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863rd meeting of the Council

- Economics/Finance -

Brussels, 11 July 1983

President: Mr Gerasimos ARSENIS,
Minister for the Economy
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN
Minister for Finance

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Mr Otto SCHLECHT
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of
Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Gerasimos ARSENIS
Minister for the Economy

France:

Mr Jacques DELORS
Minister for Economic Affairs
and Finance

Ireland:

Mr Allan DUKES
Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA
Minister of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING
Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON
Chancellor of the Exchequer

For the Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI - Vice-President

SECOND QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

On the basis of a Commission communication on budget policy in 1984, the Council held the second quarterly review of the economic situation in the Community in accordance with the 1974 Decision on the attainment of a high degree of convergence of the economic policies of the Member States.

At the close of the discussions, the Council approved the following conclusions:

The forecasts now available point to a recovery of economic activity in the Community. However, in most of the Member States, the rate of expansion will be low or moderate, and continued recovery at a satisfactory rate in 1984 is not guaranteed, both because of the uncertain international climate and because of languishing domestic demand, especially business investments.

In those countries where the results of policies pursued show sufficient progress towards overall economic balance, some room for manoeuvre exists to assist the recovery. To ensure that such an approach is credible, it should fit in with the medium-term prospects for controlling the public sector deficit and restructuring public finances in favour of productive activities. On the other hand, in most member countries the situation with regard to public finances still requires that priority should be given to a reduction of the budget deficit and of the ratio of public expenditure to national income.

If economic expansion were to be lower than forecast, the built-in stabilizers should, consistent with the needs of anti-inflation policies, be given a free rein except in the countries where the public debt is especially disquieting.

Budgetary policies should continue to concentrate on medium-term improvement, but be applied with sufficient flexibility to deal with unpredictable cyclical hazards, thus contributing to the convergence of economic trends in the Community.

In each Member State and at Community level monetary policy and budgetary policy should be closely co-ordinated so that they do not combine to slow down growth - which is still very modest - and aggravate unemployment in the event of a deterioration in the international monetary situation.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM

The Council held an initial exchange of views on possible improvements in the international monetary system.

Consideration of these questions will be carried on in more detail by the Monetary Committee and taken up again by the Ministers at their informal meeting in Greece on 10 and 11 September, with a view to establishing a common position for the meeting of the Group of Ten scheduled to take place in Washington at the end of September.

EXPORT CREDITS

The Council considered the Commission proposal on the amendment of the Arrangement on Guidelines for Officially Supported Export Credits. The aim of the Commission proposal was to recommend that the Council accept the compromise proposal submitted to the Participants in the Arrangement by their Chairman, Mr WALLEN.

At the close of discussions, the Council invited the Commission to inform the other Participants in the Arrangement that the Community:

- is at present unable to accept the Wallen compromise proposal;
- requests an extension of the period of validity of the present Arrangement until 31 October 1983;
- suggests the resumption of the negotiations with the other Participants at the end of September.

The Council instructed its subsidiary bodies to establish, in the light of today's discussions, the position to be taken by the Community at the resumption of the negotiations.

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864th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 11 and 12 July 1983

President: Costas SIMITIS,
Minister for Agriculture of
the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE
Minister for Fisheries
Mr Jonathan MOTZFELDT
Prime Minister of Greenland
Mr Jørgen HERTOFT
State Secretary
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture
Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Louis LENGAGNE
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Sea

Ireland:

Mr Patrick O'TOOLE
Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI
Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr G.J.M. BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
Mr George YOUNGER
Secretary of State for Scotland
Mr John MacGREGOR
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

For the Commission:

Mr Georges CONTOGEOGIS
Member

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

The Council resumed its examination of the Commission's proposals for total allowable catches for certain fish stocks for 1983, the share of these catches available to the Community, and the allocation of that share between the Member States. Also under consideration were proposals concerning technical conservation measures, common measures for restructuring and modernizing the fishing industry and fishing for cod in Greenland waters.

Following a detailed discussion, the Council noted that overall agreement was impossible at this stage. It consequently decided to suspend its proceedings until 25 July.

It took note of the Commission's intention of convening a Working Party of Technical Experts before that date to examine the methodology for final allocation of herring stocks in the North Sea and how this allocation might be achieved with an eye to reconstitution of the stocks.

It also took note of an oral report from the Commission on negotiations with Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tomé and Príncipe and Gabon and on certain aspects of the operation of the EEC-Canada Fisheries Agreement.

The Council also noted a statement from the Commission in reply to the United Kingdom on the introduction of the Community inspection system and the log book.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Food-aid policy and management

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Community the Regulation laying down implementing rules for 1983 for the framework Regulation (food aid).

This Regulation provides that the following quantities be made available to certain developing countries and certain organizations for use as food aid:

- for cereals:
 - = an initial instalment of 927 663 tonnes,
 - = a second instalment of up to 115 706 tonnes;
- for skimmed-milk powder: a total quantity of 150 000 tonnes;
- for butteroil: a total quantity of 36 500 tonnes;
- for sugar: a total quantity of 16 086 tonnes;
- for vegetable oil/olive oil: a total quantity of 6 150 tonnes;
- for other products (fish, dried vegetables, vegetable flour, etc.): the equivalent of a maximum of 147 436 tonnes of cereals.

The products listed in the last three indents will be made available in 1983 to certain developing countries or certain organizations in the form of specific projects or emergency aid to be decided on by the Commission in accordance with Article 5 or Article 6, as applicable, of the framework Regulation (No 3331/82).

The countries and organizations which may receive the aid below:

1. Pays

Angola	Haute-Volta	Rwanda
Antigua et Barbuda	Honduras	St. Kitts-Nevis
Bangladesh	Inde	Ste Lucie
Bénin	Indonésie	St. Vincent et Grenadines
Bolivie	Jamaïque	São Tomé e Príncipe
Botswana	Jordanie	Sénégal
Burundi	Kenya	Seychelles
Cap-Vert	Lesotho	Sierra Leone
Centrafrique	Liban	Somalie
Chine	Madagascar	Soudan
Comores	Malawi	Sri Lanka
Costa Rica	Maldives	Swaziland
Djibouti	Mali	Syrie
Dominicaine (Rép.)	Malte	Tanzanie
Dominique	Maroc	Tchad
Egypte	Maurice	Thaïlande
Equateur	Mauritanie	Togo
Ethiopie	Mozambique	Tunisie
Gambie	Népal	Yemen (Rép. arabe)
Ghana	Nicaragua	Yemen (Rép. dém.)
Grenade	Niger	Zaïre
Guinée (Conakry)	Ouganda	Zambie
Guinée-Bissau	Pakistan	Zimbabwe
Guinée-Equatoriale	Pérou	
Guyane	Philippines	
Haïti		

2. Organismes

CICR
LICROSS
UNHCR
UNRWA
PAM
UNICEF

Special programme to combat hunger in the world

The Council recorded its agreement on a Regulation implementing a special programme to combat hunger in the world.

The Regulation provides for the Community to implement on an experimental basis special measures to combat hunger in the world. The aid granted is to be directed to the developing countries, and especially the least-developed of them.

The purpose of the aid is to support or stimulate the recipient countries' own efforts. It will help towards improving the living conditions of the most needy sections of the population in the countries concerned.

Community aid will take the form both of support measures for recipient countries which have undertaken to increase their level of self-reliance in food and of support measures designed to protect their natural resources and improve the way in which these resources are utilized.

Because of the experimental nature of the special 1983-1984 programme, the Council agreed to finance it from the appropriation of 50 million ECU entered in Article 958 of the 1983 budget.

Demonstration and pilot projects in the field of energy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities two Regulations on:

- the granting of financial support for demonstration projects relating to the exploitation of alternative energy sources and to energy saving and the substitution of hydrocarbons;
- the granting of financial support for pilot industrial projects and demonstration projects relating to the liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels.

This adoption follows completion of the conciliation procedure with the European Parliament which enabled the positions of the two Institutions to be reconciled.

These two Regulations are valid for 1983 and take over from the programme launched in 1978 in the fields of energy saving and alternative energy sources. They will be part of a multiannual programme the need for which the Council acknowledged on 14 March but for which there was not yet to hand certain information needed to obtain as exact and detailed an overview as possible of the framework for the multiannual programme in question. In this connection the Commission has very recently submitted a communication to the Council with the additional information requested.

