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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 17 July 1979
8174/79 (Presse 85)

589th Council meeting

- Economic and Financial Questions -

Brussels, 16 July 1979

President: Mr George COLLEY,
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Finance of
Ireland

16.VII.79

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Willy CLAES Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Economic Affairs

Mr Gaston GEENS Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Kurt HANSEN State Secretary,
Ministry for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN State Secretary,
Federal Ministry for Finance

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
Federal Ministry for Economic
Affairs

France:

Mr René MONORY Minister for Economic Affairs

Ireland:

Mr George COLLEY Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Finance

Mr Martin O'DONOGHUE Minister for Economic Planning
and Development

Italy:

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

The following also took part in the Council's discussions:

Mr M. THERON

representative of the Chairman
of the Committee of Governors
of Central Banks

Mr J. van YPERSELE de STRIHOU

Chairman of the Monetary
Committee

Mr H. TIETMEYER

Chairman of the Economic Policy
Committee

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

On the basis of an introductory statement by Mr ORTOLI, Vice-President of the Commission, and in the light of the preparatory work done by the Policy Co-ordination Group on Economic and Financial Policies, the Council carried out its second quarterly examination of the economic situation in the Community.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE EMS

The Council took stock of the work to be done in the coming months in connection with the European Monetary System, both with regard to the establishment of the European Monetary Fund and the re-examination of exchange rate and intervention arrangements in the light of the experience gained during the first six months of the System's operation, in accordance with the Resolution of the European Council of 5 December 1978.

INTEREST SUBSIDIES FOR CERTAIN LOANS

After having resolved the last remaining problems, the Council defined its common position on the draft Regulation on interest subsidies for certain loans granted under the European Monetary System. This common position will be notified to the Greek delegation under the consultation procedure agreed upon in connection with Greece's accession.

OECD UNDERSTANDING ON EXPORT CREDITS FOR SHIPS

The Council defined its common view on the position of the Community regarding participation in the OECD Understanding on export credits for ships and on amendments to that Understanding. This common view will be notified to the Greek delegation under the consultation procedure agreed upon in connection with Greece's accession.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agricultural policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations on

- the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota of 38,000 head of heifers and cows other than those intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds, falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff;
- the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota of 5,000 head of bulls, cows and heifers, other than those intended for slaughter, of certain Alpine breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff.

Social policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities,

- the Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 1408/71 and (EEC) No 574/72 on the application of social-security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community (technical adjustments);
- the Decision setting up a second joint programme to encourage exchanges of young workers within the Community (see Press Release 6886/79 (Presse 54) of 15.V.79, p. 11).

Appointments

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government the Council appointed,

- Ir. A.J. DE ROOS, Directeur-Generaal van de Arbeid, a full member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at work in place of Mr E. TINGA, full member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 22 November 1981;
- Drs. J. LEDER, Stafmedewerker bij het Nederlands Christelijk Werkgeversverbond, a full member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Drs. D.E. CNOSSEN, full member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 10 October 1979.

ECSC Decision

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision concerning certain tariff measures for the second half of 1979 (zero-duty tariff quotas for wire rod).



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

8851/79 (Presse 100)

590th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 11 September 1979

President:

Mr Ray MacSHARRY
Minister of State,
Department of Public Service of Ireland

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Guy SPITAEELS

Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for the Budget

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL

State Secretary,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN

State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Maurice PAPON

Minister for the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Martin O'DONOGHUE

Minister for Economic Planning
and Development

Mr Ray MacSHARRY

Minister of State, Department
of Public Service of Ireland

Italy:

Mr Giorgio FERRARI

State Secretary to the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Ernest MUHLEN

State Secretary, Ministry of
Finance

Netherlands:

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON

Financial Secretary to the
Treasury

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1980

The customary meeting took place under the budgetary procedure between the Council and a delegation from the European Parliament, comprising Mrs Simone VEIL (President of the European Parliament), Mr LANGE (Chairman of the Committee on Budgets), Mr NOTENBOOM (Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets), Mr SPINELLI (Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets), Mrs SCRIVENER, deputy, Mr ROSSI (Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets), Mr AIGNER (Chairman of the Board of Auditors), Mr DANKERT (Rapporteur for Section III of the budget - Commission), Mr JACKSON (Rapporteur for the budget of the European Parliament, the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors) and Mr ANSQUER and Mr BONDE (Members of the Committee on Budgets).

This meeting enabled the delegation from the European Parliament to inform the Council of the Parliament's initial reactions to the preliminary draft budget for 1980. It also enabled members of the Council and the delegation from the European Parliament to have a detailed discussion on other budgetary questions, such as the problem of own resources, application of the conciliation procedure and the timetable for continuation of the budgetary procedure.

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The Council then proceeded to examine the preliminary draft budget item by item, bearing in mind the views expressed by the European Parliament delegation.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the Council established the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1980, including the sections relating to the European Parliament, the Council (with the Economic and Social Committee), the Commission, the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors and the budget estimates for the Publications Office.

This draft budget will be forwarded to the European Parliament as soon as possible.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Development of data processing

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a four-year programme for the development of data processing covering the period 1979 to 1983.

This programme comprises two sections: general measures and promotion measures. The general measures cover standardization policy, public procurement, collaboration in research and development, the effects of data processing on employment, its impact on society, confidentiality and data security, and legal protection for computer programmes. The promotion measures cover the field of general software and applications (e.g. applications of a transnational character or which help to fulfil Community policy aims).

An amount of up to 25 MEUA will be allocated to this programme, with 10 MEUA for the general measures and 15 MEUA for the promotion measures.

Energy Research and Development Programme

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities an Energy Research and Development Programme.

This programme comprises five sections:

- energy conservation (27 MEUA)
 - = residential and commercial applications, industry, transport, energy transformation and storage
- production and utilization of hydrogen (8 MEUA)
 - = thermochemical and electrolytic production of hydrogen, transportation, storage and utilization of hydrogen
- solar energy (46 MEUA)
 - = solar-energy applications to dwellings, thermomechanical solar-power plants, photovoltaic-power generation, photochemical, photoelectrochemical and photobiological processes, energy from biomass, solar-radiation data, wind energy, solar energy in agriculture and industry
- geothermal energy (18 MEUA)
 - = integrated geological, geophysical and geochemical investigations, subsurface natural hydrothermal resources, surface use of hydrothermal resources, hot dry rocks
- systems analysis and strategy studies (6 MEUA)
 - = development of the medium and long term Community energy models, development of new concepts for energy systems' representations, development of new means for better communication between model builders and model users, world energy modelling.

A total of 105 MEUA will be entered in the budget for carrying out this energy programme from 1979 to 1983.

Emergency aid

The Council agreed to an emergency aid action amounting to 2,300,000 EUA for the victims of hurricane DAVID in non-member countries.

This aid will be allocated as follows:

- = emergency aid of 1,000,000 EUA for Guadeloupe and Martinique (FODs);
- = emergency aid of 300,000 EUA for Dominica (ACP State);
- = emergency aid of 1,000,000 EUA for countries affected by the hurricane which are neither ACP States nor French Overseas Departments.

Approximation of laws: technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to hot-water meters.

Appointments

The Council appointed, at the proposal of the United Kingdom Government,

- = Mr W.H. KEYS, General Secretary, Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, as Member of the Committee of the European Social Fund, to replace Mr C.H. URWIN, Member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 April 1980;

 - = Mr N.B.W. THOMPSON, Department of Education and Science, as Member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training, to replace Mr C. BOOTH, Member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 15 October 1980.
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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
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PRESS RELEASE

8414/79 (Presse 91)

591st Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 24 July 1979

President: Mr Michael O'KENNEDY,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 26 July 1979
(30.07)

8414/79 (Presse 91) Corr. 1

C O R R I G E N D U M

to Press Release
8414/79 (Presse 91) of 24.VII.79

On page 13:

CONCLUSIONS OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON
SOUTH-EAST ASIAN REFUGEES (20/21 JULY 1979)

Read point 2. as follows:

2. The Council also decided to earmark for Cambodia - as regards both the populations expelled by Thailand and those remaining in Cambodia - an appropriation of 4 MEUA to be implemented as and when the appropriate channelling could be arranged through international organizations.

