some reference to possible future sanctions and our own insistence, as expressed directly by the Prime Minister, that there should be no such reference. The Prime Minister did not have an opportunity to consider the compromise passage now in brackets. The Foreign Secretary believes that we can accept it since it does not commit us to any specific action or time frame and stops well short of suggesting any sort of measures against South Africa.

By agreeing to delete the first passage in brackets and to include the second we might be able to get quick agreement on a final text in POCO. But this would still be a somewhat limited text in terms of its impact at CHOGM where it would be regarded as lacking real substance, apart from the important reference to adaptation and strengthening of the Code of Conduct. The Foreign Secretary, therefore, proposes that we should also seek the inclusion of the additional passages marked in yellow in the enclosed text. Our partners would certainly welcome the list of specific measures which would considerably strengthen the statement in the eyes of other Commonwealth countries at CHOGM. Of the five measures listed, the first three have been expressly accepted by the Prime Minister and the final two are uncontroversial.

If our partners were simply not prepared to consider any new wording at POCO, we could fall back on the minimal position indicated in the first sentence of paragraph 6 above. We envisage that, once agreed in POCO, the text would be considered and issued by Foreign Ministers at the Foreign Affairs Council on 23/24 July.

The Foreign Secretary suggests that he and the Prime Minister might have a word about this at their next bilateral on Friday.

I am copying this to John Mogg (DTI).

Yours ever,
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The Heads of State or Government express their profound concern over the continuing human suffering caused in South Africa by the apartheid system which they strongly condemn.

They deplore all acts of violence, which affect the black population in particular, and call for its renunciation by all concerned, [including those opposed to apartheid]. They urge the Government in Pretoria to embark with determination on a policy involving specific actions leading to the abolition of the apartheid system and the implementation of the rightful political and civil rights of the black population. [In the absence of any significant progress within a reasonable period of time, the Ten reserve the right to reconsider their attitude].

In their view the first requirement is the rapid opening of a dialogue between the present South African Government and the genuine representatives of the non-white community, with the declared aim inter alia of giving the black community ~~its rightful political~~ representation at the national level.

To create the conditions for such a dialogue, the Ten believe that the South African Government should:

- release immediately and unconditionally Mr Nelson Mandela and other acknowledged political leaders;
- end detention without trial;
- abandon the practice of forced removals;
- progressively remove discriminatory legislation including the Pass Laws and the Group Areas Act;
- ~~give a commitment to a common citizenship for all South Africans.~~

The Ten believe that European companies which continue to operate in Southern Africa should play a positive role in promoting peaceful change. The Code of Conduct for European firms with subsidiaries in South Africa has proved to be a useful instrument for the emancipation of black workers in South Africa. In view of the important changes that have taken place in the field of labour relations there, the Ten consider that the adaptation and strengthening of the Code which they are urgently to undertake

should allow it to contribute more effectively to the abolition of the system of racial segregation in force in South Africa.

The Ten also note with deep concern the persistence of conflicts, the existence of serious threats to the sovereignty and economic development of states in South Africa, and, as regards the independence of Namibia, continuing obstacles to the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 435. They earnestly hope that progress can be made through a process of dialogue involving all the parties concerned, with respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all the countries in the area^{and} the principle of non-interference in their internal affairs.

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OBJET: CONSEIL EUROPEEN DE MILAN (28-29 JUIN 1985) - THEMES
DE COOPERATION POLITIQUE EUROPEENNE.

POUR LE BON ORDRE, L'ITALIE TRANSMET CI-APRES LA VERSION
FRANCAISE ET ANGLAISE DES CONCLUSIONS DU CONSEIL EUROPEEN DE MILAN
SUR LES RAPPORTS CEE-COMECON (ANNEXE 1).

