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negociations globales: position suisse concernant "understandings" americains

suite a demarche informelle etats-unis, vous faisons parvenir ci-apres position suisse sur quatre "understandings" formules par reagan a cancon:

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a/general: 4 understandings contain nothing of substance to which ch cannot subscribe per se. (pour votre information: there is no reason for o e c d countries to reject understandings. situation would indeed be somewhat awkward in the admittedly unlikely event that developing countries were to accept them ... ausrufzeichen) this being said, thinking lying behind them does give rise to a number of questions. is approach in fact compatible with very concept of global negotiations? more specifically: do 4 understandings leave room for formulation together with developing countries of common objectives such as suggested by ch? ch recognizes further that some elements basic to developing countries thinking are missing, elements with which ch could go along.

b/ad 1: ch agrees basically with concepts of "practical orientation" and of "identifying potential and obstacles". one question however: what is meant exactly by phrase "on a case by case basis"? in same vein: what must be read into word "specific"? do two qualifiers taken together imply a developing country by developing country approach?

suggested agenda items do not give rise to difficulty. regretably lacking, however, is any reference to commodities and to money and finance (though investment climate is mentioned). if interdependence in effect prevails, how can one talk of trade (included) but not of financing? likewise, there exists obvious link between food resource development (included) and commodities.

c/ ad 2: ch agrees that competence of specialized agencies must be respected. query: is it necessary to spell this out in so many words - "competence, function, powers"? would not simple reference to competences suffice?

regarding finality of decisions: ch understanding is that

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decision taken by specialized agency can only be overruled by agency having taken said decision. this does not preclude another international body (general assembly, conference on global negotiations) from discussing / negotiating same subject matter and reaching decision on it.

in respect of not seeking to create new institutions - this aim meets with ch approval of principle. cannot however be absolutely ruled out that in given circumstances, it might prove useful to conceive new organisational structures. as case in point, ch retains flexible posture with regard to setting up of energy affiliate at world bank.

d/ad 3: ch subscribes fully to concept of international economic growth. missing is any reference to distribution... query : what is meant exactly by "taking into account domestic economic policies"? general purport would seem to be innocuous - goes without saying ausrufzeichen. but could also imply conditionality - and this might prove difficult ... ausrufzeichen

e/ad 4: reference to "spirit of cooperation" is of course worthy of support. so is, by implication, desire to get away from rhetorical debate. (this refers back to "practical orientation" referred to in understanding one.) but beyond this, intent is not really clear. according to interpretation given by washington (sic. your embassy), idea is to get away from group to group negotiation. this might prove rather an illusion especially in un context. is it our business to tell developing countries not to band together in g-77? (us is itself trying to strengthen western cooperation and coordination, an effort ch supports.)

f/ad phrase in president reagan's statement immediately following 4 understandings: formulation ("if... then") tends to transform understandings into preconditions ausrufzeichen hence message comes across not unlike form of "diktat", which is unfortunate... us stress importance of a new preparatory process - ch also feels a new departure is called for. implication is that us do not intend to pick things up where von wechmar left them - ch agrees this would probably be counterproductive. but us seem to reject also ga resolution 34/138 - ch finds this difficult as resolution was adopted without dissent and constitutes relatively sound basis.

g/ us have started to confer informally in new york, washington and capitals. ch has already participated in such consultations and is willing to pursue them.
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s'agit texte destine a inspirer votre discussion avec interlocuteurs americains mais pas a leur etre remis. roethlisberger

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