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Henri SIMONET Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign
Affairs

France :

Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr David ANDREWS Minister of State,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Ray BURKE Minister of State,
Ministry of Industry, Commerce
and Energy

Italy :

Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg :

Mr Gaston THORN

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands :

Mr C.A. van der KLAUW

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Sir Ian GILMOUR

Lord Privy Seal

Mr Cecil PARKINSON

Minister of State,
Department of Trade

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Mr Guido BRUNNER

Member

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Member

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

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APPOINTMENTS

In connection with the partial replacement of the Court of Justice, the Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States appointed

- as Judges at the Court of Justice of the European Communities from 7 October 1979 to 6 October 1985 inclusive:

Mr Aindrias O'CAOIMH (renewal of term of office)

Mr Pierre PESCATORE (renewal of term of office)

Mr Ole DUE (see curriculum vitae annexed hereto)

- as Advocates-General at the Court of Justice of the European Communities from 7 October 1979 to 6 October 1985 inclusive:

Mr Gerhard REISCHL (renewal of term of office)

Mr Jean-Pierre WARNER (renewal of term of office)

FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA PROCESSING IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council signified its agreement to a four-year Community programme to promote research, industrial development and applications of data processing. ⁽¹⁾

This programme will be in two main parts.

The first part will consist of general measures in the area of standardization, public procurement, co-operation between research centres and organizations supporting the use of data processing, training protection of individual privacy and of industrial property.

Within this framework careful study will be made of developments in data processing, taking account in particular of its influence on employment generally.

The second part will put into effect a Community support mechanism to promote co-operation between users on a Community scale, notably through the development of software and of applications with a view to greater standardization.

In addition, the Council, in a Resolution, expressed its interest in the promotion of micro-electronic technology at Community level.

⁽¹⁾ subject to informing and, if necessary, consulting Greece.

REGISTRATION OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCT IMPORTS

The Council recorded its agreement ⁽¹⁾ to a Regulation introducing registration in the European Communities for crude oil and/or petroleum product purchases. Under this Regulation importers of crude oil and/or petroleum products from third countries or the Member States have to inform the Member States concerned of details of their imports.

The Member States will then supply the Commission with information at regular intervals so as to give it a true picture of trends in import conditions under which the products have been imported; this information will be distributed to the Member States.

Information collected and forwarded will be confidential although this will not impede the publication of general or summary information which does not contain specific details relating to specific companies.

The actual implementing rules of registration will be covered in a further Regulation to be drawn up without delay. The Commission will lay down the detailed implementing arrangements later.

⁽¹⁾ With a provisional reservation from one delegation and provided that Greece was informed and, where appropriate, consulted.

The Council also noted that the Commission was conducting surveys together with the Member States on the import targets for each country between now and 1985.

The Council noted that the Commission is also considering, in conjunction with other oil consumer countries, the feasibility of a system of crude oil price certificates starting from the producer country.

SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR FUEL FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Council heard a statement by the French State Secretary who presented a memorandum from the French Government on supplies of nuclear fuel for the Community (Chapter VI of the Euratom Treaty).

This memorandum will be examined together with the Commission's recent communication on the same subject.

ENERGY RESEARCH PROGRAMME

The Council recorded its agreement ⁽¹⁾ on an energy research and development programme for the period 1979 to 1983.

The new four-year programme follows on from the one adopted in 1975 which has achieved positive and promising results. The programme consists of indirect projects, i.e. projects carried out under contract. The expenditure to be committed for the implementation of the programme has been fixed at 105 MEUA and the staff complement at 34, and this will be entered in the budget of the Communities.

The programme covers projects in the following areas:

- energy conservation
- production and use of hydrogen
- solar energy
- geothermal energy
- systems analysis and strategy studies in the energy field

⁽¹⁾ Subject to Greece being informed and, if necessary, consulted.

Even greater stress has been placed on solar energy and research into energy conservation than in the first programme since these two areas are thought to have particular potential in the search for ways to alleviate energy problems.

The amount allocated, which is considerably more than was allocated to the first programme, will enable several hundred research contracts to be concluded with laboratories, firms and research centres in the nine member countries.

The programme will be managed by the relevant departments of the Commission, assisted by national experts who will form five Advisory Committees on Programme Management (CCMGP).

"LA MARLIA" REPORT

The Council took note of a report from the Presidency on the main topics to be covered by the Council sitting other than as the General Affairs Council during the second half of 1979.

The Council held an exchange of views on this report.

CHINA -- FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

The Council heard a report by the Commission on the results of the first meeting of the Joint Committee set up under the EEC-China trade agreement of 3 April 1978, which was held in Peking from 17 to 19 July 1979.

The Council expressed satisfaction with the positive results achieved during that meeting.

RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL

The Council held an exchange of views on the subject of the adjustments which Portugal has requested in its present agreement with the Community. The Council noted that the Commission would continue making the necessary contacts to enable the Council to decide in September on a brief which would allow the Commission to start negotiations with Portugal on the adjustments in question.

ASEAN

Subsequent to his meeting with the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the ASEAN in Bali on 1 July 1979, the President of the Council referred to the importance which those countries attached to their relations with the Community and to their desire that negotiations for the conclusion of a co-operation agreement with the Community be started in the Autumn and completed by the end of the year. The President urged that the Council should agree to this request and he was supported in this by the Commission. It will be recalled that the Commission recently submitted its proposals for the opening of these negotiations to the Council.

GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The President of the Council drew the following conclusions:

The Council took note of the statement by the Commission on the most recent developments in the incorporation of the results of the multilateral trade negotiations in United States law, and welcomed the speedy passage by both Houses of the United States Congress of the Trade Bill.

At the same time the Council reaffirmed the importance it attached to a full and satisfactory implementation of the Tokyo Round results by all Parties. The Council agreed that in the autumn it would consider on the basis of a final report by the Commission the conclusion of the negotiations.

On the issue of safeguards, the Council took note of the Commission's intention of continuing its efforts in Geneva to find a solution.

CONCLUSIONS OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON
SOUTH-EAST ASIAN REFUGEES (20 and 21 JULY 1979)

1. The Council confirmed the undertakings made by the Community in Geneva regarding the provision of emergency food aid for refugees of South East Asia through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

These undertakings are as follows:

- the provision of 20,000 tonnes of rice (in addition to the 8,000 tonnes already approved by the Council decision of 4 July 1979) to cover 50% of the needs of refugees in South-East Asia up to February 1980;
- the provision of 1,500 tonnes of vitaminized milk powder (in addition to the 1,500 tonnes already approved by the Council decision of 4 July 1979);
- the provision of 10 MEUA for the general programme of the UNHCR for refugees in South-East Asia;
- the allocation of 2,700 tonnes of rice for Cambodian refugees in Vietnam through the UNHCR.

2. The Council also decided to earmark a provisional appropriation of 4 MEUA for Cambodian refugees, in both Thailand and Cambodia, which would be implemented as and when the appropriate channelling could be arranged through international organizations.

3. The Council invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to make the necessary technical arrangements within the next few days.

4. The Council agreed to re-examine the matter of food aid to Vietnam at its September meeting in the light of the developments in this area in the intervening period.

OTHER DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- a Decision opening supplementary quotas for imports into Italy of certain products originating in Romania
- Regulations
 - = on arrangements for the importation into the Benelux countries of jute yarn originating in India
 - = on the post-clearance recovery of import duties or export duties which have not been required of the person liable for payment on goods entered for a customs procedure involving the obligation to pay such duties
- a Directive on the harmonization of procedures for the release of goods for free circulation (lodging of customs entries).

Export credits

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on the Community's position within the OECD regarding Community participation in the Understanding on Export Credits for Ships and amendments to that Understanding.

Research policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement on a concerted-action project in the field of the registration of congenital abnormalities (medical and public-health research).

Mediterranean policy

The Council recorded its agreement on two financing proposals for Mediterranean countries:

- Syria: supervision of work on the TALL TAMIR-QAMISHLY-TALL A'ALO road (proposal submitted by the Commission);
- Egypt: SHOUBRAH EL KHEIMA thermal power station project (proposal submitted by the EIB)

Technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Directives

- = on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors
- = amending for the first time Directive 76/768/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products
- = supplementing the annex to Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (extension of the list of bans)

Appointments

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr C.T.A.M. LEO as a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr Sj. JONKER, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 18 September 1982.

On a proposal from the Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail, the Council also appointed Mr Pierre ROBERT, National Secretary of the Fédération Générale de la Métallurgie CFDT, as a member of the Consultative Committee of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr G. GRANGER, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 15 October 1980.

