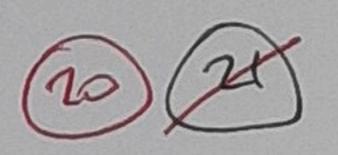
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JOINT DECLARATION INITIATIVE: INFORMING CABINET

As you know the Prime Minister intended to seek from Cabinet authority to finalise the negotiation of the Joint Declaration without further reference. I assume he did so.

- 2. It is however envisaged that Cabinet should be informed at the appropriate time both of the final text, assuming the negotiations do reach an agreed conclusion, and of the lines to take.
- 3. You may wish to pass to No.10 the attached draft for this purpose. They can attach, nearer the time, the text and the lines to take. (As you know Mr Cooke circulated yesterday a paper: Joint Declaration: Briefing Lines. The approved version of that might be the appropriate document to be circulated.)

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