

PRIME MINISTER'S Translation

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Prime Minister,

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thank you for the kind words of appreciation and the personal congratulations you conveyed to me on the completion of the German presidency and the outcome of the European Council in Stuttgart. The fact that we achieved positive results at a difficult juncture is attributable to the readiness of all member states to reach compromises and reconcile their national interests with the interests of the Community.

I share your view that we must now concentrate our efforts on implementing the Stuttgart mandate in the time remaining until the European Council in Athens. In this respect it is important, I feel, that all member states maintain the readiness for compromise that they showed in Stuttgart so as to work out the requisite solutions and thus lay a sound foundation for the Community's long-term development.

It will be of particular importance to limit agricultural expenditure more effectively by means of specific substantive adjustments to the Common Agricultural Policy. Furthermore, we shall have to examine whether these adjustments need to be supplemented by general financial rules. In keeping with the mandate of the European Council we must ensure that these issues are given equal weight and dealt with in parallel to the other subjects named in the Stuttgart declaration so that the overall context is maintained.

I, too, consider it useful and suitable if officials from our countries discuss these questions. I therefore welcome the fact that such a meeting is already scheduled to be held in Bonn on 21 July 1983.

As far as your message of 8 July 1983 regarding budgetary compensation for 1983 is concerned, I hold the view that the agreements reached in Stuttgart and the verbal declarations made by several delegations in this context speak for themselves. I have spelt out my own views on the individual points, with which you are familiar, in - inter alia - my report on the European Council in Stuttgart, which I presented to the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 30 June.

Yours sincerely,
(sgd.) Helmut Kohl