ANNEX

CURRICULUM VITAE

Mr Ole DUE

- Born on 10 February 1931. 1955: Bachelor of Laws. In the same year appointed to Ministry for Justice, chief of section 1970, head of division 1975. 1978: Acting High Court Judge.
- 1962 - 72: Secretary and later Chairman of Committee on Amendments to Danish Law in preparation for Denmark's accession to the European Communities.
- 1970 - 72: Permanent delegate to meetings on technical adjustments to Community provisions with a view to enlargement of the European Communities and on the preparation of legal provisions in the accession treaties, etc.
- 1964 - 76: Member of the Danish delegation at The Hague Conference on Private International Law.
- 1964 - 73: Course leader and teacher at further training seminars in Community law organized by the Danish Law Association, Denmark's Administrative High School and the Bar Council.
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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

8413/79 (Presse 90)

592nd Council meeting
- Agriculture -
Brussels, 24 July 1979
President: Mr Jim GIBBONS,
Minister for Agriculture
of Ireland

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Albert LAVENS Minister for Agriculture and
Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED Minister for Agriculture
Mr Hans-Joergen KRISTENSEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE Minister for Agriculture
Mr Jacques FOUCHIER State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Jim GIBBONS Minister for Agriculture
Mr Tom HUSSEY Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean RIES

Director,
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A. DE ZEEUW

Director-General,
Ministry of Agriculture

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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COMMUNITY CITRUS FRUIT

The Council discussed the proposed extension of the deadline for the granting of aid for projects for the conversion of orange and mandarine groves, the improvement of marketing and processing structures for citrus fruits and the deadline for the granting of additional aid to growers who have sustained losses of income as a result of the above-mentioned conversion operations.

The Council agreed to discuss this question further at its next meeting, scheduled for 17 and 18 September 1979.

REGISTER OF OLIVE CULTIVATION

After discussing the procedure for financing the compilation of the register of olive cultivation, the Council decided that it would be financed by deductions from the production aid for olive oil. The rate of deduction was fixed at 1.47% for the 1979/1980 marketing year.

SHEEPMEAT

The Council held a general discussion of the proposal for a Regulation on a common organization of the market in sheepmeat, in the course of which delegations made known the main problems with which it presented them.

The discussion focussed on the complexity of the proposed common organization, its effectiveness as regards both intra-Community and international trade, how it could be financed and what it was likely to cost.

In conclusion, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine the matter in greater detail in the light of the day's discussion, and agreed to return to the issue at its next meeting with a view to reaching a consensus enabling it to take a decision before the end of October 1979.

WINE

The Council adopted the Regulation on the prices to be paid in respect of compulsory distillation of the by-products of wine-making, namely:

buying-in price for wine deliveries	0.64 UA/°/hl
price of alcohol from wine deliveries	1.02 UA/°/hl
price of marc alcohol	1.09 UA/°/hl
price of alcohol from lees and wines	0.96 UA/°/hl

The EAGGF's contribution was provisionally set at 0; it might possibly be reviewed and back-dated by the Council at its next meeting in the light of a re-examination of the bases upon which it was calculated to be carried out by the Commission as soon as possible.

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The Council also held a detailed exchange of views on market, management and structural measures under the 1979/1985 action programme. The discussion bore mainly on chaptalization, wine-growing potential and related issues, the purpose being to clarify the options open to the Council.

The Council restated its intention of taking a decision on the whole wine-growing package at its meeting in October, and instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue its work to this end.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council took note of the following statements, accompanied as appropriate by the Commission's replies and the comments of the other delegations:

- Problems regarding export refunds for cereals and for beef and veal (Italian delegation)
- Problems regarding imports of New Zealand butter (Danish delegation)
- Problems regarding aid for butter consumption (French delegation)
- Problems regarding the distribution of milk in schools (French delegation)
- Questions concerning the Community's imports of manioc (several delegations)
- Problems regarding apportionment of the import balances for beef and veal (German delegation)
- Questions concerning the egg market (French delegation).

OTHER DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities, Regulations

- fixing cereal prices for the 1979/1980 marketing year
- laying down the minimum requirements for common wheat for bread-making
- fixing, for the 1979/1980 marketing year, the monthly price increases for cereals, wheat and rye flour and wheat groats and meal
- fixing, for the 1979/1980 marketing year, the list of Community regions which qualify for aid in respect of durum wheat and fixing the amount of such aid
- fixing rice prices for the 1979/1980 marketing year
- fixing, for the 1979/1980 marketing year, the monthly price increases for paddy rice and husked rice
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2742/75 on production refunds in the cereals and rice sectors
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals
- on the reduction of the levy on certain importations of feed grain into Italy completed prior to 1 January 1980
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco as regards the mechanism of market management
- amending the percentages and quantities of tobacco taken over by the intervention agencies as fixed in Regulation (EEC) No 1469/70

- fixing the norm and intervention prices and the premiums granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco, and the derived intervention prices for baled tobacco, for the 1979 harvest
- laying down special measures in the raw tobacco sector in respect of the Perustitza and Erzegovina varieties
- fixing the amounts of aid granted for seeds for the 1980/1981 and 1981/1982 marketing years
- fixing the guide price for linseed for the 1979/1980 marketing year
- fixing the amount of aid for cotton seeds for 1979/1980 marketing year
- fixing the guide price for castor seeds for the 1979/1980 marketing year
- fixing the minimum price for castor seeds for the 1979/1980 marketing year
- introducing supplementary aid for castor seed for the 1979/1980, 1980/1981 and 1981/1982 marketing years
- fixing the guide price for soya beans for the 1979/1980 marketing year
- laying down special measures in respect of soya beans
- fixing the production target price, the production aid and the intervention price for olive oil for the 1979/1980 marketing year
- fixing the monthly increases in the representative market price, the intervention price and the threshold price for olive oil for the 1979/1980 marketing year
- fixing the amounts of aid for fibre flax and hemp for the 1979/1980 marketing year

- fixing the guide prices for wine for the period from 16 December 1979 to 15 December 1980
- fixing the basic prices and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period from 1 November 1979 to 31 October 1980
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 516/77 on the common organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables
- limiting the granting of aid for the production of Williams Pears in syrup
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1763/78 on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of skimmed-milk powder
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1080/77 on the supply of milk and certain milk products at reduced prices to schoolchildren

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Directive amending Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 70/458/EEC and 70/457/EEC on the marketing of fodder plant seed, cereal seed and vegetable seed and on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and to chestnut purée. This Directive is a further addition to the body of Community foodstuff regulations. As in the case of the previous Directives, (sugar, cocoa/chocolate, honey, dietetic and dietary foodstuffs, coffee extracts), the present Directive contains the various Community provisions governing trade in these products and lays down rules concerning definition, composition and reserved designations, additives, authorized manufacturing processes and compulsory and optional labelling requirements.

However, it includes a number of exceptions and derogations rendered necessary by the individual national situations and by the need for full gradual standardization. It is accordingly intended, in particular, to leave Member States initially free to decide whether or not to extend the terms "jam", "jelly", "marmalade" or "chestnut purée" to the new types of product with a low sugar content. Community rules applicable to these products will have to be worked out later.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

8977/79 (Presse 105)

593rd Council meeting
- Economic and Financial Questions -
Brussels, 17 September 1979
President: Mr George COLLEY,
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Finance of
Ireland

17.IX.79

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Willy CLAES Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Gaston GEENS Minister of Finance

Denmark:

Mr Anders ANDERSEN Minister for Economic Affairs
and Minister for Taxation

Germany:

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance
Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
Federal Ministry for Economic
Affairs

France:

Mr René MONCRY Minister for Economic Affairs

Ireland:

Mr George COLLEY Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister of Finance
Mr Martin O'DONOGHUE Minister for Economic Planning
and Development

Italy:

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI Minister of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister
for Foreign and Economic Affairs

Mr Ernest MUHLEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

Netherlands:

Mr F.H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Minister of Finance

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

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The following also took part in the Council's discussions:

Mr T. O'COFAIGH

Chairman of the Economic and
Financial Policy Co-ordination
Group

Mr J. van YPERSELE de STRIHOU

Chairman of the Monetary Committee

Mr M. THERON

Representative of the Chairman
of the Committee of Governors
of the Central Banks

Mr H. TIETMEYER

Chairman of the Economic Policy
Committee

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PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

The Council prepared for the annual meeting of the IMF to be held in Belgrade at the beginning of October and approved the statement which its President would be making on behalf of the Community at that meeting.

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

On the basis of an oral report from Mr ORTOLI, Vice-President of the Commission, the Council held a brief exchange of views on recent developments in the economic situation in the Community.

The Council asked the Commission to take account of the views expressed by the Ministers when preparing for the next quarterly review of the economic situation.

