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## SUMMARY

1. OVER LUNCH, COMMISSION SAID THEY HAD IN MIND TO CONVOKE EXPERT GROUP TO CONSIDER ACTION UNDER ARTICLE 113 IN RELATION TO MEASURES ENVISAGED IN POCO ON 10 SEPTEMBER. AT MY URGING, COMMISSION HAVE AGREED TO TAKE NO (NO) ACTION PENDING FURTHER COREPER DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK.

## DETAIL

2. OVER LUNCH WEYLAND (PRESIDENCY) ASKED WHETHER THE COMMISSION HAD ANY PROPOSALS, KRENZLER (COMMISSION) SAID SOME OF THE MEASURES ENVISAGED AT THE POCO MEETING INVOLVED COMMUNITY COMPETENCE (NOTABLY THOSE RELATING TO OIL EXPORTS AND SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT). THE BRITISH RESERVE MEANT THAT THERE WAS NOT YET A CONSENSUS IN POCO AND THE TIME WAS NOT YET RIPE FOR A FORMAL PROPOSAL, BUT IT WAS THE COMMISSION'S DUTY TO CONSIDER AND CONSULT ABOUT WHAT SHOULD BE DONE UNDER ARTICLE 113. THE COMMISSION WANTED TO CALL TOGETHER A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO COMPARE NOTES ON THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES.

3. I SAID THAT I COULD PREDICT WHAT MINISTERS WOULD DECIDE AFTER REFLECTING ON TUESDAY'S POCO MEETING: IT WAS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT ACTION UNDER ARTICLE 113 WOULD BE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE IF THE U.K DID RALLY TO A CONSENSUS: AND IT WOULD CAUSE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THE U.K IF THE COMMISSION CALLED A MEETING OF THE KIND PROPOSED. I THEREFORE ASKED THAT NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE A RESTRICTED DISCUSSION BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES NEXT WEEK.

4. VAN BEUGE (NETHERLANDS) WANTED CONTINGENCY PLANNING CARRIED FORWARD AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. NOTERDAEME (BELGIUM) SAID THAT IF ALL MEMBER STATES WERE WORKING ON THE SAME LINES, ARTICLE 113 WOULD BE THE BEST METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION, BUT SOME TIME WAS REQUIRED. IF BRITAIN COULD REJOIN THE CONSENSUS, WE SHOULD CERTAINLY COMPARE NOTES ABOUT HOW MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WOULD INTERPRET AND IMPLEMENT IT. BUT HE SUPPORTED MY REQUEST FOR MORE TIME.

5. KITTEL (GERMANY) SAID THAT EXISTING NATIONAL LEGISLATION WAS SUFFICIENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES DISCUSSED, BUT HE WOULD NOT WANT TO DISCOURAGE THE COMMISSION FROM GIVING FURTHER THOUGHT TO THE MATTER. WEYLAND CONCLUDED THAT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER AGAIN INFORMALLY NEXT WEEK.

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6. I ASKED KRENZLER TO ENSURE THAT IN THE MEANTIME THE COMMISSION TOOK NO ACTION INVOLVING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. KRENZLER UNDERTOOK TO REPORT. HE AGREED ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT THERE WAS NO GREAT URGENCY BUT SAID THAT THE COMMISSION MUST DO THEIR DUTY TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS NO INFRINGEMENT OF COMMUNITY RULES. HE SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO DE CLERCQ, WHO HAD AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD TAKE NO ACTION PENDING NEXT WEEK'S COREPER DISCUSSION.

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