The first Regulation makes provision - and lays down the conditions - for financial support for projects which satisfy the following conditions:

- they must relate to the creation of full-size installations enabling alternative energy sources to be exploited or energy to be saved or hydrocarbons to be substituted in significant quantities;

- they must exploit innovatory techniques, processes or products or a new application of techniques, processes or products which are already known and whose R & D stage is considered to be over;
- they must be likely to encourage the construction of other installations of the same type;
- they must offer promising prospects of industrial and commercial viability as shown by prior studies and research;
- they must present difficulties with regard to finance because of the considerable technical and economic risks involved;
- they should, in principle, be carried out within the territory of the Community;

The Regulation applies in the following areas:

- exploitation of alternative energy sources: geothermal energy, solar energy, biomass, wind and ocean energy, hydro-electric power;
- energy saving: buildings, supply and use of process heat and of electricity in industry and in agriculture, energy industry, transport;
- substitution of hydrocarbons: solid fuels, use of electric power, heat transmission distribution and storage.

The projects submitted under the second Regulation concerning the gasification, underground gasification and liquefaction of solid fuel must satisfy conditions similar to those laid down in the first Regulation, viz.:

- they must relate to the creation of pilot industrial installations or demonstration installations;
- they must implement techniques or processes which are innovatory in themselves or in their application;

- they must be likely to increase the technical and economic reliability of the process and have a reference character;
- they must present difficulties with regard to finance because of the considerable technical and economic risks involved;
- they should, in principle, be carried out within the territory of the Community.

As a general rule the Commission selects the projects to be granted Community financial support under the two Regulations after consulting an Advisory Committee set up for that purpose. However, the Commission's decision may be referred to the Council which must then act within 40 working days.

The amount of new appropriations needed for 1983 under the first Regulation is 70 million ECU and 8 million ECU for the second. These amounts correspond to the appropriations entered for this purpose in the 1983 budget.

Relations with Yugoslavia

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

- implementing in the Community revised amounts for the documentary requirements in Protocol No 3 concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative co-operation to the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;
- concerning the implementation of Decision No 2/83 of the EEC-Yugoslavia Co-operation Council substituting the ECU for the European unit of account in Protocol No 3 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation;
- concerning the implementation of Decision No 3/83 of the EEC-Yugoslavia Co-operation Council amending Note 6 of Annex I of Protocol No 3 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation.

Relations with Cyprus

The Council approved the protocol concerning the arrangements to apply in 1983 in the context of the decision taken on 24 November 1980 by the EEC-Cyprus Association Council laying down the procedure for transition to the second phase of the association agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus and decided to proceed to the signing of that protocol.

In addition the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the early entry into force of the provisions of the Protocol on 1 July 1983.

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for salad beetroots falling within subheading ex 07.01 G IV of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Cyprus (1983);
- amending Regulations (EEC) No 3498/82 and No 806/83 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for sweet peppers and fresh table grapes falling within subheading 07.01 S and ex 08.04 A I of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Cyprus (1983).

Relations with Tunisia

The Council decided to sign, subject to their approval, the Protocols of Adaptation to the EEC/ECSC-TUNISIA Co-operation Agreements consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities.

Social policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution concerning vocational training policies in the Community in the 1980s. (See Press Release 7352/83 (Presse 94) of 3 June 1983.)

Fisheries policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the conclusion of an Agreement on Fisheries between the European Economic Community and the Government of Finland. (See Press Release 8266/83 (Presse 126) of 6 July 1983.)

Agricultural decisions

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2766/75 establishing the list of products for which sluice-gate prices are to be fixed and laying down the rules for fixing the sluice-gate prices for pig carcasses;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2767/75 laying down general rules for the system of "pilot products and derived products" enabling additional amounts to be fixed for pigmeat;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1196/81 establishing a system of aid for bee-keeping in respect of the 1981/1982, 1982/1983 and 1983/1984 marketing years.

Appointments

Acting on a proposal from the Italian Government the Council appointed Dr Pino RIGGIO alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training in place of Dr Guido TESTA for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 8 November 1985.

In addition, on a proposal from the Italian Government, the Council appointed Ing. Flavio MONDELLO full member of the European Social Fund Committee in place of Mr Corrado POLITI, full member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 23 May 1985.

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865th meeting of the Council

- Energy -

Brussels, 12 July 1983

President: Mr Evangelos KOLOUMBIS,
Minister for Energy and Natural Resources
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Etienne KNOOPS
State Secretary for Energy

Denmark:

Mr Knud ENGGAARD
Minister for Energy

Germany:

Mr Dieter von WÜRZEN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Evangelos KOLOUMBIS
Minister for Energy
and Natural Resources

France:

Mr Jean AUROUX
State Secretary responsible to the
Minister of Research and Industry,
responsible for Energy

Ireland:

Mr E COLLINS
Minister of State at the
Department of Industry and
Energy

Italy:

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI
Minister for Industry

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN
Minister for Foreign Trade

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Secretary of State for Energy

Commission:

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON
Vice-President

ENERGY STRATEGY - MULTI-ANNUAL PROGRAMME

The Council held a wide-ranging discussion on two communications from the Commission on:

- Community energy strategy: progress and guidelines for future action
- energy and energy research in the Community: a five-year action programme and its financing.

After the discussion, the Council, while reaffirming the "1990 objectives" and in order to provide the necessary continuity and cohesion in pursuing Community actions on energy, agreed to review the Community energy strategy to attain those objectives and in particular the actions to be taken over the next five years.

In this regard, the Council instructed that work should continue on the action programme with a view to further deliberation on that subject at the next Council meeting devoted to energy matters.

The Council stressed that this review should take into account the principles agreed upon in the Stuttgart European Council, thus making every effort for the effective use of Community resources. It also stressed the need for effective coordination of Community and national energy policies.

Finally the Council noted that a majority of the Member States was against the principle of a Community tax on energy consumption as a source of finance for achieving the Community's energy objectives.

SOLID FUELS

The Council held a policy discussion on the Commission communication of 10 June on a balanced solid fuels policy.

The Council endorsed the need for a balanced overall policy to take account of the interests of all the Member States and invited those which so wished to submit specific requests to the Commission as soon as possible so that the Commission could draw up appropriate proposals for the next Council meeting.

COKING COAL

The Council examined the problems arising regarding the Commission proposal concerning the new system for coking coal and coke for the iron and steel industry in the Community and noted that some delegations still had reservations on this new system.

It noted the concern expressed regarding the need for a decision to be taken before the present arrangements expired on 31 December 1983.

It expressed its intention to return to the matter at its next meeting on energy in the context of the general discussion on a Community strategy for solid fuels.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

The Council stressed the importance it attached to these programmes and confirmed its resolve to adopt a multiannual programme, stating that it would take a decision at its next meeting on the Commission proposals on the granting of financial support covering the period 1984-1987 for:

- demonstration projects relating to the exploitation of alternative energy sources, energy saving and the substitution of hydrocarbons
- pilot industrial projects and demonstration projects relating to the liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels.

NATIONAL USE OF ENERGY

The Council examined the proposal for a Council Regulation on the payment of financial incentives in support of certain categories of investment in the rational use of energy.

After the discussion it agreed to re-examine the matter in the near future in the context of the five-year action programme and its financing.

THE OIL-REFINING INDUSTRY IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council took note of the Commission communication on the oil-refining industry in the Community.

It stressed the need to continue the Community's present policy in the refining sector, which aims at solving the problems through measures adopted by the undertakings themselves under permanent monitoring by the Commission in liaison with undertakings and governments.

It expected undertakings to make further efforts to reduce the Community's refining capacity and concentrate activity in a smaller number of more complex refineries and to take security of supply into account when taking their decisions.

PRESS RELEASE

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866th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 18 July 1983

President: Mr Constantin SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and
Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry
Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Calogero MANNINO
Minister for Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr G. BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

Denmark:

Mr Neils Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture
Mr H.J. KRISTENSEN
Permanent Secretary for
Agriculture

Greece:

Mr Constantine SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture
Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Ernest MUHLEN
Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Water Control
and Forests

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
Mr John MacGREGOR
Minister of State
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

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ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE (FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, OLIVE OIL)

The Council was aware of the need to reach an overall solution as soon as possible and therefore agreed to defer its discussions on this subject until its September meeting with a view to concluding the matter.

PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

The Council on the basis of an introductory note from the Special Committee on Agriculture held an initial discussion on the report and the proposals for Regulations amending the organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables.

At the end of its discussions which were devoted to a thorough examination of certain vital problems regarding in particular the criteria for determining aid and the quantitative restrictions on the aid to be provided, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture actively to pursue its discussions on the subject in the light of the guidelines worked out at this meeting.

In view of the imminent expiry of the general rules governing the aid arrangements for dried grapes and dried figs, the Council examined the various solutions whereby transitional measures might be adopted pending final arrangements. It was not, however, able to reach agreement on this item.