CONVERGENCE OF THE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCES OF THE MEMBER
STATES OF THE COMMUNITY

Following an exchange of views on the Commission communication entitled "Reference document on budgetary questions", the Council agreed to continue examining this topic at its meeting on 15 October 1979.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

9032/79 (Presse 107)

594th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 18 September 1979

President: Mr Jim GIBBONS,
Minister for Agriculture
of Ireland

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture;
Viticulture, Inland Waterways
and Forestry

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE

Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Nicholas EDWARDS

Secretary of State for Wales

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

SHEEPMEAT

The Council held a detailed discussion on the organization of the market in sheepmeat, which enabled all the delegations to indicate their concerns in this area and enabled the Council to ascertain the main problems arising in connection with internal arrangements, those for third countries and the question of financing.

The Special Committee on Agriculture was instructed to examine certain technical aspects - in particular the question of premiums and a possible floor price - in order to enable the Council to act in the near future.

COMMUNITY CITRUS FRUIT

The Council agreed to extend until 31 December 1983 the deadline fixed for granting aid for action taken before then to convert orange and mandarin groves, to improve marketing and processing structures for citrus fruits, and also the deadline for granting additional aid to growers who have sustained losses in revenue as a result of the above-mentioned conversion operations.

WINE SECTOR

The Council is aware of the importance of the wine file currently being discussed and the need to reach a decision soon, and therefore instructed the Directors responsible for the production and markets of the Member States concerned, in collaboration with the Presidency and the Commission, to seek a solution to the fundamental problems still outstanding. These will, after discussion at ministerial level, be submitted for a decision to the next meeting of the Council planned for 15 and 16 October 1979 in Luxembourg.

VARIOUS STATEMENTS

The Council took note of the following statements, accompanied in some cases by replies from the Commission and various delegations:

- on the actions to be undertaken by the Community regarding the protection of animals and relating to methods of battery-farming;
- on the guidelines to be followed regarding export refunds in the milk and milk products sector;
- on the costs of energy in agriculture;
- on intervention stocks of beef and veal.

Other decision

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending, with respect to the German mark and the currencies of the Benelux countries, Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture. The purpose of this Regulation is to delay the effect on the seeds sector of the new representative rates for the revalued currencies.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

9031/79 (Presse 106)

595th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 18 September 1979

President: Mr Michael O'KENNEDY,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Douglas HURD

Minister of State
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Adam BUTLER

Minister of State,
Ministry of Industry

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Mr Guido BRUNNER

Member

Mr Raymond VOUEL

Member

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Member

IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS -AID

The Council took note of the reports from Mr VOUEL and Mr DAVIGNON, Commissioners, on their contacts with certain Member States in an effort to resolve the remaining problems standing in the way of Community rules for aid to the iron and steel industry.

The Council welcomed the decisive progress made in this respect and noted that, once the internal procedures in certain Member States had been completed, there was no further major obstacle to a final decision by the Council at a forthcoming meeting on the consent requested by the Commission to the draft Decision establishing Community rules for specific aids to the iron and steel industry

PORTUGAL

In the light of information provided at the meeting by Viscount DAVIGNON, the Council requested the Commission to ascertain the current situation and possible developments in the motor vehicle industry in Portugal.

The Commission was requested to report back to the Permanent Representatives Committee which will examine the problems still outstanding as quickly as possible with a view to providing the Commission with directives for the negotiation of an Additional Protocol to the EEC-Portugal Free Trade Agreement of 1972.

SPANISH ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS

The Council prepared the second session of the negotiating Conference on the accession of Spain to the Community, which was held on the same day.

GATT

Pursuant to the Commission's talks with the Government of Thailand and following an exchange of views on the problem of imports of manioc into the Community, the Council noted that the Commission would be submitting proposals concerning the negotiation of a voluntary restraint agreement with Thailand, and the various problems posed by such an agreement, for its next meeting and agreed to give an opinion on the substance of the whole file on the basis of these proposals.

The Council also agreed to the Commission embarking on exploratory talks with the United States with a view to the advance implementation of the Agreement on trade in civil aircraft negotiated as part of GATT trade negotiations, and it agreed to give an opinion on the substance of this matter before the end of September on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Commission.

ISRAEL

The Council held a detailed discussion on the negotiations with Israel under Article 22 of the Agreement (review clause) and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its study of the matter in the light of this discussion.

EMERGENCY AID

The Council was informed by the Commission of the implementation of the decisions taken by the Council on $\frac{1}{2}$ 24 July 1979, following the Geneva Conference, on aid for refugees from South East Asia and for the people of Cambodia, and also on action taken to aid Nicaragua following the typhoon which recently devastated that country.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS

The Council gave the Commission the directives which will enable it to negotiate in Vienna, on behalf of the Community, the International Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials.

EURATOM-AUSTRALIA RELATIONS

The Council also gave the Commission the negotiating directives for the conclusion with the Australian Government of an agreement concerning imports of Australian uranium into the Community.

CHAPTER VI OF THE EURATOM TREATY

The Council, which had before it a Commission communication on the supply of nuclear fuel to the Community and a French memorandum on the amendment of Chapter VI of the Euratom Treaty, held a policy debate on the issues raised by these two documents. The discussions enabled the delegations to outline their initial reactions to the documents in question and their basic approach to the question of the future supply of nuclear fuel to the Community.

The Council noted that for the purpose of examining the problems at issue the Commission would seek the assistance of a group of high-level independent experts and that following this it would submit a report to the Council, accompanied by any proposals it considered appropriate.

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decisions

- authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded by Member States with third countries;
- on the cancellation of the quantitative restrictions on the importation into Italy of certain products falling within headings 27.10, 27.11 and 27.14 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Romania.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation adjusting national shares in respect of certain quantitative limits on imports of textile products originating in third countries.

Other decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending for the sixth time the Council Directive of 27 June 1967 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances, the decision of principle on this subject having already been taken on 19 June 1979 (see Press Release 7583/79 (Presse 75) of that date).

The Council agreed to the signing by the Community of the Convention on the conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Convention of the Council of Europe). The signing - with regard to the spheres within the competence of the Community - will take place on 19 September 1979 at a meeting of the Ministers for Environment of the member countries of the Council of Europe in Berne.

Appointment

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mrs Anny Elisabeth HANSEN, adviser to the "Dansk Sygeplejeråd", an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing, to replace Mrs Greta AHLSTRØM for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 14 January 1982.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

9091/79 (Presse 108)

596th Council meeting

- Energy -

Brussels, 20 September 1979

President: Mr Desmond O'MALLEY,
Minister for Industry,
Commerce and Energy
of Ireland

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Hervé ROBINET Minister Plenipotentiary
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Danmark:

Mr Arne CHRISTIANSEN Minister for Commerce

Germany:

Mr Otto Graf LAMSDORFF Federal Minister for Economic
Affairs

France:

Mr André GIRAUD Minister for Industry

Ireland:

Mr Desmond O'MALLEY Minister for Industry, Commerce
and Energy

Mr Raphael BURKE Minister of State, Department
of Industry, Commerce and Energy

Italy:

Mr Antonio BISAGLIA Minister for Industry, Trade
and Craft Trades

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER Ambassador,
Permanent Representation

Netherlands:

Mr G.M.V. van AARDENNE

Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr David HOWELL

Secretary of State for Energy

Mr Norman LAMONT

Parliamentary Under-Secretary
for Energy

Commission:

Mr Guido BRUNNER

Member

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ENERGY SITUATION - OIL CONSUMPTION IN 1979

On the basis of an oral report by Commissioner BRUNNER, the Council conducted an exchange of views on recent developments in the energy situation and the further outlook, both in the Community and worldwide.

The Council noted that the situation on the oil markets, which had earlier shown signs of settling down, had again become a matter of concern and reiterated the resolve of the Community and its Member States steadfastly to continue their efforts to save energy and to develop alternative energy sources.

With particular reference to oil consumption in 1979, the Council took note of progress to date in the drive to reduce demand and agreed that this action should be continued and intensified.

The Council also agreed to place the Commission proposals for further Community energy-saving measures on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMON TARGET FOR OIL IMPORTS

The Council held a detailed discussion on the question of the distribution of the common target for oil imports among the Member States; it evolved a number of guidelines which are to be finalized by the Permanent Representatives Committee so as to enable the Community and its Member States to express their position on the subject at the meeting to be held in Paris on 26 September 1979 by the Ministers for Energy of the countries which participated in the Tokyo Summit Conference.

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY GROUP

The Council adopted the Community position on the International Energy Technology Group (IETG) which the Heads of State and Government decided to set up when they met in Tokyo at the end of June 1979.

This Group's terms of reference, composition and operation will be on the agenda for the meeting in Paris on 26 September 1979.

REGISTRATION OF CRUDE OIL IMPORTS

The Council held a detailed discussion on the arrangements for registering imports of crude.

