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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. President,

I am grateful for the letter which you and your fellow Co-Chairman have sent me about the Cancun Summit.

You are right to focus on the importance of giving substance to the 'Spirit of Cancun'. Expressions of concern for the difficulties facing the developing world are not enough to maintain the momentum of the Summit. Its success will be judged by the actual improvements which we can achieve, together with the rest of the international community.

You will be aware that the United Kingdom, speaking on behalf of all members of the European Community, reaffirmed the Community's support at the General Assembly for the early launching of Global Negotiations on an agreed basis. Our Ambassador in New York was particularly active in promoting ideas which might prove acceptable to all and enable the necessary decisions to be taken. We could not, in the event, reach agreement before the end of the year. But we remain ready to help in overcoming the remaining differences. I myself followed the progress of preparations at the General Assembly and will certainly continue to do so.

Much was said at Cancun about the urgency of launching the Global Negotiations. But we also had fruitful exchanges on specific issues of concern to us all, especially on food and agriculture. We must not neglect these other issues. We reached

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a solid measure of agreement, as expressed in your letter. This covered both policies which we should adopt nationally, so as to promote co-operation between us, and the most constructive approach to international discussions. We must continue the search for action, national and international, which will work to our mutual benefit. There are important international meetings in the months ahead. We should take the opportunity, at these meetings, to give substance to the 'Spirit of Cancun'.

I am writing in the same terms to the Canadian Prime Minister.

All best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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