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To: N.Themelis@primeminister.gr

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Subject: Enabling Majority Voting Etc

Dear Mr Themelis

I got the message from Antonio Guterres yesterday evening that he had spoken with the Prime Minister about my proposals for an Enabling Majority Vote, the wider use of European Bonds; how to create the 15 million jobs just called for by Tony Blair Durao Barroso (on which I advised Delors for their original proposal in his 1993 White Paper) and also Innovation Agreements (i.e. flexibility by consent) which Antonio engaged me to prepare for, and which were agreed by, the Lisbon Council.

This is simply to say that I have finished the paper on Enabling Majority Voting and shall email it through to you after editing within the next couple of hours.

I also have drafted the main part of the paper on Financial Instruments and Recovery (essentially the bonds, already being issued by the EIB) but also the context of agreeing Guidelines for economic and employment policy) and shall email this later today. The other two brief papers will follow tomorrow.

PS The Prime Minister may have told you that I advised Andreas Papandreou for the first Greek Presidency of the Council, as an outcome of which he called for a New Messina Conference, followed by Mitterand, and from which we got the Single European Act. It is a pleasure to be cooperating with you, and I trust that we may get a similarly dramatic outcome in terms of an agenda for the Council and the new European Constitution as a result!

Best regards,

Stuart Holland

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