The Council agreed in particular that the representatives of the Community and of the Member States attending the meeting in Paris on 26 September 1979 would discuss with the other major industrialized countries which had participated in the Tokyo Summit whether an early information system should be introduced for a limited number of crude oil transactions.

CERTIFICATION OF PURCHASE PRICES

The Council also discussed for the first time the question of the certification of purchase prices for crude, which will also be on the agenda for the meeting in Paris on 26 September 1979.

DATE OF THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The Council agreed to hold its next meeting in Luxembourg on 9 October 1979.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

597th meeting of the Council

-Energy-

Luxembourg, 9 October 1979

President: Mr. O'Malley
Irish Minister of Industry, Commerce and Energy

The official pres release was unavailable. A summary of the meeting has been reproduced from the Bulletin of the European Communities, No. 10-1979.

Energy

597th meeting — Energy
(Luxembourg, 9 October)

2.3.25. President: Mr O'Malley, Irish Minister for Industry, Commerce and Energy.

Commission: Mr Brunner, Member.

Energy situation in the Community: The Council took note of a Communication from the Commission.¹

Coal: The Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine existing measures and new proposals.²

Follow-up to the Paris meeting of 26 September: The Council discussed the implication for the Community, and in particular the allocation among Member States of the crude oil import targets.³

Energy objectives for 1990 and convergence of Member States' policies: The Council welcomed the Commission's Communication.⁴

Oil and natural gas: The Council approved the grant of support for a first set of technological development projects.⁵

Arrangements in the event of a crisis: The Council amended its Decision on the export of crude oil in the event of supply difficulties.⁶

Formulating and implementing a Community energy policy

The Council and energy

2.1.123. On 9 October the Council met in Luxembourg to consider the oil supply situation and policy on coal.

The energy situation in the Community

2.1.124. Mr Brunner, Member of the Commission with special responsibility for energy, science and research, reported to the Council on the energy situation in the Community and presented the important document entitled 'The energy programme of the European Communities'⁷ adopted by the Commission on 3 October and sent to the Council and Parliament. Mr Brunner's analysis and comments were well received by the Council.

Action following the Tokyo Summit and Paris Conference

2.1.125. The most important item on the Council's agenda was the question of what action to take after the 26 September Paris Conference⁸ of the Ministers of Energy of the seven States that were represented at the Tokyo Summit.⁷ The Council gave formal expression for the purposes of the Community to the terms and nature of the agreement on how to share out between the Member States the common objective on crude oil imports for the period 1980 to 1985 which was reached at the Paris meeting, the objectives having been fixed by the European Council in Strasbourg⁹ and confirmed in Tokyo.⁶

¹ Point 2.3.19 and OJ C 289 of 19.11.1979.

² OJ C 254 of 8.10.1979 and Bull. EC 7/8-1979, point 2.1.94.

³ Point 2.3.18 and OJ C 289 of 19.11.1979.

⁴ Bull. EC 6-1979, points 1.4.1 to 1.4.8, and Supplement 5/79—Bull. EC.

⁵ Point 2.1.127.

⁶ Bull. EC 6-1979, point 1.2.2.

⁷ Bull. EC 9-1979, point 2.1.69.

⁸ Bull. EC 6-1979, points 1.1.6 to 1.1.12.

The Council approved in principle the draft supplementary regulation setting out the rules governing the registration in the Community of crude oil imports. The Council took note that the Commission would adopt implementing measures for this regulation by 31 October. The Council also undertook to take a decision before the end of the year on another supplementary regulation concerning the registration of oil products. Finally, where transparency of the oil market is concerned, the Council took note that the Commission would examine in detail the suggestions submitted by the French Delegation at the Paris meeting and would then table any proposals it considered necessary in this field.

Energy objectives for 1990

2.1.126. The Council welcomed the general lines of the Commission's communication entitled 'Energy objectives of the Community for 1990 and convergence of policies of the Member States', drawn up at the Council's request and submitted on 15 June.¹ This communication supplements the proposals on the objectives for 1990 submitted to the Council on 22 November 1978.²

The Community's energy programme

2.1.127. At the beginning of October the Commission sent the Council and Parliament a communication entitled 'The energy programme of the European Communities'.

This document summarizes all the Communities' objectives and achievements in the field of energy since the foundation for a Community energy policy was laid in response to the initiatives of the European Council meetings of October 1972 and December 1973. For each major sector of

energy policy, the paper indicates what measures are in force and what has been proposed by the Commission. This is preceded by an analysis of the energy situation at the beginning of October.

When presenting the programme to Parliament and to the Council meeting on energy, Mr Brunner, Member of the Commission, said:

'Although we have made progress since the first oil crisis in 1973, the Community still relies on outside sources for 55 % of its energy needs. This is too much.

The essence of our policy must be to recover our freedom of action.

Some strides forward have been made in the past few months. We have agreed to limit our oil imports to 472 million tonnes a year and our oil consumption to 500 million tonnes. These targets are also being coordinated with the other big consumers, Japan and the United States.

The comprehensive programme now drawn up shows what can be achieved by 1990. It gives us all a concise programme for building up our own resources in coal and nuclear capacities, in energy savings, in the search for new sources and in coordinating our policies with the producers and consumers including developing countries with few resources of their own.'

¹ Bull. EC 6-1979, point 2.1.109.

² Bull. EC 11-1978, point 2.1.107.

³ Point 2.3.98.

Coal

New initiatives to be taken in the coal sector

2.1.132. Recognizing the increasing importance of coal in reducing the Community's dependence on imported oil, the Council held a wide-ranging debate on coal problems. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to undertake an urgent and constructive examination of existing measures and proposals for any new measures which the Commission presents. The Council also agreed to take a decision before the end of 1979 extending the present system of aid to coking coal and adapting it to present circumstances.

Hydrocarbons

Support for technological development projects

2.1.130. On 9 October the Council authorized² support measures involving a total of 22 528 739 EUA for twenty-four technological development projects in the hydrocarbons sector, as proposed by the Commission.³

The Council also exchanged views on the proposal concerning the support of joint hydrocarbon exploration projects forwarded by the Commission on 29 November 1974⁴ and amended in October 1977.⁵ The Council expected to continue the discussion at the next session.

¹ Point 2.1.141.

² OJ L 281 of 10.11.1979.

³ Bull. EC 9-1979, point 2.1.71.

⁴ OJ C 18 of 25.1.1975 and Bull. EC 11-1974, points 2272.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

9740/79 (Presse 121)

598th meeting of the Council

- Economic Affairs/Finance -

Luxembourg, 15 October 1979

President: Mr George COLLEY,
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Finance of
Ireland

15.X.79

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Gaston GEENS

Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Anders ANDERSEN

Minister for Economic Affairs
and Minister for Taxation

Germany:

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN

State Secretary, Federal
Ministry of Finance

France :

Mr René MONORY

Minister for Economic Affairs

Ireland:

Mr George COLLEY

Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Finance

Mr David ANDREWS

Minister of State
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Italy :

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI

Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER

Minister for Finance

Mr Ernest MUEHLEN

State Secretary, Ministry
of Finance

Netherlands:

Mr G.M.V. van AARDENNE

Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

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Commission:

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CONVERGENCE OF THE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCES OF THE MEMBER
STATES OF THE COMMUNITY

The Council continued its exchange of views on this point, concentrating on the reference paper on budget questions and the supplementary documents submitted by the Commission.

The exchange of views enabled delegations to give their opinions and present their requests in concrete form, as provided for by the European Council at its meeting in Strasbourg.

In the light of this discussion, the Commission will submit proposals as soon as possible, to enable the Council to examine them at its next meeting on 19 November 1979, and the European Council to take decisions at its meeting in Dublin on 29 and 30 November 1979.



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

9742/79 (Presse 123)

599th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 15 and 16 October 1979

President: Mr Jim GIBBONS
Minister for Agriculture
of Ireland

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Inland Waterways
and Forestry

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE

Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Lord MANSFIELD

Secretary of State for
Scotland

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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SHEEPMEAT

The Council conducted a detailed discussion on the sheepmeat sector, having regard to the situation resulting from the recent judgment by the Court of Justice.

Delegations emphasized firstly that the basic principles of the common agricultural policy - freedom of movement, Community preference and financial solidarity - must be maintained, and secondly that the objectives laid down in Article 39 of the Treaty must be observed, particularly as regards the situation of producers.

With this in mind, it was stressed that the Council must expedite its proceedings with a view to introducing, as quickly as possible, machinery to ensure the balanced operation of the market in sheepmeat.

It was therefore agreed that a special meeting would be held on 30 October. The meeting would be prepared by the Special Committee on Agriculture and through informal contacts to be undertaken by the Presidency and the Commission with the Member States most directly concerned.

