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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR. LUBBERS

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I was disappointed that at their meeting on 13 June Foreign Ministers made so little progress on the future financing of the Community and particularly on the interim solution. We shall have to tackle this question ourselves at Stuttgart.

I would like to say to you, however, how much we appreciated the position which Mr. van de Broek took at yesterday's meeting. I very much hope that we shall be able to continue to work together at Stuttgart. In particular I believe our two governments agree about the need to bring CAP expenditure under control and to avoid any language in the Stuttgart conclusions which would prejudge the question whether or not the Community's own resources should be increased. It will also be essential for the conclusions to contain a clear statement of the need to solve the problem of budgetary imbalances. As regards the interim solution, we shall have to work for specific conclusions so that the agreement we reached in March, that figures should be included in the draft 1984 budget, can be fulfilled.

Our recent elections have clearly demonstrated this country's commitment to the European Community. This makes it all the more important that we should now reach a solution to these problems, so that the Community can get away from these arguments which have so bedevilled our membership and can concentrate on its future development.

I very much look forward to seeing you again in Stuttgart.