PARTI LES TEXTES SOUMIS AU CONSEIL EUROPEEN, ET QUE LES CHEFS
D'ETAT OU DE GOUVERNEMENT N'ONT PAS PU EXAMINER A CAUSE DE LA
PROLONGATION DES DISCUSSIONS SUR LES AUTRES SUJETS FIGURANT A
L'ORDRE DU JOUR DE LA REUNION, L'ITALIE TRANSMET EGALEMENT LE
TEXTE CONCERNANT LES RAPPORTS AVEC LE CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE (ANNEXE
2, VERSION FRANCAISE ET ANGLAISE). PUISQUE CE TEXTE GARDE, A SON
AVIS, TOUTE SA VALIDITE, ELLE LAISSE A LA PRESIDENCE
LUXEMBOUGEOISE LE SOIN D'EVALUER LES SUITES A LUI DONNER,
EVENTUELLEMENT EN VUE DE SON APPROBATION PAR LES MINISTRES DES
AFFAIRES ETRANGERES A L'OCCASION DE LA PROCHAINE REUNION DU
CONSEIL DE LA COMMUNAUTE.

A CETTE MEME FIN, L'ITALIE TRANSMET EGALEMENT LES AUTRES TEXTES
PREPARES PAR LE COMITE POLITIQUE: TERRORISME ET DETOURNEMENT
D'AVIONS (ANNEXE 3), SITUATION EN AFRIQUE DU SUD ET EN AFRIQUE
AUSTRALE (ANNEXE 4), AFGHANISTAN (ANNEXE 5).

POUR CE QUI CONCERNE LE TEXTE SUR LE MOYEN-ORIENT, L'ITALIE
RAPPELLE QUE M. LE PRESIDENT CRAXI A ETE CHARGE PAR SES COLLEGUES
DE MANIFESTER A LA PRESSE LES CONCLUSIONS DE LA DISCUSSION QUI A
EU LIEU SUR CE SUJET ENTRE LES CHEFS D'ETAT OU DE GOUVERNEMENT.

ANNEXE 1

CONSEIL EUROPEEN DE MILAN (28 - 29 JUIN 1985)

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LE CONSEIL EUROPEEN A EU UN ECHANGE DE VUES SUR LA LETTRE
RECEMMENT ENVOYEE PAR LE COMECON A LA COMMISSION DES COMMUNAUTES

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EUROPEENNES EN VUE D'UNE REPRISE DES RELATIONS RECIPROQUES. IL A NOTE QU'UN MANDAT EXPLORATOIRE A ETE DONNE A LA COMMISSION. IL ESTIME QU'IL Y A LIEU MAINTENANT D'ATTENDRE LES RESULTATS DE CES CONTACTS.

D'UNE MANIERE PLUS GENERALE, LES CHEFS D'ETAT OU DE GOUVERNEMENT ONT AUSSI DISCUTE DE LA MANIFESTATION D'INTERET POUR LE ROLE POLITIQUE DES DIX OBSERVEE TOUTE DERNIEREMENT DANS DES DECLARATIONS DU SECRETAIRE GENERAL DU PCUS.

ILS ONT PRIS NOTE AVEC INTERET DE CES DEVELOPPEMENTS.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HELD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE RECENT LETTER FROM COMECON TO THE EEC COMMISSION PROPOSING THE RESUMPTION OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS. IT NOTED THAT AN EXPLORATORY MANDATE HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE COMMISSION. IT CONSIDERS THAT THE RESULTS OF THESE CONTACTS SHOULD NOW BE AWAITED.

MORE GENERALLY, THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT ALSO DISCUSSED THE INTEREST IN THE POLITICAL ROLE OF THE TEN RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED IN STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CPSU.

THEY NOTED THESE DEVELOPMENTS WITH INTEREST.

ANNEXE 2

RAPPORTS AVEC LE CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

LES CHEFS D'ETAT OU DE GOUVERNEMENT ONT NOTE AVEC INTERET LE RAPPORT DE LA "COMMISSION COLOMBO", COMMISSION D'EMINENTES PERSONNALITES EUROPEENNES CHARGEE PAR LE CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE DE FORMULER DES PERSPECTIVES DE LA COOPERATION EUROPEENNE AU-DELA DE LA PRESENTE DECENNIE.

ILS CONFIRMENT LEUR VOLONTE D'INTENSIFIER LA COOPERATION ENTRE LA COMMUNAUTE EUROPEENNE ET LE CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE, DE FACON QUE L'ELARGISSEMENT GEOGRAPHIQUE DE LA COMMUNAUTE ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT PROGRESSIF DE SES COMPETENCES S'ACCOMPAGNENT D'UN RENFORCEMENT DE LA COOPERATION AU SEIN DES 21, C'EST-A-DIRE AU SEIN DE LA FAMILLE DES ETATS DEMOCRATIQUE DE L'EUROPE, POUR LA REAFFIRMATION DES VALEURS COMMUNES DU CONTINENT EUROPEEN.