WINE

The Council conducted a detailed discussion on a series of measures for rationalizing the market and restructuring the wine sector. In the course of the discussion the Council achieved substantial progress towards arriving at an overall compromise.

However, the Council concluded that a number of important issues called for further reflection and agreed to finalize this action programme at its next meeting.

OLIVE OIL

Subject to completion of the procedure agreed on with Greece for the interim period, the Council approved two Regulations on olive oil for which the marketing year 1979/1980 begins on 1 November.

The first Regulation lays down special measures for the marketing year 1979/1980 in respect of olive-oil producer organizations.

The second Regulation fixed for the marketing year 1979/1980 the representative market price - at 147 ECU per 100 kg - and the threshold price; the percentage of consumer aid to be used for promotional purposes was fixed at 4.5%.

EMERGENCY AID FOR THE AGRICULTURAL AREAS OF THE FOD

The Council conducted a policy discussion on the proposal concerning emergency aid measures to reconstitute the agricultural areas of the FOD damaged by hurricanes "David" and "Frederick", which resulted in a consensus in favour of such measures.

The Commission proposal was for the grant of 12.8 MEUA, with the Community contribution accounting for 40% of the total action. A formal decision on the matter will be taken upon receipt of the Opinion of the European Parliament.

AUBERGINES FROM THE FRENCH ANTILLES

The Council held a brief discussion on the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a system of aid for the marketing of aubergines grown in the French Antilles. The Council expressed its sympathy for the difficult situation faced by producers in this region and asked the Commission to give further thought to the most appropriate means of remedying the situation. The Council will resume its examination of the matter at its meeting on 12 and 13 November.

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The remaining items on the agenda were held over to the Council meeting on 12 and 13 November.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1117/78 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder (extension from 30 June 1979 to 30 June 1980);
- fixing for the 1979/1980 marketing year the flat-rate production aid for dehydrated potatoes (11.72 ECU per tonne);
- on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of common wheat held by the intervention agency and on the conditions for bringing such wheat back on to the market;
- on the conclusion of the agreements between the Community and certain sugar-exporting ACP States and the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for 1979/1980 (34.13 ECU per 100 kg of raw sugar and 42.30 ECU per 100 kg of white sugar);
- fixing the guaranteed prices applicable to cane sugar originating in the overseas countries and territories (OCT) for 1979/1980 (34.13 ECU per 100 kg of raw sugar and 42.30 ECU per 100 kg of white sugar);
- on exceptional food aid to the Republic of Malta in the form of 2,500 tonnes of pigmeat.

The Council also took note of the Commission communication concerning the final estimates for the 1977/1978 wine-growing year.

Transport policy

The Council adopted the draft Decisions Nos 3/79 and the draft Recommendations Nos 1/79 of the EEC-Austria and EEC-Switzerland Joint Committees (Community Transit) as the common position to be formulated by the Community delegation on these Joint Committees.

Environmental policy

In preparation for the high-level meeting in the framework of the European Commission for Europe on the protection of the environment (Geneva, 13 to 16 November 1979), the Council approved the signing by the Community of the Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution. At the same time, it agreed to the Resolution on long-range transboundary air pollution and on the Declaration on low and non-waste technology and on the re-utilization and recycling of wastes.

Appointments

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision appointing members and alternates to the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant workers for the period from 15 October 1979 to 14 October 1981:

A. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

	<u>(a) Members</u>		<u>(b) Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr DONIS	Mr MERTENS	Mr DUPUIS
Denmark	Mr TRIER	Mr VORRE	Mr ANDERSEN
Germany	Mr HAASE	Mr KAUPPER	Mr BURCHARDT
France	Miss RUELLAN	Mr HAMON	Mr DECISIER
Ireland	Mr COLLINS	Mr FORRESTAL	Mr TRANT
Italy	Mr BOVA	Mr CRISTOFANELLI	Mrs PIRRONE
Luxembourg	Mr NOSBUSCH	Mr REIFFERS	Mr DERATTE
Netherlands	Mr DIRKEN	Mr van NIJNANTEN	Mr BLOEMHEUVEL
United Kingdom	Mr REFFELL	Mr SEABOURN	Mr SLOANE

B. TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Belgium	Mr PEETERS	Mr VERBOVEN	Mr POTTILLIUS
Denmark	Mr VOGNBJERG	Mr LARSEN	Mr NIELSEN
Germany	Mr ELSNER	Mrs WULF-MATHIES	Mrs RENKEN
France	Mr CAPPE	Mr BRIDIER	Mr JACQUOT
Ireland	Mr MURPHY	Mr KENNEDY	Mr MUIHALL
Italy	Mr MOTTA	Mr TOSINI	Mr FABRETTI
Luxembourgto be appointed later.....		
Netherlands	Mr MADLENER	Mr van DRAAT	Mr BODE
United Kingdom	Mr ECCLES	Mr MAWER	Mr MacGOUGAN

C. EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr FRANSMAN	Mrs DE SCHRIJVER- STORM	Mrs LAMBERT- BEAUFILS
Denmark	Mr CHRISTENSEN	Mrs SIMONSEN	Mrs JOHANSEN
Germany	Mr SCHNABEL	Mr LÖW	Mr GLAUBITZ
France	Mr MARTIN	Mr VRILLON	to be appointed later
Ireland	Mr HARRINGTON	Mr HARTY	Mr RICE
Italy	Mr TORELLA	Mr MISSERVILLE	Mr NASONI
Luxembourg	Mr RECKINGER	Mr SAUBER	Mr PAULY
Netherlands	Mrs de QUANT	Mr van RENS	Mr ZWARTS
United Kingdom	Mr ASHLEY	Mr COBB	Mrs HARRISON

PRESS RELEASE

9741/79 (Presse 122)

600th meeting of the Council

- Tax Questions -

Luxembourg, 16 October 1979

President: Mr Ray MacSHARRY
Minister of State,
Department of the
Public Service of Ireland

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Marc LEPOIVRE Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Jakob Esper LARSEN Deputy Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Guenter OBERT State Secretary
Federal Ministry of Finance

France :

Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Ray MacSHARRY Minister of State, Department
of the Public Service of
Ireland

Mr Sean FITZGERALD Deputy Secretary-General,
Ministry of Finance

Italy :

Mr Francesco REVIGLIO Minister of Finance

Luxembourg :

Mr Ernest MUEHLEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

Netherlands :

Mr A. NOOTEBOOM

State Secretary for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter REES

Minister of State,
Treasury

Commission :

Mr Richard BURKE

Member

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MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ON VAT

The Council recorded its agreement to the texts of two Directives concerning mutual assistance of the tax authorities of the Member States on VAT. These two Directives mark significant progress in connection with the measures already taken to combat tax fraud and evasion on a Community scale.

Assessment of VAT

Under the Directive of 19 December 1977, the tax authorities of Member States are empowered to co-operate in the field of direct taxation. The first Directive to which the Council recorded its agreement extends mutual assistance to the assessment of VAT.

Recovery of VAT

The aim of the second Directive to which the Council recorded its agreement is to extend to the recovery of VAT the Council Directive of 15 March 1976 on mutual assistance for the recovery of claims resulting from operations forming part of the system of financing the EAGGF, and agricultural levies and customs duties.

EIGHTH DIRECTIVE ON VAT

The Council recorded its agreement to the eighth Directive on VAT laying down arrangements for the refund of VAT to taxable persons not established in the territory of the country.

It will be recalled that the sixth Directive on VAT established the principle that any taxable person is entitled to have VAT deducted or refunded whatever the country in which such a person incurs expenditure attracting VAT. The eighth Directive harmonizes, at Community level, the arrangements for refunding VAT to foreign taxable persons, thereby abolishing the differences existing in this field in the various Member countries of the Community which could have given rise to a deflection of trade and distortion of competition.

In order to facilitate applications for refunds, the eighth Directive contains among other things a specimen application form for refunds which will be the same for all Community countries. Accordingly, taxable persons will only have to submit their application accompanied by the substantiating documents and a statement issued by the authority certifying that he or she is liable to VAT in that Member State.

TENTH DIRECTIVE ON VAT

The Council held a policy debate on the proposal for a tenth Directive on VAT, the aim of which is to clarify the provisions of the sixth Directive on VAT relating to the place where a service is provided in the case of hiring out of moveable tangible property.

At the close of this exchange of views, the Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine this matter further, particularly in the light of the Opinion expected from the European Parliament.

EXCISE DUTIES ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission proposals relating to the harmonization of ~~excise~~ duties on wine, beer and alcohol.

