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AE-POLITICAL COOPERATION:

DECLARATION BY THE TWELVE ON THE SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA
BRUSSELS, 29/10/1991 (AGENCE EUROPE) -

Here is the text
in full of the declaration adopted on Monday evening in the
context of European Political Cooperation, at the end of the
meeting of Foreign Ministers (see yesterday's bulletin, page
3)

"The Community and its member States assessed the
results of the seventh plenary session of the Yugoslav
Conference, which took place on 25 October 1991 in The Hague
under the chairmanship of Lord Carrington.

They concluded that the five Republics reiterated their
readiness to cooperate on the basis of the draft arrangements,
submitted by Lord Carrington and the Presidency. They also
noted that one Republic continued to reserve its position.

The European Community and its member States remain
convinced that only a comprehensive arrangement, based on the
principles as reflected in the draft arrangements submitted to
the Yugoslav Conference, will ensure a peaceful solution to the
present crisis. Notably, the principles of no unilateral change
of borders, protection of human rights, and rights of ethnic
and national groups constitute universal, objective standards,
which leave no room for compromise.

The European Community and its member States are
appalled at constant violations of these principles. In this
context they refer to the Serbian position in the Conference,
the coup d'état by four members of the Federal Presidency and
their announcement of a plan aimed at the establishment of a
greater Serbia. The statement and actions of JNA, which were
condemned in the Declaration of Dubrovnik on 27 October 1991,
should also be seen in this light.

If the Yugoslav Conference is to succeed, these
principles must be unequivocally accepted by all the parties,
which means that the Serbian reserve must be lifted. If at the
next plenary session of the Conference on 5 November the
Serbian reserve is lifted, the Conference as presently
constituted, will continue on the basis of the draft
arrangements.

If not, the Conference will proceed with the
cooperative republics to obtain a political solution, in the
perspective of recognition of the independence of those
republics wishing it, at the end of a negotiating process
conducted in good faith as set out in Haarzuilens on 6 October.

Non-cooperative parties can then expect restrictive measures
to be taken against them by the European Community and its
member States.

The European Community and its member States will ask
the Security Council to urgently address the question of
further restrictive measures under Chapter 7. Ministers will
take up the question of restrictive measures at their meeting
of 4 November in view of a decision on the fringe of a
subsequent meeting later in the week on the basis of results of
the next plenary session of the Conference on 5 November.

In view of the significance of the meeting of 5
November the Coordinator of the Conference, Ambassador
Wijnaendts, will meet the relevant parties in Yugoslavia in a

final attempt to bridge remaining differences. Lord Carrington will inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations today. In the meantime the working groups of the Conference will continue to elaborate and refine the arrangements for the comprehensive settlement.

The EC and its member States call on the CSCE as well as on the Security Council of the United Nations to continue to express support for their endeavour to bring about a peaceful solution to the Yugoslav crisis and to denounce the role played by JNA and the coup d'état by four members of the Federal Presidency."