SPECIAL MEASURES FOR COLZA, RAPE AND SUNFLOWER SEED

In accordance with the decisions taken at its meeting on 16 and 17 May 1983 on the fixing of the agricultural prices for the 1983/1984 marketing year, the Council adopted, on the basis of a Commission proposal, a Regulation in the official languages of the Communities designed to take account, from the beginning of the coming marketing year (1 August 1983), of possible differences between the forward exchange rates and the spot market exchange rates of the currencies when calculating the differential amount where aid is fixed in advance. This Regulation should normally expire on 31 December 1983 but would be applicable until the end of the marketing year unless the Council decided otherwise on the basis of a report and possible proposal from the Commission before the end of this year.

JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMMES FOR CO-ORDINATING
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

The Council examined in depth a proposal for a Decision advocating the implementation at Community level of a series of co-ordinated activities and joint projects in the field of agricultural research to be carried out between 1 January 1983 and 31 December 1988.

Following its discussions, having noted that opinions still differed, especially regarding the amount of the total appropriation to be set aside for this five-year agricultural research programme, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue its discussions and to report back at its next meeting so that a decision might be taken.

COMMON MEASURE FOR FORESTRY IN CERTAIN MEDITERRANEAN ZONES OF THE
COMMUNITY

The Council examined the proposal for a Regulation increasing by 25% the limits for the amount of work to be done as set out in Article 11(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 269/79 establishing a common measure for forestry in certain Mediterranean zones of the Community.

After discussion, the Council noted that nine delegations were in favour of this proposal and that one delegation was maintaining a reservation pending examination, and agreed formally to adopt the Regulation as an "A" item at its meeting on 25 July 1983 provided that the reservation had been withdrawn.

GENERAL RULES FOR DISTILLATION OPERATIONS INVOLVING WINE AND THE BY-
PRODUCTS OF WINE-MAKING

The Council agreed in principle to the proposal for a Regulation laying down general rules for distillation operations involving wine and the by-products of wine-making and agreed that this Regulation, which contains provisions relating mainly to:

- definitions (producers, distillers, etc.),
- voluntary distillation of wine,
- compulsory distillation of wine and by-products of wine-making,

would be formally adopted at a forthcoming meeting after finalization of the text in the official languages of the Communities.

PRESERVATIVES AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN FOODSTUFFS

On the basis of a report from the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council examined an amended proposal amending Directive 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption with regard to:

- = the authorization of potassium acid sulphite (E 225) for use in wine-making;
- = the indefinite extension of the authorization to use thiabendazole (E 233) for the surface treatment of citrus fruit and bananas;
- = the national authorization to use natamycin (E 235) for the surface treatment of sausages which need to be matured before marketing and Community authorization of the same substance for the surface treatment of the rind of certain hard and semi-hard cheeses.

The Council adopted a favourable position on the first two substances listed and held a detailed exchange of views on the authorization of natamycin and agreed to resume examination of the matter at its meeting in September 1983 with a view to reaching a decision.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council heard statements on the following:

- The situation on the egg market
(Belgian delegation)
 - Imports of processed fruit from Eastern Europe
(United Kingdom delegation)
 - Pre negotiations for the International Sugar Agreement
(French delegation)
 - The sale price of wine sent for preventive distillation
(Italian delegation)
 - The use of wheat transferred to Italy
(Italian delegation)
 - Problem of incorporation of wheat of bread-making quality
into animal feedingstuffs
(Danish delegation)
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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1760/78 on a common measure to improve public amenities in certain rural areas;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 565/80 on the advance payment of export refunds in respect of agricultural products;
- amending Regulations (EEC) No 2511/69 and No 1035/72 as regards lemons;
- amending, as regards lemons, Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1219/83 fixing certain prices and other amounts in the fruit and vegetables sector for the 1983/1984 marketing year;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 as regards the period of suspension of the application of the condition on prices governing the importation into the Community of fresh lemons originating in certain Mediterranean countries;
- fixing, for the 1983/1984 marketing year, the production aid for tinned pineapple and the minimum price to be paid to pineapple producers;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1742/80 adopting general rules concerning special measures for soya beans;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 974/71 as regards the calculation of the monetary compensatory amounts in the pigmeat sector.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 78/627/EEC on the programme to accelerate the restructuring and conversion of vineyards in certain Mediterranean regions in France.

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867th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 18 July 1983

President: Mr Yannis CHARALAMBOPOULOS,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS
Minister for External Relations

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Otto MØLLER
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER
State Secretary, Federal Ministry
of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Yannis CHARALAMBOPOULOS
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Grigoris VARFIS,
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Antonios GEORGIADES
State Secretary,
Ministry of the National Economy

France:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON
Minister for Foreign Relations

Mr André CHANDERNAGOR
Minister attached to the Minister
for Foreign Relations, responsible
for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr P. BARRY
Minster for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Mario FIORET
State Secretary, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCHE
Vice-President of the Government
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK
Minister for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE
Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Timothy RAISON
Minister for Overseas Development

Commission:

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP - Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI - Vice-President
Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON - Vice-President
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT - Vice-President
Mr Edgard PISANI - Member
Mr Antonio GIOLITTI - Member
Mr Richard BURKE - Member

UNITED STATES MEASURES ON SPECIALTY STEEL

- COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

1. The Council expressed its profound dissatisfaction at the decision of the US authorities of 5 July to grant import relief to the US specialty steel industry under Section 201 of the US Trade Act 1974. The measures taken would have a damaging impact on the Community's specialty steel exports to the United States and were not justified by economic factors.
2. The Council regretted in particular the double jeopardy arising out of these measures and the anti-dumping or counter-vailing actions already taken.
3. The Council expressed the view that these measures were not compatible with the conclusions and commitments of the OECD Ministerial Council and of the Williamsburg Summit to halt protectionism and as recovery proceeds to reverse it by dismantling trade barriers.

4. The Council

- noted with approval that the Commission, while reserving the Community's GATT rights, has requested prompt consultation in the framework of GATT. These consultations should start as soon as possible during this month. They would allow the Community to contest the justification of the US measures, to define the injury suffered as a result of the measures and to request compensation. The period of GATT consultations should be limited;
- took note of the intention of the Commission to raise the measures as announced by the US at the meeting of the OECD Steel Committee with a view to examining the compatibility of the measures with the OECD Steel Consensus.

5. The Council requested the Commission to report on the results of its consultations with the US Administration and on its ongoing bilateral contacts at the next Foreign Affairs Council.

RELATIONS WITH THE ACP STATES

The Council adopted the main points of the brief to be given to the Commission for the negotiations with the ACP States for the renewal of the ACP-EEC Lomé Convention.

Certain points of the brief remain to be completed and the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to study them in detail with a view to its September meeting.

The negotiations are scheduled to open at the beginning of October on a date to be settled with the ACP States.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE EFTA COUNTRIES

The Council approved the 6th annual report from the Permanent Representatives Committee on the development of co-operation with the EFTA countries.

The Council was at pains to stress once more the economic and political importance for the Community of co-operation and solidarity with its EFTA friends - who were its major trading partners - both in the framework of the free-trade agreements and in a wider context.

While pleased with the excellent way in which the free-trade agreements operated, the Council confirmed its desire to continue, in close liaison with the Commission, the work under way in the various sectors in order to encourage still closer co-operation with a view to achieving concrete results in the mutual interest of the Community and of the EFTA countries.

The report will be forwarded to the EFTA countries and to the European Parliament.

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REVIEW OF THE ERDF

The Council had a further exchange of views on the problems raised by the review of the European Regional Development Fund and agreed to return to this subject at its September meeting in the light of the proposals on structural funds which the Commission would be submitting at the beginning of August.

EEC-MALTA ASSOCIATION

After again discussing the possible content of a brief for the Commission for the negotiation of a new Financial Protocol with Malta, the Council noted that the delegations' discussions on the question would have to continue in order to allow the Council to adopt a position at its next meeting on 19 and 20 September.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN THE HYDROCARBONS SECTOR

Following a statement by Vice-President DAVIGNON drawing the Council's attention to the need to act speedily on the Commission proposal on the granting of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (1983), the Council stressed the advisability of making every effort in the immediate future to find a solution to this problem.

GREENLAND

Further to the conclusion reached on 25 May that an adequate solution must be found which respected the desire of the people of Greenland to leave the Community and on the basis of a report from the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council examined the substantive problems raised by this request.

The Council devoted particular attention to the key problem, namely future relations between the Community and Greenland in the fisheries sector, and to trade and financial co-operation questions.

At the end of its discussion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue to study the matter in the light of the day's debate, with a view to further discussion by the Council at its September meeting.

The President of the Council expressed his determination to do everything possible to ensure that the negotiations were concluded before the end of the year so that the results could be submitted for ratification in 1984 and the new relationship come into effect as from 1 January 1985.