Winding up, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work in the light of this discussion.

PRESS RELEASE

9918/79 (Presse 129)

601st meeting of the Council

- Research -

Luxembourg, 22 October 1979

President: Mr Martin O'DONOGHUE,
Minister for Economic Planning
and Development, Ireland

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Lucien OUTERS

Minister for Foreign Trade
and Scientific Policy

Denmark:

Mr Gunnar RIBERHOLDT

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Hans Hilger HAUNSCHILD

State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Research
and Technology

France:

Mr Pierre AIGRAIN

State Secretary (Research)

Ireland:

Mr Martin O'DONOGHUE

Minister for Economic Planning
and Development

Mr Raphael BURKE

Minister of State
Department of Industry,
Commerce and Energy

Italy:

Mr Vito SCALIA

Minister for Scientific
Research and Technology

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr A.A.Th.M. van TRIER

Minister for Science

United Kingdom:

Mr Norman LAMONT

Parliamentary Under-Secretary
for Energy

Mr David MITCHELL

Parliamentary Under-Secretary
for Industry

Commission:

Mr Guido BRUNNER

Member

NEW JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE PROGRAMME

The Council discussed in depth the problems arising with respect to the new Joint Research Centre Programme proposed by the Commission for the period 1980 to 1983.

Following its discussions, the Council noted that several problems regarding both the Super SARA Project and the funding for the programme together with the staffing of the Centre required further thought, and agreed to resume discussion of this item at its next meeting on research problems in December so that a decision could be taken before the end of the year.

NEW FUSION PROGRAMME

The Council examined the problems still outstanding with respect to the new five-year Community Fusion Programme, with particular reference to the funding for the programme, including the JET project, and to the advisability of retaining inertial confinement in the programme.

The Council noted the progress made on all these problems and agreed to resume discussion in December with a view to reaching agreement.

SECONDARY RAW MATERIALS

The Council recorded its agreement - subject to conclusion of the procedure agreed upon with Greece for the interim period - on a Community multiannual research and development programme on the recycling of urban and industrial waste (secondary raw materials).

The programme will take the form of indirect action and co-ordination activities to be implemented between 1979 and 1982 with appropriations amounting to 9 MEUA and a staff of five. The following research areas will be covered: sorting of household waste, thermal treatment of waste, fermentation and hydrolysis and recuperation of rubber waste.

MANAGEMENT AND STORAGE OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES

The Council - while awaiting completion of the consultation procedures in progress - noted that there was a tendency towards consensus on a second five-year programme, for the period 1980-1984, concerning the management and storage of radioactive wastes.

This research programme, which covers an aspect of the important question of nuclear safety, will take the form of an indirect action with funds amounting to 43 MEUA and a staff of ten.

RADIATION PROTECTION PROGRAMME

After looking into the funding of a new five-year research and training programme (1980-1984) in the field of biology - health protection (radiation protection programme), the Council noted that eight delegations were now willing to allocate 63 MEUA thereto but that one delegation had stated it was not able to give its agreement at this stage.

COMMON RESEARCH POLICY

The Council held a wide-ranging exchange of views, on the basis of an analysis prepared by the Permanent Representatives Committee, on the two major features of the common research policy, namely: the co-ordination of national policies and the optimization of Community research and development activities.

The Council evolved certain guidelines to be followed by the Commission for its further proceedings.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision adopting a concerted action project for research into the effects of thermal processing and distribution on the quality and nutritive value of food. Implementation of the research work to be undertaken by the Member States in this area will necessitate a financial outlay of around 8 million ECU; the appropriations necessary to cover the Community's financial contribution to the co-ordination amount to 287,000 ECU. Participation in this action project is also open to third countries which are members of COST.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision amending Decision 77/186/EEC on the exporting of crude oil and petroleum products from one Member State to another in the event of supply difficulties.

PRESS RELEASE

9919/79 (Presse 130)

602nd Council meeting
- Development Co-operation -
Luxembourg, 23 October 1979

President: Mr Michael O'KENNEDY,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Ireland

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul NOTERDAEME

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Gunnar RIBERHOLDT

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Alwin BRUCK

Parliamentary State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of
Economic Co-operation

France:

Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr David ANDREWS

Minister of State at the
Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giuseppe ZAMBERLETTI

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr J. de KONING

Minister for Development
Co-operation

United Kingdom:

Mr Neil MARTEN

Minister of State, Foreign and
Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

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AID TO NON-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Financing programme envisaged under the 1979 budget

The Council gave overall consent to the 1979 financing programme proposed by the Commission in accordance with the general guidelines approved by the Council in October 1978.

The programme involves a sum of 110 MEUA and the appropriations can thus be committed in good time before the end of the current year. The programme will be finalized in the light of the comments made during the Council's discussions.

General guidelines for the 1980 programme

On the basis of Commission suggestions, the Council reached agreement on the general guidelines which the Commission will follow in preparing the 1980 financing programme.

The Council also held an exchange of views on the amount of aid for 1980 in which delegations were able to state their positions on the subject. The Budget Authority was asked to take a final decision on the matter at the end of 1979.

FOOD AID - FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The Council held an exchange of views on the main unresolved problems connected with the preparation of a framework Regulation on food-aid policy and management. It noted that discussions had to continue and that in the meantime the former procedures would remain in force.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY'S DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION POLICY AND OTHER POLICIES

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of this question in the light of the day's discussion in such a way as to enable the Council to reach conclusions at its next meeting.

PROGRESS OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

The Council held a general discussion on the present state of the North-South dialogue, covering in particular the proposal of the Group of 77 that global negotiations be re-activated, which was currently being discussed in the United Nation General Assembly, and the preparation of the 3rd International Development Strategy.

The Council's discussion confirmed the importance attached by the Community to North-South relations and revealed a substantial convergence of the views expressed by the delegations.

The Council made the necessary procedural arrangements to ensure that preparation of a common position of the Community and its Member States with a view to the next stages of the international discussions was continued.

CIEC SPECIAL ACTION

The Commission reported to the Council on the carrying out of the Agreement concluded between the Community and the International Development Association for the implementation of the Community's contribution of \$ 385 million to the Special Action decided on by the Conference on International Economic Co-operation.

The Council noted with satisfaction that application of this agreement was progressing smoothly.

EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE CAMBODIANS

The President informed the Council of the outcome of the discussions of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, at their informal meeting at Ashford Castle, with regard to the need to step up humanitarian action on behalf of the Cambodian people and refugees.

The Commission indicated that in the next few days it would be submitting proposals for a new emergency Commission operation.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, Decisions:

- authorizing the extension or automatic renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between Member States and third countries;
- authorizing the tacit renewal or continued operation of certain Treaties of Friendship, Trade and Navigation Treaties and similar agreements concluded between Member States and third countries.

OECD

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision approving the OECD Council Recommendation concerning institutional co-operation between authorities of member countries responsible for supervision of private insurance.

Appointment

On a proposal from the German Government the Council appointed Mr Werner ERDMANN, Ministerialrat im Ministerium für Arbeit, Gesundheit und Soziales des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen, as alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing in place of Mr FEMMER for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 14 January 1982.

PRESS RELEASE

10077/79 (Presse 135)

603rd Council meeting
- Foreign Affairs -
Luxembourg, 29 and 30 October 1979
President: Mr Michael O'KENNEDY,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
and
Mr Ray BURKE,
Minister of State,
Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Energy
of Ireland

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Henri SIMONET Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERBSØLL State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI Minister of State,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

France:

Mr Jean-François DENIAU Minister for Foreign Trade

Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Ray BURKE Minister of State,
Ministry of Industry,
Commerce and Energy

Mr David ANDREWS Minister of State,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giuseppe ZAMBERLETTI State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Paul HELMINGER

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Trade and Co-operation

Netherlands:

Mr C.A. van der KLAAUW

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Ian GILMOUR

Lord Privy Seal

Mr Douglas HURD

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Cecil PARKINSON

Minister of State,
Department of Trade

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Mr Raymond VOUEL

Member

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Member

RELATIONS WITH ASEAN

The Council authorized the Commission to open negotiations with the ASEAN countries with a view to concluding a Co-operation Agreement and adopted the directives for these negotiations.

On this occasion, the Council reiterated the political importance which it attributed to the development of relations between the Community and this group of countries and expressed the hope that the Commission would be able to conclude these important negotiations successfully before the end of this year.

IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS - AID

The Council took stock of the dossier concerning the Community framework for aid for the iron and steel industry.

It noted that only one delegation upheld certain reservations at this juncture and expressed the hope that these reservations could be withdrawn very shortly to enable the Council to take a final decision on the assent concerning the draft Commission Decision at its next meeting on 20 November at the latest.