RELATIONS WITH COUNCIL OF EUROPE

THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT WELCOME THE REPORT OF THE "COLOMBO COMMISSION", A COMMISSION OF PROMINENT EUROPEAN FIGURES, WHICH WAS ASKED BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO OUTLINE THE PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION BEYOND THE EN OF THIS DECADE.

THEY CONFIRM THEIR WILLINGNESS TO IMPROVE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, SO THAT THE GEOGRAPHICAL ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE GRADUAL EXTENSION OF ITS ACTIVITIES WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION WITHIN THE 21, I.E. WITHIN THE FAMILY OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATES OF EUROPE, TO REAFFIRM THE COMMON VALUES OF THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT.

ANNEXE 3 TERRORISME ET DETOURNEMENT D'AVIONS

LES CHEFS D'ETAT OU DE GOUVERNEMENT ONT EXPRIME' LEUR PROFONDE PREOCCUPATION DEVANT LA RESURGENCE DU TERRORISME ET DU DETOURNEMENT D'AVIONS, QUI VIOLENT TOUTES LES REGLES DE COMPORTEMENT CIVILISE, AVANT TOUT PAR L'ATTENTEINTE PORTEE A LA VIE DE PERSONNES INNOCENTES. LES DIX CONDAMNENT AVEC FORCE LE DOTOURNEMENT D'AVIONS. EN EXPRIMANT LEUR SOULAGEMENT DEVANT LA CONCLUSION POSITIVE CONCERNANT LE DETOURNEMENT D'UN AVION AU LIBAN, LES DIX MAINTIENNENT LEUR DEMANDE QUE TOUS LES OTAGES ACTUELLEMENT DETENUS DANS CE PAYS, PARMIS LESQUELS FIGURENT PLUSIEURS RESSORTISSANTS DES PAYS DE LA COMMUNAUTE, SOIENT EGALEMENT LIBERES SANS CONDITION ET SANS DELAI.

LES CHEFS D'ÉTAT OU DE GOUVERNEMENT ONT CHARGE LESD MINISTRES DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES REUNIS LE CADRE DE LA COOPERATION POLITIQUE EUROPEENNE ET EN COLLABORATION AVEC LES AUTRES MINISTRES COMPETENTS EN LA MATIERE D'EXAMINER D'URGENCE LA POSSIBILITE' D'ETABLIR ET DE MAINTENIR DES NORMES INTERNATIONALES RENFORCEES CONCERNANT LA SECURITE' DES TRASPORTS AERIENS ET DES AEROPORTS EN VUE DE LA PREPARATION DE RECOMMANDATIONS CONCRETES DANS CE DOMAINE. CELA COMPRENDRAIT UNE ACTION CONCERTEE DES DIX EN FAVEUR DE LA REALISATION DE CET OBJECTIF AU SEIN DE L'OACI ET DANS LES PAYS TIETRS, NOTAMMENT CEUX QUI NE SONT PAS PARTIE AUX CONVENTIONS INTERNATIONASLES EXISTANTES.

ILS ONT PRIS NOTE AVEC SATISFACTION DES CONCLUSIONS ARRETEES PAR LES MINISTRES DE L'INTERIEUR OU DE LA JUSTICE, REUNIS, A ROME LES 20 ET 21 JUIN 1985.

TERRORISM AND HIJACKING

THE HEAS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT EMPHASIZED THEIR DEEP CONCERN AT THE RESURGENCE OF TERRORISM, AIR PIRACY AND HIJACKING WHICH OFFEND AGAINSTEVERY NORM OF CIVILISED BEHAVIOUR, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE OUTRAGE AGAINST INNOCENT LIVES.

THE TEN STRONGLY CONDEMN THE HIJACKING OF AEROPLANES. IN EXPRESSING THEIR RELIEF AT THE POSITIVE CONCLUSION OF THE HIJACKING OF AN AEROPLANE TO LEBANON, THE TEN MAINTAIN THEIR DEMAND THAT ALL THE HOSTAGES AT PRESENT DETAINED IN LEBANON,WHO INCLUDE SEVERAL NATIONALS OF COMMUNITY COUNTRIES. SHOULD ALSO BE FREED UNCONDITIONALLY AND WITHOUT DELAY.

THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE IN THIS FIELD, URGENTLY TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING STRENGTHENED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR AIRLINE AND AIRPORT SECURITY WITH A VIEW TO THE PREPARATION OF CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS AREA. THIS WOULD INCLUDE CONCERTED ACTION BY THE TEN IN SUPPORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE IN THE ICAO AND IN THIRD COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE NOT PARTY TO THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

THEY TOOK NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE MINISTERS OF THE INTERIOR AND JUSTICE MEETING IN ROME ON 20 AND 21 JUNE.

ANNEXE 4 SITUATION EN AFRIQUE DU SUD ET EN AFRIQUE AUSTRALE

LES CHEFS D'ETAT OU DE GOUVERNEMENT EXPRIMENT LA PLUS VIVE PREOCCUPATION POUR LA PERSISTANCE DES SOUFFRANCES HUMAINES QUE PROVOQUE EN AFRIQUE DU SUD LE SYSTEME DE L'APARTHEIDM QU'ILS CONDAMNENT AVEC FORCE.

ILS DEPLORENT TOUS LES ACTES DE VIOLENCE, QUI AFFECTENT PARTICULIEREMENT LA POPULATION NOIRE, ET LANCENT UN APPEL A TOUS LES INTERESSES POUR QU'ILS Y RENONCENT, (Y COMPRIS CEUX QUI SONT APPOSES A L'APARTHEID) (I) ILS DEMANDENT AU GOUVERNEMENT DE PRETORIA D'ENTREPRENDRE AVEC DETERMINATION UNE POLITIQUE COMPORTANT DES ACTIONS SPECIFIQUES CONDUISANT A L'ABOLITION DU SYSTEME DE L'APARTHEID ET A L'APPLICATION DES DROITS POLITIQUES ET CIVILS LEGITIMES DE LA POPULATION NOIRE. (FAUTE DE PROGRES SENSIBLES DANS UN DELAI RAISONNABLE, LES DIX SE RESERVENT DE REEXAMINER LEUR ATTITUDE.) (II)
(I) INCLUSION DEMANDEE PAR UNE DELEGATION.
(II) INCLUSION REFUSEE PAR UNE DELEGATION.

LE CODE DE CONDUITE DES ENTREPRISES EUROPEENNES AYANT DES FILIALES EN AFRIQUE DU SUD S'EST REVELE UN INSTRUMENT UTILE POUR L'EMANCIPATION DES TRAVAILLEURS NOIRS EN AFRIQUE DU SUD. DEVANT LES CHANGEMENTS IMPORTANTS QUI S'Y SONT PRODUITS DANS LE DOMAINE DES RAPPORTS DE TRAVAIL, LES DIX CONSIDERENT QUE L'ADAPTATION ET LE RENFORCEMENT DU CODE QU'ILS VONT ENTREPRENDRE D'URGENCE PERMETTRA A CELUI-CI DE CONTRIBUER PLUS EFFICACEMENT A L'ABOLITION DE SYSTEME DE LA SEGREGATION RACIALE EN VIGUEUR EN AFRIQUE DU SUD.

LES DIX CONSTATENT EN OUTRE AVEC UNE VIVE PREOCCUPATION LA PERSISTANCE DE SITUATIONS DE CONFLIT AINSI QUE L'EXISTENCE DE GRAVES MENACES POUR LA SOUVERAINETE ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS EN AFRIQUE AUSTRALE ET, EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'INDEPENDANCE DE LA NAMIBIE, D'OBSTACLES QUI CONTINUENT A S'OPPOSER A L'APPLICATION DE LA RESOLUTION 435 DU CONSEIL DE SECURITE' DES NATIONS UNIES. ILS SOUHAITENT VIVEMENT QUE LA METHODE DU DIALOGUE S'AFFIRME, EN ENGLOBBANT TOUTES LES PARTIES INTERESSES, DANS LE RESPECT DE L'INTEGRITE' TERRITORIALE ET DE LA SOUVERAINETE' DE TOUS LES PAYS DE LA REGION, ET DU PRINCIPE DE NON-ENGERENCE DANS LEURS AFFAIRES ENTERIEURES.