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The 14th meeting of the Ministerial Conference on the accession of Portugal to the European Communities took place at the same time as this Council meeting. The Portuguese delegation was led by Mr Ernani RODRIGES LOPES, Minister for Finance and Planning.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- a Decision extending until 31 January 1984 the Decision of 28 April 1981 on the application of the OECD Understanding on export credits for ships;
- a Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on import of 4,4'-Isopropylidenediphenol originating in the United States of America.

Appointments

On a proposal by the German government, the Council appointed Mr Günter SCHLICHT, Rechtsanwalt, Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V., a member, and Dr Peter HARTMANN, Bayer AG, Abtl. Arbeitssicherheit, an alternate member, of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work in place of Mr MEYER and Mr WINCKLER respectively for the remainder of their term of office, which runs until 1 April 1985.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on the replacement and appointment of the Greek members and alternates of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training for the period from 18 January 1983 to 16 September 1983, as follows:

(a) Government representatives

Mr Vasilios KOTSAKIS and Mrs Aikaterini DASKALAKI, members, and Mr Theodosios PAPATHEODOSIOU, alternate member, in place of Mr P. CHATZIOANNOU, Mr I. YANNOPOULOS and Mrs E. GREKIOTOU.

(b) Workers' representatives

Mr Loukas APOSTOLIDIS and Mr Yeoryos DASSIS, members, and Mr Panayotis MICHALAKAKOS, alternate member, to replace Mr O. ANAGNOSTIDIS, Mr I. IORDANIDIS and Mrs C. ROUSSOU.

(c) Employers' representatives

Mr Theoklos ZOUNIS, member, to replace Mrs E. PAPADAKI, and Mr Jean KAMPHONAS, alternate member.

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868th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 20, 21 and 22 July 1983

President : Mr Dimitrios KOULOURLANOS,
Minister for Finance
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Otto MØLLER
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Günter OBERT
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Dimitrios KOULOURIANOS
Minister for Finance
Mr Antonios GEORGIADIS
State Secretary,
Ministry of the National Economy

France:

Mr André CHANDERNAGOR
Minister attached to the
Foreign Secretary,
responsible for European Affairs
Mr Henri EMMANUELLI
State Secretary for Budget

Ireland:

Mr James O'KEEFFE
Minister of State at the
Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance
Mr Paul HELMINGER
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Trade and Co-operation

Netherlands:

Mr H.A.L. VIJVERBERG
Deputy Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr Nicholas RIDLEY
Financial Secretary
to the Treasury

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

Mr Richard BURKE
Member

MEETING BETWEEN A DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

During the afternoon of 20 July a meeting took place between the Council and a delegation of the European Parliament led by Mr DANKERT, President, and composing Mr LANGE, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mrs BARBARELLA, 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mrs SCRIVENER, Rapporteur on Part III (Commission), Mr R. JACKSON, Rapporteur on the 1983 Budget, Mr AIGNER, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, and Mr ANSQUER, Member of the Committee on Budgets.

Both parties recognised that the preparation of both the draft supplementary budget N° 2/83 and the draft budget for 1984 would be a particularly difficult task given the specific problems present and, above all, the foreseen exhaustion of the Community's resources.

The Parliamentary delegation stressed the importance of controlling agricultural expenditure and the problems of the development of new policies, and of the CAP. In discussion references were made in particular to the declaration of the European Council in Stuttgart concerning the future financing of the Community, for the development of Community policies and for the establishment of greater budgetary discipline.

At the end of the meeting the President of the Council assured the Parliamentary delegation that the views expressed by them would be taken into account by the Council during its deliberations on the two preliminary draft budgets.

SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET N° 2/83

After a long and detailed examination and bearing in mind the observations made by the Parliamentary delegation, the Council established the draft supplementary and amending budget N° 2/83.

The breakdown of expenditure (payment appropriations) in this draft supplementary budget, which takes account of a downward revision of the estimates for revenue in 1983, is as follows:

	Mio ECU
Agricultural expenditure	1,761
"Risk sharing"	370
Other expenditure	64.5
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Total:	2,195.5

Under "other expenditure" the Council allocated, amongst other headings, additional sums of 20 Mio ECUs for special aid for raw tobacco following the Italian earthquake in November 1980, 10 Mio ECUs for aid to Poland, 9.6 Mio ECUs for urban renewal in N. Ireland (Belfast), 2.171.800 ECUs for the eradication of classical and African swine fever, and 1.5 Mio ECUs for the monitoring application of certain steel industry measures.

DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1984

The Council then established the draft general budget for 1984, after further prolonged debate. This, too, took account of downward revision of the estimates for revenue for the year in question.

The Council, aware of the need to preserve a balance between compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure, and also of the need to remain within the limits of projected revenue, drew up a budget for 1984 of approx. 24.880 mio ECUs in the form of payment appropriations and approx. 26.700 mio ECUs in the form of commitments.

The major payment appropriations are as follows:

	Mio ECU (approx.)
EAGGF	16.500
Social Fund	1.100
Regional Fund	1.300
UK and German compensation measures	1.200
Other	4.780

In allocating these appropriations the Council had in mind both the views expressed by the Parliamentary delegation and the constraints imposed by the situation regarding the Community's own resources.

The draft supplementary and amending budget N° 2/83 and the draft general budget for 1984 will, after finalization of the texts, be forwarded to the Parliament at an early date.

OTHER DECISION

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation confirming Commission Regulation (EEC) N° 873/83 revoking the protective measures in respect of imports into France and the United Kingdom of tableware and other articles of a kind commonly used for domestic or toilet purposes, of stoneware, and introducing a system of automatic authorization for imports of the products in question originating in or coming from South Korea.

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869th meeting of the Council

- Iron and Steel -

Brussels, 25 July 1983

President: Mr Constantinos VAITSOS,
State Secretary,
Ministry of Economic Affairs
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Mark EYSKENS
Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Ib STETTER
Minister for Industry

Germany:

Otto Graf LAMBSDORFF
Federal Minister for Economic
Affairs

Mr Dieter von WURZEN
State Secretary
Federal Ministry of Economic
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Constantine VAITSOS
State Secretary
Ministry of Economic Affairs

France:

Mr Laurent FABIUS
Minister for Industry, Research,
Energy, Post and Telecommunications

Ireland:

Mr John BRUTON
Minister for Industry and Energy

Italy:

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI
Minister for Industry

Mr Gianni De MICHELIS
Minister for State Holdings

Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCHE
Minister for Economic Affairs,
Small Firms and Traders

Netherlands:

Mr G. Van AARDENNE
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Cecil PARKINSON
Secretary of State for Trade
and Industry

Mr Norman LAMONT
Minister of State
Department of Trade and Industry

For the Commission:

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON
Vice-President

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN
Member

SITUATION WITH REGARD TO RESTRUCTURING AND APPLICATION OF THE AID CODE

As regards the situation with regard to restructuring and application of the aid code in general, the Council noted that the Commission had adopted, on the planned date, the decisions expected of it concerning the restructuring programmes for the iron and steel industry.

As far as the aids for continued operation for the undertakings being restructured, more specially, were concerned, the Member States meeting within the Council gave the Commission a favourable opinion on the requests for authorization of a derogation from the two-year period laid down for the grant of these aids for certain undertakings in several Member States.

This derogation does not affect the final date of 31 December 1984 after which no payments of aid can be made.

EXTENSION OF THE ARTICLE 58 SYSTEM OF PRODUCTION QUOTAS

The Council held a detailed discussion on all aspects of the extension of the Article 58 system of production quotas proposed by the Commission for two and a half years. At the end of its discussion the Council approved the following conclusions:

1. All the Member States recognized that the Article 58 system had to be applied for two and a half years in conjunction with the implementation of the restructuring programme decided upon by the Commission on 29 June 1983.
2. The Council gave the Commission its assent to the implementation of the Article 58 system until 31 January 1984.
3. The Council undertook to give its assent by that date to an application of the Article 58 system for the remainder of the period referred to in point 1.

EXTENSION OF ANNEX I TO THE ECSC TREATY

The Council noted that the unanimity required for a Decision on extending Annex I to the ECSC Treaty to include

- strip produced by slitting cold-rolled coils, and hoop and strip cold-rolled on a special mill (less than 500 mm in width) in stainless qualities;
- drawn and forged bars and sections in high-speed steel and tool steel

could not be reached.

ALLOY TOOL STEELS AND HIGH-SPEED STEELS

The Council discussed certain measures proposed by the Commission to solve the problems encountered by certain United Kingdom producers with regard to alloy tool steels and high-speed steels. The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on the matter with a view to an early decision.

