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London Economic Summit: Draft Declaration on Democratic Values

I had a call from Monsieur Attali, President Mitterand's Special Adviser, this morning, which very much confirmed the apprehensions which I expressed in paragraph 5 of my minute of 5 June. *attached.*

2. Monsieur Attali was not aware of the American proposals, but he was aware of the German redraft proposed in telegram number 550 from Bonn (copy attached), which covers much of the same ground. Monsieur Attali said that the President could agree with the original draft which we had circulated, subject to one or two points which he had mentioned to me on 2 June, but could absolutely not go along with the references to East-West relations and arms control in the German proposals. President Mitterrand saw a great danger that the London Summit was going to go the same way as the Williamsburg Summit had gone.
3. I told Monsieur Attali that we had received from the United States delegation proposed amendments with the same general effect. We had it in mind to propose that references to current political issues sat uneasily with the earlier part of the text of the Declaration, which was intended to be timeless, and that anything that was to be said about East-West relations and arms control should take the form of a report to the press on the evening of the first day of the conference about the discussion of international political issues.
4. Monsieur Attali thought that the President would be able to go along with that, though it would be important that there should be a clear understanding with other Heads of State or Government about what the Prime Minister was going to say.

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MIPT: DRAFT STATEMENT ON DEMOCRATIC VALUES

FOLLOWING IS GERMAN REDRAFT OF PARAS 3-7.

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PARA 3:

WE BELIEVE IN A SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY WHICH ENSURES GENUINE CHOICE IN ELECTIONS FREELY HELD, FREE EXPRESSION OF OPINION WITH FULL RESPECT FOR DISSENT, AND CAPACITY TO RESPOND AND ADAPT TO CHANGE IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE CAN BE NO POLITICAL FREEDOM WITHOUT ECONOMIC FREEDOM.

PARA 4:

WE BELIEVE IN THE NEED FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM AND JUSTICE. EACH OF US REJECTS THE THREAT AND THE USE OF FORCE AS A MEANS OF SETTling DISPUTES: EACH OF US WILL MAINTAIN ONLY THE MILITARY STRENGTH NECESSARY TO DETER AGGRESSION AND TO MEET OUR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE DEFENCE. WE WISH TO BRING ABOUT BY ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS A BALANCE OF FORCES AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. WE REAFFIRM THE STATEMENT MADE AT WILLIAMSBURG IN MAY 1983. WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO OUR UTMOST TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN THE TALKS IN WHICH WE PARTICIPATE. WE APPEAL TO THE SOVIET UNION TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

PARA 5:

A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL DIALOGUE, CONFIDENCE-BUILDING AND LONG-TERM COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE ARE MEANS OF STABILIZING EAST-WEST RELATIONS. WE CALL ON THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS CONSTRUCTIVE EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF EQUALITY AND RESPECT FOR EVERYONE'S LEGITIMATE SECURITY INTERESTS.

PARA 6:

WE LOOK FOR COOPERATION WITH ALL COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, REGARDLESS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS. WE RESPECT GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT GO WITH ECONOMIC SUCCESS, AND REAFFIRM OUR KEEN CONCERN ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF HUNGER AND POVERTY IN THE WORLD AND OUR DETERMINATION TO HELP THOSE WHO MOST NEED IT.

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WE BELIEVE IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH EACH OTHER IN THE CONVICTION THAT THIS WILL REINFORCE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY IN THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. OUR COUNTRIES HAVE THE RESOURCES AND WILL TO MASTER JOINTLY THE TASKS OF THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL AND TO CREATE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE LIVES OF ALL CAN BE ENRICHED BY THE FRUITS OF INNOVATION, IMAGINATION AND SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

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