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THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT EXPRESS THEIR PROFOUND CONCERN OVER THE CONTINUING HUMAN SUFFERING CAUSED IN SOUTH AFRICA BY THE APARTHEID SYSTEM WHICH THEY STRONGLY CONDEMN.

THEY DEPLORE ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE, WHICH AFFECT THE BLACK POPULATION IN PARTICULAR, AND CALL FOR ITS RENUNCIATION BY ALL CONCERNED, (INCLUDING THOSE OPPOSED TO APARTHEID) (I). THEY URGE THE GOVERNMENT IN PRETORIA TO EMBARK WITH DETERMINATION ON A POLICY INVOLVING SPECIFIC ACTIONS LEADING TO THE ABOLITION OF THE APARTHEID SYSTEM AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHTFUL POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE BLACK POPULATION.

(IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME, THE TEN RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RECONSIDER THEIR ATTITUDE.) (II)

(I) INCLUSION ASKED FOR BY ONE DELEGATION

(II) INCLUSION OPPOSED BY ONE DELEGATION

THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EUROPEAN FIRMS WITH SUBSIDIARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS PROVED TO BE A USEFUL INSTRUMENT FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF BLACK WORKERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANT CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE FIELD OF LABOUR RELATIONS THERE, THE TEN CONSIDER THAT THE ADAPTATION AND STRENGTHENING OF THE CODE WHICH THEY ARE URGENTLY TO UNDERTAKE SHOULD ALLOW IT TO CONTRIBUTE MORE EFFECTIVELY TO THE ABOLITION OF THE SYSTEM OF RACIAL SEGREGATION IN FORCE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE TEN ALSO NOTE WITH DEEP CONCERN THE PERSISTENCE OF CONFLICTS, THE EXISTENCE OF SERIOUS THREATS TO THE SOVEREIGNTY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF STATES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND, AS REGARDS THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA, CONTINUING OBSTACLES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 435. THEY EARNESTLY HOPE THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE THROUGH A PROCESS OF DIALOGUE INVOLVING ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, WITH RESPECT FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRES.

ANNEXE 5

AFGHANISTAN

LES CHEFS D'ETAT OU DE GOUVERNEMENT ONT ENCORE UNE FOIS EXAMINE LA SITUATION EN AFGHANISTAN, OU L'INTERVENTION ET LA DURE REPRESSION MILITAIRE SOVIETIQUE QUI FRAPPENT UN PEUPLE ET SES ASPIRATIONS A LA LIBERTE ET A L'INDEPENDANCE SONT TOUJOURS EN COURS. LES DIX CONFIRMENT LEURS INQUIETUDE POUR LA SITUATION DES REFUGES AFGHANS EN NOMBRE CROISSANT EN PARTICULIER AU PAKISTAN, ET CONDAMNENT LES ATTAQUES

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DONT ILS SONT VICTIMES. LES DIX SOUTIENNENT L'ENGAGEMENT DES NATIONS UNIES DANS LA RECHERCHE D'UNE SOLUTION POLITIQUE A CETTE CRISE.

ILS ACCUEILLENENT FAVORABLEMENT LES ENTRETIENS RECENTS DE GENEVE, ET ILS SOUHAITENT QU'UNE PROCHAINE SESSION PERMETTREA D'ACCOMPLIR DES PROGRES RAPIDES, EN PARTICULIER EN CE QUI CONCERNE UN ACCORD SUR UN CALENDRIER POUR LE RETRAIT DES TROUPES SOVIETIQUES.

AFGHANISTAN

THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT EXAMINED AGAIN THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN WHERE SOVIET INTERVENTION AND HARSH MILITARY REPRESSION, WHICH ARE BEING DIRECTED AGAINST A PEOPLE AND ITS DESIRE FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, ARE STILL UNDER WAY. THE TEN REAFFIRM CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF AFGHAN REFUGEES, IN PARTICULAR IN PAKISTAN, AND THEY CONDEMN THE ATTACKS TO WHICH THEY ARE SUBJET. THE TEN SUPPORT THE COMMITMENT BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THIS CRISIS.

THEY WELCOME THE RECENT TALKS AT GENEVA, AND HOPE THAT A NEXT ROUND WILL SEE RAPID PROGRESS, IN PARTICULAR AGREEMENT ON A TIME-TABLE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS.

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