DEALER STATISTICS

The Council instructed its preparatory bodies to examine the question of statistical checks on deliveries by steel dealers, to enable the Council to take a decision in September.

APPLICATION OF THE EEC/UNITED STATES ARRANGEMENT ON STEEL

The Council ventilated certain specific problems arising in conjunction with the application of the arrangement with the United States on steel.

In this connection the Council agreed to an increase in the Greek quota of cold-rolled sheet of 11 000 tonnes.

SOCIAL ASPECTS

The Council took note of

- the communication concerning means of conversion and the accompanying social measures in the restructuring of the European iron and steel industry, and
- the proposal for a Decision relating to a contribution to the European Coal and Steel Community out of the general budget of the Communities (330 MECU),

emphasized the importance of social measures to accompany restructuring and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to expedite its examination of these proposals to enable the Council to act as soon as possible.

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870th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 25 and 26 July 1983

President: Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture
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Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE	Minister for Fisheries
Mr Lars Emil JOHANSEN	Minister in the Home Government of Greenland
Mr Moses OLSEN	Minister in the Home Government of Greenland
Mr Jørgen HERTOFT	State Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

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

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS	Minister for Agriculture
Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS	State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Guy LENGAGNE	State Secretary, Ministry of the Sea
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Ireland:

Mr Patrick O'TOOLE	Minister for Fisheries
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Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI

Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean FEYDER

Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr G.J.M. BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Lord GRAY

Minister of State
at the Scottish Office

Mr John MacGREGOR

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Georges CONTOGEOGIS

Member

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

The Council resumed discussion of the whole set of Commission proposals on the common fisheries policy for 1983.

As agreed at the previous meeting, the Council had before it a report from the Commission on the methodology for allocation of herring stocks in the North Sea.

Following discussion of this report the Council concluded that it was unable to reach agreement on allocation of these stocks. It therefore agreed to reconvene the High-Level Working Party to examine ways and means of enabling the Council to reach agreement on the subject and to report to it at the next Council meeting.

In the meantime, the Council approved by a majority the proposal for a Regulation allocating Norway 20 500 t of North Sea herring, as an interim measure.

As regards external fisheries policy, the Council adopted a Regulation provisionally applying the Agreement between the EEC and Equatorial Guinea, without prejudice to the Opinion to be delivered by the European Parliament.

The Council agreed to return to the entire fisheries issue at its next meeting on 3 and 4 October 1983.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other Decisions on fisheries

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

- the Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, on the other hand, establishing measures for salmon fishing in North Atlantic waters;
- the Decision on accession by the Community to the Convention on fishing and conservation of the living resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts as amended by the Protocol of the Conference of the Representatives of the States Parties to the Convention, signed in Warsaw on 11 November 1982.

Agricultural decisions

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

- the Regulations
 - = laying down general rules for distillation operations involving wine and the by-products of wine-making;
 - = increasing by 25% the limits for the amount of work to be done as set out in Article 11(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 269/79 establishing a common measure for forestry in certain Mediterranean zones of the Community,
- the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to certain lactoproteins (caseins and caseinates) intended for human consumption.

Research

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Resolution on framework programmes for Community research, development and demonstration activities and a first framework programme covering the period 1984-1987. (See Press Release 8045/83 (Presse 121) of 28 June 1983, pp. 8 to 12).

Atomic questions

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

- negotiating directives for and
- approval of

extension of the Co-operation Agreement between Euratom and Spain on fusion.

Relations with the ACP States

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

- = adjusting the amounts made available to the (1979) European Development Fund for the ACP States and for the overseas countries and territories (Antigua and Barbuda, Belize);
- = amending Decision 80/1186/EEC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community,
- the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 435/80 as regards the lists of ACP States and countries and territories (Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Vanuatu).

Transport policy

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

- the Decision on the commercial independence of the railways in the management of their international passenger and luggage traffic;
- the Recommendation on the ratification of or accession to the 1979 International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR),
- the Directive concerning the authorization of scheduled inter-regional air services for the transport of passengers, mail and cargo between Member States.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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871st Council meeting
- Foreign Affairs -
Brussels, 19 September 1983

President: Mr Grigoris VARFIS,
State Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Hellenic Republic

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Brussels, 21 September 1983
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- Foreign Affairs -
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"Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN

Mr Moses OLSEN

Mr Otto MØLLER

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Member of the Government of Greenland

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs"

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS	Minister for External Relations
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jonathan MOTZFELDT	Prime Minister of Greenland
Mr Otto MØLLER	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Greece:

Mr Grigoris VARFIS	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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France:

Mr André CHANDERNAGOR	Minister attached to the Minister for Foreign Relations, responsible for European Affairs
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Ireland:

Mr James O'KEEFE	Minister of State, Department of Foreign Affairs
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Italy:

Mr Mario FIORET	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Malcolm RIFKIND

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Member

Mr Richard BURKE

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Mr Poul DALSAGER

Member

Mr Ivor RICHARD

Member

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SPECIALTY STEEL - COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

The Council took note of the readiness of the US Administration as expressed in the Consultations of 7 September, to comply fully with the GATT rules in regard to compensation in the specialty steel sector to the extent that US measures have an adverse impact on EC exports, and of its commitment to finding a mutually satisfactory solution to this issue.

The Council, however, underlined the importance of reaching a mutually satisfactory solution within the shortest possible time frame in accordance with Article XIX, in order to compensate injury to the Communities' economic and industrial interests caused by the US measures.

The Council approved the intention of the Commission to use every means to limit the injury caused in particular:

- by seeking that the quotas on certain specialty steel products be administered in a manner which takes full account of the needs and interests of the EC exporters, and
- by continuing to press for exemptions to the relief measures;
- by supporting any action seeking to review the "double jeopardy" caused by additional antidumping and countervailing duties.

APPLICATION OF THE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ON STEEL

The Council made a thorough examination of the problems raised by several delegations regarding the internal allocation of the possibilities for exporting certain products under the voluntary restraint Arrangement with the United States on steel.

The Council requested the Arrangement Committee to continue its examination of these matters in the light of the Council's discussions.

FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Council heard a statement by the United Kingdom delegation on the implementation of the conclusion reached by the Council on 26 October 1982 concerning financing the compensation for the United Kingdom for 1983 and held a discussion on this subject.

US UNITARY TAXATION

Following a statement by the United Kingdom delegation on the serious concern caused by the unitary taxation system practised by certain States in the United States, the Council requested the Community authorities to look into this matter without delay.

GREENLAND

The Council held a detailed discussion on all the issues raised by the Danish proposal for the withdrawal of Greenland from the Community. It noted that positions had already been brought considerably closer together during the preparatory discussions held to date.

Following the discussion, which gave delegations the opportunity to comment at length on all the problems involved and express their concern on the subject, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on this important matter on the basis of the document submitted by the Presidency as well as in the light of the present discussions and a formal proposal on fisheries which the Commission had been asked to submit to the Council as soon as possible.

The Council said it wanted to reach a final decision on this whole matter in as short a time as possible.

It accordingly instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to submit to it for its November meeting draft texts concerning both the amendment of the Treaty in order to change the status of Greenland and a fisheries agreement.

NEW ACP-EEC CONVENTION

The Council finalized the Community's position for the opening of the negotiations for the renewal of the ACP-EEC Convention of 31 October 1979 (Lomé II).

The formal opening session of the negotiations will take place on 6 October in Luxembourg.

CONCILIATION WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON THE EUROPEAN
SOCIAL FUND

The Council and the European Parliament held a meeting of the Conciliation Committee on the review of the European Social Fund. The Parliamentary delegation was headed by Mr DANKERT, President of the European Parliament and also comprised: Mr PAPAEFSTRATIOU, Chairman of the Committee on Social Affairs, Mr BARBAGLI, rapporteur on the European Social Fund, Mrs MAIJ-WEGGEN, draftsman of the opinion and member of the Committee on the Situation of Women, Mr BAILLOT, draftsman of the opinion, member of the Committee on Budgets, Mr CERAVOLO, Mrs NIELSEN, Mr PATTERSON and Mrs SALISCH, members of the Committee on Social Affairs.

Concluding the debate, after a detailed discussion, the Conciliation Committee recorded that it was unable to reach a definitive agreement at this stage, despite considerable convergence of viewpoints.

The Presidents of the Council and the European Parliament will establish contact with a view to continuing the conciliation procedure so that the new provisions on the Social Fund can enter into force as quickly as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concluding the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to the amendment of the Temporary Arrangement for a concerted discipline between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland concerning reciprocal trade in cheeses.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for aubergines falling within subheading ex 07.01 T of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Cyprus (1983).

Technical barriers

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Directive amending for the fifth time (asbestos) 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.

