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THE PRIME MINISTER

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My dear Helmut,

Thank you for the letter which you and Mr Fukuda sent me on 16 April, enclosing a recent statement by the Inter Action Council on themes relevant to the Tokyo Economic Summit. Practically all the points in your statement were, indeed, covered in our discussions at Tokyo and I am enclosing - in case you have not received them from elsewhere - copies of our communique on economic matters and of the other statements issued during the Summit.

The texts underline how much we achieved at this particularly good and productive meeting. Among the points particularly relevant to your own statement, I might highlight:

- the commitment to continue and build on a joint economic strategy of non-inflationary growth, sustained by close and continuous co-ordination of economic policies - the emphasis on the importance of strengthening the multilateral trading system and reversing protectionist trends.
- the recognition of the problems facing developing countries, including in many cases the burden of

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debt; and agreement that the Summit Seven should work together to support these countries in their efforts to promote economic growth and prosperity.

- recognition of the need to tackle the structural problem of agricultural surpluses and subsidies, on which all members of the Seven will support further work in the OECD.
- the strong and concrete declaration on measures against terrorism.
- the statement of the Chernobyl nuclear accident, which stresses all countries' responsibility for nuclear safety and security, with a view not least to the impact on the environment.
- the general principles for handling East-West affairs set out in the declaration on Western partnership, which gives support to efforts for arms control both in the US/Soviet Geneva talks and elsewhere.

I hope the Inter Action council will note, and lend its support to, these practical and forward-looking policies; and I wish you success in your future work.

I so much enjoyed seeing you again at Gleneagles.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Herr Helmut Schmidt