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(Poland)

Brief for the Chairman

ITEM I: STATEMENT ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS

You may wish to say:

When the Council met on Monday, 11th October, to discuss the situation following the Polish legislation to outlaw Solidarity, Sir John proposed that a special meeting of the Council, reinforced with experts from capitals, should be convened for 21st October, to discuss the longer term implications of the situation, particularly as it relates to the Allied Declaration of 11th January, 1982.

The Council took note of a French reserve on this proposal but there was also considerable support for the idea around the table and it was agreed to revert to the UK's proposal in today's meeting on the basis of instructions.

To whom may I give the floor?

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