CYPRUS: PREPARATION OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

The Council determined the position to be adopted by the Community delegation at the 5th meeting of the EEC-Cyprus Association Council which was held on Tuesday 30 October 1979.

NEW ACP-EEC CONVENTION OF LOME

The Council formally approved the final text of the new ACP-EEC Convention which will be signed tomorrow, 31 October, in Lomé, Togo. At the same time, the Council designated its President and Commissioner Cheysson as the Community's plenipotentiaries for the signing of this Convention.

The Council also agreed that in view of the periods of time necessary for ratification, the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers should delegate powers to the ACP-EEC Committee of Ambassadors as regards the adoption of transitional measures to cover the period between the expiry of the present Convention and the entry into force of the new Convention.

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RELATIONS WITH TURKEY

The Council took stock of relations between the Community and Turkey, particularly in the light of the contacts between the President of the Council and Vice-President HAFERKAMP and the Turkish authorities during the former's visit to Ankara.

The Council also noted the suggestions made by the Commission concerning the possibility of initiating the technical preparations for certain projects to be financed from the specific financial aid proposed to Turkey as part of the Community's overall offer for developing the Association. The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of this matter.

FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL AID TO NON-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- Framework Regulation (conciliation procedure with the European Parliament)

The Council discussed this matter, particularly on the basis of suggestions from the Presidency, and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining it.

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GATT - FINAL REPORT ON THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Council took note of the Commission report and noted that the final package of the negotiations represented a balanced result subject to uniformly correct implementation by the principal signatory countries.

Moreover, the Council noted the state of work regarding implementation of the MTN results by the Community and its principal partners.

Although the majority of delegations were now ready to accept the results of the MTN and to conclude the negotiations, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Article 113 Committee to continue examining, with the Commission, the internal implementation provisions and the legal problems related to conclusion, so that it might also at or before its next meeting in November take the appropriate decisions concerning the conclusion of the MTN by the Community.

The Council also noted that the Commission was continuing to examine the dossier relating to synthetic textile fibres and that the Commission's report would be submitted to it at its next meeting in November.

The Council finally evolved the approach to be adopted by the Commission in its talks with the United States on the advance implementation of certain tariff provisions of the Agreement on trade in civil aircraft.

RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL

After reaching substantive agreement in preparing the negotiating directives for the Commission with a view to concluding an Additional Protocol to the EEC-Portugal Agreement of 1972, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare the final text of these directives as soon as possible.

PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING

The Council took note of certain information from the Presidency concerning the organization of the preparatory work for the next meeting of the European Council in Dublin on 29 and 30 November 1979.

EMERGENCY AID FOR THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA

In response to the recent appeal by the United Nations Secretary-General, the Council agreed on the proposal from the Commission to make 25 MEUA available for a continued and increased humanitarian emergency aid to assist the people of Cambodia, including those coming in to Thailand.

20 MEUA will be allocated by the Commission to the international organizations concerned, particularly to the ICRC and UNICEF, for the financing of those organizations' relief efforts in the area and the remaining 5 MEUA will be used for financing the supply of food aid in the form of 20,000 tonnes of rice. In addition, the Council agreed, as suggested by the Commission, to supply, if need be, 1,500 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder.

The necessary budgetary procedures will be undertaken immediately.

While recognition was given to the leading role of ICRC and UNICEF, the valuable role to be played by non-governmental and voluntary agencies who were currently engaged in the relief effort in Cambodia was also emphasized.

The aforementioned 25 MEUA plus 1 MEUA for skimmed milk powder added to the already allocated 5.1 MEUA implies a total Community aid of 31.1 MEUA (the equivalent of 43 million US\$) which, together with the bilateral contributions by the Community Member States amounts to approximately half of the 110 million US\$ which the Secretary-General of the United Nations has estimated necessary for the next 6 months.

The Council expresses its appreciation of the recent decision of the Thailand Government to grant the status of refugees to Cambodians crossing into Thailand and its determination to give substantial assistance to the Government of Thailand to cope with this problem.

In the general context of its decisions on aid for the people of Cambodia, it was decided to send a Community mission to Bangkok.

OTHER DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations on the conclusion of agreements (already signed by the Commission during the summer of 1979) on trade in textiles between the European Economic Community and the following countries: Argentina, Bangladesh, Korea, Macao, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision amending the arrangements for imports from Romania into Italy and the Federal Republic of Germany.

EFTA

The Council approved, as the common position of the Community delegation within the EEC-Austria and EEC-Switzerland Joint Committees, the draft Decisions Nos 2/79 of these Joint Committees - Community transit - amending the Appendices II A of the Agreements.

ACP

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for fresh or chilled tomatoes, falling within subheading ex 07.01 M I of the Common Customs Tariff originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and in the overseas countries and territories;
- a Decision extending to the Gilbert Islands and the New Hebrides the list of Overseas Countries and Territories mentioned in Article 23(5) of Decision 76/568/EEC on the association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Economic Community.

Energy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the granting of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector.

Environment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the quality required of shellfish waters.

PRESS RELEASE

10076/79 (Presse 134)

604th Council meeting

- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 29 October 1979

President: Mr Brian LENIHAN,
Minister for Fisheries
of Ireland

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Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr George YOUNGER

Secretary of State for Scotland

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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FISHERIES

The Council resumed its discussion of the establishment of a common fisheries policy, in the light in particular of the first report from the Scientific and Technical Committee for Fisheries and the communication on stocks submitted to the Council by the Commission. It agreed on a procedure for examining as soon as possible the proposals which the Commission intends to submit (particularly those on TACs) and agreed to return to the entire matter on 3 and 4 December 1979 when the Commission had consulted the sectors concerned.

Pending its decisions on the subject the Council agreed to extend until the end of 1979 its interim Decision which stipulates that:

= Member States will conduct their fishing activities in such a way that the catches taken by their vessels over the interim period take into account the total authorized catches (TACs) submitted by the Commission to the Council in its communications of 23 November 1978, 16 February and 25 October 1979 and the share of the TACs allocated to third countries under agreements or arrangements concluded with the Community.

= As regards technical measures for conserving and monitoring fishery resources, Member States will apply the same measures as they applied as at 3 November 1976, together with other measures taken in accordance with the procedures and criteria laid down in Annex VI to the Council Resolution of 3 November 1976.

In addition, the Council noted a statement by Vice-President GUNDELACH on the subject of the whole external aspect of the common fisheries policy and agreed to return at its next meeting to, inter alia, the question of the conclusion of the framework agreement with Canada.

In conclusion, the Council held an exchange of views on the subject of Community participation in a preparatory meeting on the new International Whaling Convention.

Agricultural decisions

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations:

- fixing for the 1979/1980 marketing year the market representative price and the threshold price for olive oil and the percentage of the consumption aid intended to promote the consumption of olive oil;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2753/78 laying down general rules in respect of production aid for olive oil;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3089/78 laying down general rules in respect of aid for the consumption of olive oil;
- laying down special measures in respect of olive oil producer organizations for the 1979/1980 marketing year;
- on the standard amount for unprocessed olive oil produced entirely in Greece and transported direct from that country into the Community;
- amending Regulation No 724/67/EEC as regards the disposal of oil seeds bought in by intervention agencies;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 358/79 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and defined in item 13 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79;
- amending both the Common Customs Tariff in respect of wines and Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 76/630/EEC concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States.

PRESS RELEASE

10078/79 (Presse 136)

605th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 30 October 1979

President: Mr Jim GIBBONS
Minister for Agriculture
of Ireland

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean RIES

Director,
Ministry for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Inland Waterways
and Forestry

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr George YOUNGER

Minister of State for Scotland

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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SHEEPMEAT

The Council debated at length the questions at issue in the sheepmeat sector. The debate brought the differing positions of the delegations on the subject substantially closer. Alternative solutions were put forward and will be examined by the Commission and the Special Committee on Agriculture over the next few days.

The Council agreed to resume its discussion of the issue on the basis of these examinations with a view to reaching a conclusion at its meeting on 12 and 13 November 1979.

WINE

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations amending Regulation (EEC) No 352/79 authorizing the coupage of German red wines with imported red wines and amending Regulations (EEC) Nos 337/79 on the common organization of the wine market and 338/79 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions.

These amendments extend from 31 October to 30 November 1979 the arrangements currently in force as regards coupage and the sweetening/watering of wine in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Further agricultural decision

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on assistance from the EAGGF Guidance Section for emergency action to restore the agricultural areas of the FOD damaged by hurricanes David and Frederick.