Education

The Council and the Ministers for Education, meeting within the Council, adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Resolution relating to the introduction of new information technology in education.

Atomic Questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision issuing directives to the Commission on negotiation of an agreement for co-operation between the EAEC and the United States of America in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion.

ECSC

The Council gave assent

- pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty
 - = to the granting of a global loan to the Bayerische Landesanstalt für Aufbaufinanzierung, Munich,
 - = to the granting of a global loan to the IndustriekreditbankAG - Deutsche Industriebank, Düsseldorf,
 - = to the partial financing of the acquisition of wagons for the transport of iron and steel products, ore and coal,
- pursuant to Article 55 of the ECSC Treaty concerning the Memorandum submitted by the Commission relating to the establishment of a fifth research programme on "Industrial Hygiene in Mines".

Social Questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work (second individual Directive within the meaning of Article 8 of Directive 80/1107/EEC).

Appointments

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the decision appointing for three years the following members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training:

A. Experts from the practising profession

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Belgium	Mr J. VAN DE VOORDE	Mr P. RONSSE
Denmark	Mr Svend JOHANSEN	Mr Gunnar MORTENSEN
Germany	Mr H. HAGENLOCHER	Mr Gerhart GERWECK
Greece	Mr Ioannis STAMATOPOULOS	Mr Nicolaos SOTIROPOULOS
France	Mr Marc LIBERSA	Mr Christian DUMON
Ireland	Mr Brendan T. FARRELLY	Mr Fintan J. COONEY
Italy	Mr Aldo ROGGETTO	Mr Porfirio DI BELLA
Luxembourg	Mr Arthur BESCH	Mr Albert HUBERTY
Netherlands	Mr H.A. van RIESSEN	Mr M. BOSMAN
United Kingdom	Mr J.N. GRIPPER	Mr I.B. HUGHES

B. Experts from the veterinary sciences teaching institutions

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Belgium	Mr M. DEBACKERE	Mr E. POUPLARD
Denmark	Mr P. WILLEBERG	Mr M. HESSELHOLT
Germany	Mr M. STÖBER	Mr L.F. MÜLLER
Greece	Mr Sotirios LEONTIDIS
France	Mr FONTAINE	Mr TOMA
Ireland	Mr Seosamh HANLY	Mr John HANNAN
Italy	Mr Armando GOBETTO	Mr Aldo ROMAGNOLI
Luxembourg	Mr Frank WOLFF	Mr Joseph KREMER
Netherlands	Mr A. RIJNBEEK	Mr G.H. HUISMAN
United Kingdom	Mr A.O. BETTS	Mr E.J.L. SOULSBY

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Belgium	Mr E. VAN ASSCHE	Mr A. VANDEVELDE
Denmark	Mr E. STOUGAARD	Mr E. MALLING OLSEN
Germany	Mr F. HEUNER	Mr H.L. SCHLEGEL
Greece	Mr Dimitrios DIMITRIOU	Mr Ilias TSANGLAS
France	Mr Yves SOYEUX	Mr Joseph SANTAMARIA
Ireland	Mr John J. VAUGHAN	Mr Traolach O'NUALLAIN
Italy	Mr Pier Giuseppe FACELLI	Mr Luigi SENTINELLI
Luxembourg	Mr Raymond FRISCH	Mr Fernand KONS
Netherlands	Mr H.v.d. ESCH	Mr J. STAMAN
United Kingdom	Mr A.R.W. PORTER	Mr A. STEELE-BODGER

The Council also appointed:

- on a proposal from the Irish Government, Dr T.V. O'DWYER, Department of Health, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training in place of Dr A. WALSH for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 8 November 1985;
- on a proposal from the Luxembourg Government, Dr Nicolas RUME, Chief Medical Officer, Industrial Medicine Department, a member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work in place of the late Dr KIEFFER, member, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 1 April 1985;
- on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr J.G. RUSSELL, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of Mr L. WOOD, alternate member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 16 September 1983.

The Council also appointed:

- on a proposal from the German Government, Regierungsdirektor, Dr Otto SCHULZ, Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Sozialordnung, a member of the Committee of the European Social Fund in place of Dr Rudolf MILLER, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 23 May 1985;
- on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr R.H. NIBLETT, Department of Employment, Overseas Division, a member of the Committee of the European Social Fund in place of Mr F.A. NIVEN, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 23 May 1985.

Finally, the Council appointed:

- on a proposal from the German Government, Abteilungsleiter beim Vorstand der IG Metall, a member of the Economic and Social Committee in place of Mr K.-H. FRIEDRICHS, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 20 September 1986;
 - on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr Michael C. SWIFT, MC, formerly Secretary General, British Bankers' Association, a member of the Economic and Social Committee in place of Mr W.G.N. MILLER, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 20 September 1986.
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872nd meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 26 and 27 September 1983

President: Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

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

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS
State Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean RIES, Director,
Ministry for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Water Control
and Forests

Netherlands:

Mr G. BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSAGER
Member

ADJUSTMENT OF THE "ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE" IN THE CASE OF MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS

Continuing its discussions on the adjustment of the "acquis communautaire" in the case of Mediterranean products, the Council examined in detail a compromise proposal from the Presidency on the major problems still facing the fruit and vegetables sector and the olive oil sector.

In conclusion the Council, having noted that major progress had been achieved and considering that the compromise proposal from the Presidency constituted a sound basis for discussion, agreed to resume examination of the whole question at its next meeting on 17 and 18 October in the light of its latest talks. The Presidency would endeavour to identify certain additional factors likely to enable an overall solution to be reached as soon as possible.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRIED GRAPES AND DRIED FIGS FOR THE 1983/1984 MARKETING YEAR

The Council resumed its examination of the general rules governing production aid arrangements for dried grapes and dried figs for the 1983/1984 marketing year.

At the close of its discussions, which were devoted chiefly to an examination of various solutions likely to enable transitional measures to be adopted pending final arrangements, the Council agreed, in the absence of an agreement at this stage of the discussions, to resume examination of the whole issue at its next meeting.

AMENDMENT OF THE COMMUNITY LIST OF LESS-FAVOURED FARMING AREAS

The Council examined three proposals for Directives concerning amendments to the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC for Italy, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

Following its discussions, the Council instructed the Special Committee for Agriculture to expedite the technical examination of these proposals and report back at the next Council meeting, so that a decision could be taken.

JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMMES FOR CO-ORDINATING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

The Council resumed examination of the proposal for a Decision advocating the implementation at Community level of a series of co-ordinated activities and joint projects on agricultural research to be carried out over the period from 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1988.

At the close of its discussions the Council noted that there were still some differences of opinion on the amount to be earmarked for this five-year programme and agreed to resume examination of the issue at one of its forthcoming meetings.

STRUCTURES - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL DECISIONS OF 16 AND
17 MAY 1983

In accordance with the decisions taken at its meeting on 16 and 17 May 1983 concerning the fixing of agricultural prices for the 1983/1984 marketing year, and without prejudice to the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council took a favourable line on four proposals for Regulations:

- = on the development of agricultural advisory services in Greece;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1054/81 establishing a common measure for the development of beef cattle production in Ireland and Northern Ireland;
- = introducing a common measure for the acceleration of collective irrigation works in Greece;
- = establishing a special emergency measure to assist stock farming in Italy,

provided that the Regulations were all formally adopted at the same time, as soon as the Opinion of the European Parliament had been received and after finalization of the texts in the official languages of the Communities.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

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

- the Decision amending Decision 78/476/EEC on the equivalence of checks on practices for the maintenance of varieties carried out in third countries
- the Regulations
 - = derogating from the application of certain provisions relating to the adjustment of free-at-frontier values of certain cheeses;
 - = opening a Community tariff quota for high quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = opening a Community tariff quota for frozen buffalo meat falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) 4 bb) 33 of the Common Customs Tariff.

Relations with the ACP States

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending the arrangements applicable to trade between Greece and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States.

Moreover, 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 extending the period of validity of the provisional arrangements applicable to trade between Greece and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States for products covered by that Community.

Processing under customs control

The Council adopted the Regulation on arrangements permitting goods to be processed under customs control before being put into free circulation. These arrangements complete the package of Community customs regulations of an economic nature. They make it possible to process in the Community, under customs control, goods from third countries and to pay customs duties not on those goods but on the products resulting from the processing. These arrangements are therefore economically beneficial when the amount of customs duties on a processed product is less than that on the goods from third countries. The aim is to attract to the Community a number of economic activities which, under a strict application of the Common Customs Tariff, might be forced out of the Community and into third countries.

Commodities

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the notification of the provisional application by the European Economic Community and its Member States, as importing members, of the International Coffee Agreement 1983, as soon as it enters into force.

