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GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH TO CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

SUMMARY

1. A BLAND SPEECH, SOUND ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ALLIANCE IN DETERRING WAR, UP-BEAT ON THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND CAUTIOUS OVER AGRICULTURAL REFORM.

DETAIL

2. CHANCELLOR KOHL ADDRESSED BOTH HOUSES OF THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT ON 16 JUNE. AFTER REMINDING HIS AUDIENCE THAT SOME 10 PER CENT OF THE CANADIAN POPULATION WERE OF GERMAN ORIGIN AND PRAISING CANADIAN SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING BOTH CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND NATIONAL UNITY, HE POINTED TO SHIFTS IN SOVIET POLICY AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE INF AGREEMENT AS THE WELL DESERVED FRUITS OF ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO A VERIFIABLE BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND A REDUCTION IN CONVENTIONAL FORCES, NOTING THE VAST IMBALANCE IN THE WARSAW PACT'S FAVOUR. HE COMMENTED THAT A FURTHER OBJECTIVE OF THE ALLIANCE WAS TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE NUMBER OF US AND SOVIET SHORT RANGE MISSILES.

3. POINTING TO THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AS A BASIS FOR SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT POLICIES HE DESCRIBED THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS A NEW COMMONWEALTH AND PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO FRANCO-GERMAN COOPERATION AS A KEY ELEMENT FOR EUROPE'S FUTURE. AFTER NOTING THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY'S ROLE IN FORMALISING CANADA/EPC DIALOGUE, HE DREW ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EUROPEAN MARKET AFTER 1992 AS ONE OPEN TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD: QUOTE WE SHALL DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO ENSURE THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PLACE AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST PROTECTIONISM UNQUOTE.

4. ON THE CANADA/US FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, KOHL WAS CAUTIOUS QUOTE THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHES NEW FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC FUTURE AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. WE WISH WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS WILL REALISE THEIR HOPES FOR INCREASED GROWTH AND ADVANTAGES FOR ALL. WE

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WE HAVE FAITH IN THE ASSURANCES GIVEN US BY OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS ON THE QUESTION OF OPENING TO EUROPEAN ENTERPRISES NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES AND WE START FROM THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GATT RULES UNQUOTE.

5. KOHL WAS DEFENSIVE ON THE REFORM OF EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL POLICY. THE ERRORS OF THE PAST NEEDED TO BE CORRECTED. BUT ONE COULD NOT CHANGE IN A DAY POLICIES WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT UP OVER 20 YEARS. TRANSITIONAL SOLUTIONS WERE REQUIRED AND MEANS FOUND TO ENSURE THAT FAMILY SMALL HOLDINGS REMAINED VIABLE IN EUROPE. THESE NEED NOT EXCLUDE MEASURES TO COMPENSATE SMALL FARMERS FOR SETTING ASIDE LAND OR LEAVING THE MARKET. MORE GENERALLY, AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND THE PROBLEMS OVER PRODUCTION AND SUBSIDY WOULD BE ONE OF THE THEMES OF THE TORONTO SUMMIT.

6. IN HIS PERORATION KOHL TURNED TO THE DANGERS OF NORTH/SOUTH CONFLICT AND PRAISED CANADA'S FOREIGN POLICY FOR REFLECTING IN AN EXEMPLARY FASHION RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY. GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES ALIKE NEEDED TO COMBINE THEIR ENERGIES TO PREVENT ALL FORMS OF WAR, TO USE NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL AND TO ENSURE WORLDWIDE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. ON THE EVE OF A NEW MILENNIUM HERE WAS A TASK FOR ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL.

7. ENGLISH TEXT OF SPEECH AS DELIVERED FOLLOWS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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