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Mr. Jacques Delors, President
Commission of the European Communities
200, rue de la Loi
B-1049 Bruxelles

Dear President Delors,

Thank you for your letter of 19 October 1988.

I think the modifications suggested by the two Rapporteurs are certainly very desirable improvements of the table, I presented at our last meeting.

The heads of state want us to indicate concrete steps towards an economic and monetary union. This means that we have to indicate the instruments, the stepwise implementation, and the institutional conditions necessary to achieve the goal.

I did not want to impose a questionnaire for that purpose on my colleagues, but to present it for consideration in the Committee.

I think the table as modified by the Rapporteurs could potentially be a very helpful instrument of clarification to all parties concerned. It is obvious that further information on the issues raised in the table should be provided in the main text of our report.

Some members may feel that this is not a useful procedure or that the questionnaire cannot be answered in a meaningful way.

In order to expedite this matter I have filled in the table for Denmark and sent it together with this letter to the other members of the Committee.

If you agree, I suggest this matter be added to the agenda of our November meeting, and that a copy of the amended table be distributed to the members of the Committee with a view to decide whether we should pursue the idea further.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Hoffmeyer

Enclosure

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