Relations with the Mediterranean countries

The Council recorded its agreement to the draft Decisions of the EEC-Cyprus and EEC-Malta Association Councils and to the draft Decision of the EEC-Israel Co-operation Council again amending Articles 6 and 17 of the Protocol concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation.

Budget questions

The Council drew up a letter of amendment to draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for 1983 (final figures corresponding to the exchange rates at 1 August 1983 and covering the VAT balances for 1982 and the corrections to the balances for 1979, 1980 and 1981) and agreed to forward this letter of amendment to the European Parliament in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation.

Environment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on limit values and quality objectives for cadmium discharges (see Press Release 7626/83 (Presse 107) of 16/17.6.1983, p. 4).

ECSC

The Council was consulted pursuant to Article 50(2) of the ECSC Treaty concerning a Commission draft general ECSC Decision amending Decision No 2-52 of 23 December 1952 determining the mode of assessment and collection of the levies referred to in Articles 49 and 50 of the ECSC Treaty.

Appointments

The Council, at the proposal of the United Kingdom Government, appointed Mr W.G. ASHLEY, Social Affairs Directorate, Confederation of British Industry, as a member and Miss J.L. KINCEY, Social Affairs Directorate, Confederation of British Industry, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security of Migrant Workers, to replace Mr H.M.L. MORTON, member who has resigned, and Mrs J.R. HARRISON, alternate member who has resigned for the remainder of their terms of office, i.e. until 20 September 1984.

The Council also, at the proposal of the Netherlands Government, appointed Dr J.M. BRONNEMAN, Ministerie van Financiën, as a member of the European Social Fund Committee, to replace Mr P. HOOGLAND, member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 23 May 1985.

Finally, the Council, at the proposal of the German Government, appointed Herr Ministerialdirigent Dr Alfred HARDENACKE, Unterabteilungsleiter im Bundesministerium für Bildung und Wissenschaft, as a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training to replace Mr H. LEMKE, member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 19 April 1985.

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873rd meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 3 and 4 October 1983

President: Mr Constantinos SIMITIS,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE Minister for Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Wolfgang von GELDERN Parliamentary State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS Minister for Agriculture
Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Guy LENGAGNE State Secretary,
Ministry of the Sea

Ireland:

Mr Patrick O'TOOLE Minister for Fisheries
Mr Michael D'ARCY Minister of State,
Department of Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Gianuario CARTA Minister for Merchant Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean WELTER Deputy Permanent Representative a.i.

Netherlands:

Mr G.J.M. BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John MacGREGOR

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Lord GRAY

Minister of State at
the Scottish Office

Commission:

Mr Georges CONTOGEOORGIS

Member

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

TACs AND QUOTAS

The Council resumed discussion of the whole set of Commission proposals on the common fisheries policy for 1983. In this connection the Council had before it a new Commission proposal which included suggestions regarding the distribution of the possibilities for herring fishing in the North Sea.

Despite a considerable effort to find an overall compromise solution, the Council was as yet unable to reach agreement. It therefore agreed to return to the question on 19 October (10.00) with a view to reaching final agreement.

NORWAY

The Council adopted a Regulation laying down for 1983 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway. Adoption of this Regulation will in particular allow Norway to fish for herring for the remainder of the quota.

TECHNICAL CONSERVATION MEASURES

The Council adopted the technical conservation measures amending Regulation (EEC) No 171/83 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources.

STRUCTURAL MEASURES

The Council adopted:

- a Regulation on modernization and development of the fishing industry. This Regulation introduces a common measure to restructure, modernize and develop certain fishing fleets and to develop aquaculture;
- a Directive on certain measures to adjust capacity in the fisheries sector. This Directive assists the adjustment of the new catch possibilities. It allows Member States to introduce a system of financial and for measures relating to the temporary or permanent reduction of production capacity;
- a Regulation on measures to encourage exploratory fishing and co-operation through joint ventures in the fishing sector. This Regulation is intended to help ensure that the market is better supplied or that better use is made of the fishing capacity made available by the restriction of catch possibilities.

FISHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND THE COMMUNITY

The Council recorded its agreement in principle on the content of the Agreement on tuna fishing pending the decision it will take once the European Parliament has delivered its Opinion.

The Council also decided that this Agreement should be applied provisionally so that Member States fishermen could start fishing for time in the waters concerned immediately.

FISHERY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES

The Council noted a Commission statement on the progress of negotiations between the Community and Senegal, Canada and Seychelles respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade policy

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

- imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on certain imports of outboard motors originating in Japan and terminating the anti-dumping proceeding with regard to other imports of outboard motors originating in Japan;
- imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of copper sulphate originating in Czechoslovakia and the USSR;
- establishing ceilings and Community surveillance of imports of certain textile products originating in Cyprus (1983).

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, under the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty, to financing for the installation by the Compagnie Française des Aciers Spéciaux of a new axle forge at the Usine des Dunes (Dunkirk).

Appointments

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr N.G.C. van DONK a member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers in place of Mr J.C.M. van NIJNANTEN, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 20 September 1984.

On a proposal from the German Government, the Council also appointed Mr Mathias NÖTHLICH, Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Sozialordnung, a member and Mr Gerhard VETTER, Deutsche Angestellten Gewerkschaft, Bundesvorstand, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work in place, respectively, of Mr A. KLIESCH, member, who has resigned, and Mr H. GAERTNER, alternate member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 1 April 1985.

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874th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 17 and 18 October 1983

President: Mr Grigoris VARFIS,
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS

Minister for External Relations

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER

State Secretary for European Affairs
and for Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Otto MØLLER

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER

State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

GREECE :

Mr Grigoris VARFIS

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

FRANCE :

Mr André CHANDERNAGOR

Minister responsible for European
Affairs to the Minister for
External Relations

IRELAND:

Mr James O'KEEFE

Minister of State at the
Department of Foreign Affairs

Mr Michael MOYNIHAN

Minister of State at the Department
of Commerce, Trade and Tourism

ITALY :

Mr Mario FIORET

State Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Giovanni PRANDINI

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Trade

Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCH

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN

Minister for External Trade

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Malcolm RIFKIND

Minister of State,
Department of Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

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RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES - SPECIALTY STEEL - CONCLUSIONS
OF THE COUNCIL

The Council took note of the Commission's report on the GATT Art.XIX negotiations that had taken place between the European Communities and the United States concerning compensation for the United States Specialty Steel import relief measures of 20 July.

It noted that while, after two and a half months, there had been some limited progress in the most recent round of consultations under Article XIX of GATT on 5/6 October, the US attitude to a compensation offer was still incomplete (not covering products subject to quotas) and highly unsatisfactory for the products subject to tariff increases.

The Council insisted that negotiations on compensation for products subject to quota should also be engaged before the GATT Article XIX consultation period expires.

The Council attached great importance to:

- the quotas imposed being administered by the US in a manner which takes full account of the needs and interests of all Community exporters;
- exemptions being admitted by the US authorities for a number of specialty steel products.

The Council urged the Commission to make every effort to reach satisfactory conclusions on these points before the imposition of definitive measures.

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EC/JAPAN RELATIONS - COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

The Council had an extensive debate on the important problem of relations with Japan, aspects of which continued to be unsatisfactory and disturbing.

The Council first took note of the report presented by the Commission.

The Council then expressed its grave concern over the continuing deterioration in trade trends between the Community and Japan. It noted that the government of Japan had taken various additional measures to reduce or eliminate some of the existing visible trade barriers, and had taken certain steps designed to bring Japanese standards and certification systems into greater conformity with those accepted internationally. However, the Council was not convinced that such measures were, by themselves, likely to prove of early, tangible and significant benefit to community exporters. Measures which could result in a massive and visible increase of manufactured imports into Japan had not materialized.

The Council therefore decided as follows

- that vigorous efforts should be pursued to persuade the Japanese authorities, in continuation of their market opening measures, to take more fully into account the specific requests made by the Community in November 1982 and subsequently;
- that the government of Japan should be requested to adopt policies and strategies which would lead to a substantial shift in favour of buying manufactured and processed products from abroad;

- that further encouragement should be provided to Community enterprises to intensify their efforts in selling to and investing in Japan.

The Council also took note of the Commission's intention to enter into discussions with the Japanese authorities regarding the effective moderation of Japanese exports of sensitive products to the Community in 1984.

The Council was also informed of the Commission's intention to renew and, should this be necessary, to modify the coverage of the present system of statistical surveillance of imports of sensitive products from Japan.

The Council noted the Commission's readiness to use, whenever justified, the procedure laid down in Community Regulation 288/82.

