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To: Acting Secretary General

From: Acting ASG for Political Affairs

Subject: Public Treatment of Events in Poland

As background to this afternoon's meeting of the Council, you will find attached press themes conditionally agreed to last Friday by the Political Committee for use in response to the outlawing of Solidarity by the Polish régime. The Committee stipulated that the material would be used by individual national authorities as they saw fit and by NATO Spokesmen only on an "if asked" basis. The Greek Representative expressed strong reservations and made clear that it was unlikely that Athens would draw upon the themes. The Turkish Representative noted that he did not anticipate any public statement in Ankara either. Conversely, the US Representative emphasized that Washington's official reaction would go beyond what the Committee had been able to accept.

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Possible Themes for Use by NATO and National Press Spokesmen
Should the Polish Government Move to Outlaw Solidarity

1. Members of the Alliance, wishing to develop their relations with Poland and the Polish people, strongly deplore recent action by the Polish regime against "Solidarity".
2. They regard the action taken as contrary to the objectives stated on several occasions by the Polish leadership to establish liberty and the process of reform and to resume the dialogue with the various elements of Polish society. It is also contrary to the Helsinki Final Act.
3. This deplorable action renders the resumption of a social dialogue in Poland very difficult and suggests an intention by the Polish Government to continue a policy of confrontation with the Polish people.
4. Reconciliation along the lines suggested by Foreign Ministers of the Atlantic Alliance on January 11, 1982 remains essential to normalization and progress in Poland.