

Before leaving, I would like to thank you, Mr. President and the members of the Commission for the warm and friendly reception accorded to me - a reception that reflects the good and peaceful relations between Norway and the Community and the member countries of the Community.

More than eight years have passed since a Norwegian Prime Minister last officially paid a visit to the Commission.

The dominating impression which remains with me after today's talks is the high degree of interdependence that exists between my country and the Community. We are basically confronted by the same problems, and we must therefore necessarily endeavour to find the solutions to our problems along the same lines.

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I am confident that the Commission will contribute its share to solving the problems. In doing so it may - in the context of a spirit of interdependence - rely upon the full support of my Government.

I thank you again for this meeting, for a pleasant luncheon and for information and views presented to me. At the same time I hope that I also may have conveyed to you some of the ideas and aspirations my country stands for.

I hope and trust that in future the meetings between the Norwegian prime minister and the Commission will be more frequent to our mutual benefit.