

PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS  
TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

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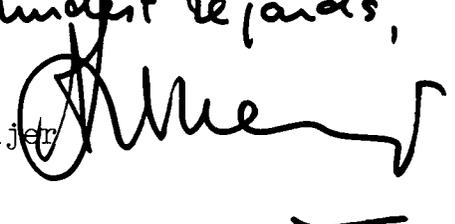
*Dear Glenn,*

As promised during our meeting of August 7 last,  
I am sending you herewith the Netherlands' point  
of view regarding a reaction to the Polish  
amnesty.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to the members  
of the Political Committee.

*with kindest regards,*

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Re: Poland.

The Netherlands shares the general view that the recent amnesty in Poland is to be seen as a positive step, which requires in turn a positive reaction, but that, at the same time, the terms under which the amnesty has been declared - and, indeed, its reception by the Polish people - justify a certain degree of prudence.

A Western reaction should contain the following main characteristics:

1. Similarity.

Since the alliance choose at the time to coordinate its stand, it seems only logical and, in the view of The Netherlands Authorities more or less essential that, when reconsidering this stand, a likewise path should be followed.

2. Encouragement.

Such a - harmonised - Western approach ought to provide a sufficient incentive for the Polish Government to fully implement the amnesty, refrain from reversing it in particular cases and, more important, to continue on the path to national reconciliation.

3. Prudence.

In order to allow for ample Western evaluation and to keep pressure on the Polish Authorities, steps to be taken should not be rushed and, preferably, be spaced in time.

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4. No privileges.

It should be avoided to create with the Polish Authorities the idea that they can return to their countries privileged position within the WP as long as there is no complete reconciliation. This means that none of the steps to be considered should go further than what is normal practise in the relations with other WP member states (no special credit facilities, credit lines, govt. insurance rates).

Concrete proposals.

As a first step The Netherlands proposes to resume (the normal) political contacts at higher level, such as political consultations at Director General level, and - later - Ministerial visits, especially those that were already in the pipeline (agriculture).

Next comes the renewed consideration of credit insurance facilities and possible new credits. This apart from the more technical question whether it is wise to increase Poland's overall debt position. This seems a matter for the Club de Paris.

Moreover, The Netherlands appreciate the positive view the US takes towards Polish IMF membership. The Netherlands Authorities are of the opinion that such a membership needs full support.

Finally, the church agricultural fund merits positive attention, although Western participation is not to be regarded as a step in the context of a Western reaction.