República Argentina Jefatura de Gabinete de Ministros

Lisboa, 16 de julio de 2000

Mr. Nikos Themelis Chief of Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Greece

Dear Mr. Themelis,

Argentina will be represented at the Lisbon *sherpa meeting* by our **Jefe de Gabinete de Ministros, Rodolfo Terragno**.

According to Argentina's Constitution, the Jefe de Gabinete de Ministros (Head Minister; some times deceivingly called Prime Minister) is the highest non-elected member of the national government. He is the primus inter pares Minister, and Congress can remove him through a vote of non-confidence.

By appointing Minister Terragno as Argentina's representative at this meeting, President Fernando de la Rúa has shown what a high priority our government attaches to the network of progressive governments launched last June in Berlin.

Minister Terragno will attend the meeting together Argentina's Ambassador to Portugal, Enrique Antonio Pareja. Both of them will be in touch with you during the meeting.

In the meantime, just in case you need come preliminary contact or information, you can reach the Assistant to the Minister, Marcelo Damiani, at the very Hotel da Lapa, room 120 (#1120), cell phone 0033612293206.

Sincerely,

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