The majority of delegations endorsed in principle the Commission's proposal to increase the tariff on digital audiodisc (DAD) pursuant to GATT article XXVIII.

The Council took particular note of the action so far initiated under article XXIII (2) of the GATT, pursuant to the Council's decision of 13 December 1982, and decided to revert to consideration of that matter at a future session in the light of current and future developments in Japanese trade policy.

The Council, expressing its interest in balanced industrial co-operation with Japan, instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to pursue its examination of the matter.

The Council invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to report back on the Commission's proposal for a mutually advantageous framework agreement between the Community and Japan on scientific and technical co-operation.

Finally the Council reiterated its earlier conclusion that the yen should better reflect the fundamental strength of the Japanese economy.

STEEL - 1984 EXTERNAL ASPECTS

The Council heard a statement from Vice-President DAVIGNON introducing the Commission communication on the external aspect of the anti-crisis measures in the steel sector in 1984 and held a policy debate on the matter.

The Council concluded by instructing the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussion of the question in the light of the day's discussions and the positions which some delegations stated they would make known later. It asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to plan discussions so that the Council could approve the external aspect by its November meeting at the latest.

SPANISH ACCESSION

The Council prepared the ground for the 17th Ministerial meeting of the Conference on the accession of Spain to the European Communities, which was held on 17 October 1983 in the late afternoon. The Spanish delegation was led by Mr Fernando MORAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council examined certain aspects of the social affairs chapter in preparation for the next ministerial round of the accession negotiations with Portugal, scheduled to take place during the course of the Foreign Affairs Council meeting on 28 and 29 November 1983.

RELATIONS WITH MALTA

The Council gave its agreement to the Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate with Malta a new Financial Protocol between the European Economic Community and Malta, the current Financial Protocol being due to expire on 31 October 1983.

EEC-CYPRUS RELATIONS

The Council prepared the position to be adopted by the Community at the 9th meeting at Ministerial level of the EEC - CYPRUS Association Council, which was held late in the afternoon of 17 October 1983.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

The Council noted that since the contacts between the French delegation and the Commission had reached a successful conclusion, that delegation had withdrawn its referral to the Council of a Decision of the Commission of the European Communities on the granting of financial support for demonstration projects relating to the liquifaction and gasification of solid fuels.

NEWSPRINT: 1983 TARIFF QUOTA

The Council held an exchange of views on the requests by several delegations for an increase in the 1983 tariff quota for newsprint.

The Council closed this exchange by asking the Commission consult forthwith both Community newsprint producers with stocks still available and potential consumers, and in the light of its findings to submit a proposal for a possible extra tariff quota so that the Permanent Representatives Committee could prepare a decision on the matter without further discussion by the Council.

FOOD AID - APPLICATION OF THE FRAMEWORK REGULATION

The Council raised the question of the application of Article 4 of the framework Regulation on food aid in connection with the Commission's submission of its proposal for setting overall quantities.

The Council agreed to return to the matter at its meeting in November.

EUROPEAN FOUNDATION

The Council briefly discussed the as yet unresolved matter of concluding a Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Foundation.

It requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to seek a swift solution to the problem so that the Agreement on the Foundation could enter into force.

SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET No 2/83

The Council gave its agreement to the text of a letter to the President of the European Parliament informing him of its decision not to modify the European Parliament's amendments to draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for the 1983 financial year.

The Council welcomed the speed with which the budgetary procedure had been concluded, since the President of the European Parliament would now be able to record the adoption of supplementary and amending budget No 2/83.

This supplementary budget makes provision for the following essential expenditure : Agriculture 1 761 MECU and "risk-sharing" (UK) 370 MECU.

FORECASTING AND ASSESSMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY 1983-1987 - FAST II

The Council adopted in the official language of the Communities a decision adopting a research programme for the European Economic Community on forecasting and assessment in science and technology (FAST) 1983-1987.

This FAST II (Forecasting and Assessment in Science and Technology) programme is based on the largely positive assessment of the results of the FAST I programme (1978-1983) and it is still the purpose of the programme to analyse the long-term implications of technological change for European society. Its aim is to abstract from this analysis guidelines and concrete proposals for the Community's science and technology policy, and to highlight the consequences of technological change for the Community's other policies.

The activities of the programme will concentrate on three main fields:

- new forms of growth for Europe (in particular possible contributions by new technologies to solving employment and work problems, and integrated development of renewable natural resource systems);
- transformation of service activities and technological change (problems and opportunities for Europe in this sphere of crucial long-term importance);
- new strategic industrial systems; analysis of the impact on the future of the people of Europe of, in particular, the communications industries (audiovisual, cable networks, telecommunications) and the agri-food industries.

To develop this research, the programme will have a team of twelve scientists, and a total budget of 8,5 MECU, ensuring by means of study contracts, the collaboration of the best forecasting and research teams in Europe.

The programme will also be supported by information and co-operation networks to be set up within Community and national administrations and the scientific circles concerned.

Finally, the programme will have as a special feature the collaboration of visiting fellows seconded to the Commission FAST unit for a period of time from their governmental or scientific institutions.

REFORM OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

The Council expressed its satisfaction at the positive conclusion of the conciliation procedure with the European Parliament and adopted the following texts on the new provisions of the European Social Fund ⁽¹⁾:

- Decision on the tasks of the European Social Fund;
- Regulation on the implementation of the Decision on the tasks of the European Social Fund;
- Decision on the rules of the Committee of the European Social Fund.

In adopting these texts, the Council was providing a tangible response to the wishes expressed by the European Council in Stuttgart to see the reform put into effect speedily, particularly as regards the promotion of youth employment.

It will be recalled that the agreement reached on 2 June 1983 included the following main points:

1. Aid from the Fund may be granted in the first instance to promote employment for young people under 25. The appropriations earmarked for this purpose will not be less than 75% of available appropriations.
2. Aid will also be available from the Fund for the unemployed, particularly the long-term unemployed, women wishing to go back to work, the disabled, migrant workers, those in small and medium-sized undertakings and vocational guidance and placement officers.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release 7350/83 (Presse 92) of 2.6.1983

3. 40% of the appropriations available for projects carried out under Member States' labour market policies - which account for the major part of the Fund's interventions - will go to projects to foster employment in Greenland, Greece, the FOD, Ireland, the Mezzogiorno and Northern Ireland. These regions will continue to be eligible for an additional 10% in the rate of aid.

The remaining appropriations will be concentrated on measures to promote employment in other areas of high long-term unemployment and/or industrial and sectoral restructuring.

4. The Council also provided that aid could be granted from the Fund for specific action to implement innovative projects and to examine the effectiveness of such projects. In this connection, the Commission confirmed its determination to continue to promote measures to reorganize and reduce working time.

A maximum of 5% of appropriations will be allocated to this type of action.

CONVENTION WITH THE UNRWA

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision concluding a Convention supplementing the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East.

This Convention is intended to replace, at the UNRWA's request, in 1983 as in 1982, within the framework of the 1981-1983 triennial Convention, part of what was initially envisaged in the way of food aid by a cash contribution (16 million ECU) to the Agency's financing of educational programmes for Palestinian refugees.

Trade policy and customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation terminating the anti-dumping proceedings concerning imports of unwrought nickel, not alloyed, in the form of cathodes produced by electrolysis, either uncut or cut into squares, originating in the Soviet Union.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for:

- raw silk (not thrown) falling within heading No 50.02 of the Common Customs Tariff (1984);
- yarn, entirely of silk, other than yarn of noil or other waste silk, not put up for retail sale, falling within heading No ex 50.04 of the Common Customs Tariff (1984);
- yarn, spun entirely from waste silk other than noil or other waste silk, not put up for retail sale, falling within subheading 50.05 A of the Common Customs Tariff (1984);
- ferro-silicon falling within subheading 73.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff (1984);
- ferro-silicon-manganese falling within subheading 73.02 D of the Common Customs Tariff (1984);
- ferro-chromium containing not more than 0,10% by weight of carbon and more than 30% but not more than 90% by weight of chromium (super-refined ferro-chromium), falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff (1984);
- certain hand-made products (1984);
- certain plywoods of coniferous species, falling within heading No ex 44.15 of the Common Customs Tariff (1984);
- resin, including "brais résineux", falling within subheading 38.08 A of the Common Customs Tariff (1984);
- certain handwoven fabrics, pile and chenille, falling within headings Nos ex 50.09, ex 55.07, ex 55.09 and ex 58.04 of the Common Customs Tariff (1984);
- wines of fresh grapes and grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol, falling within heading No 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating entirely in Greece (1984).

Relations with Algeria

The Council decided to sign, subject to approval, the Protocols of Adaptation to the EEC/ECSC - Algeria Co-operation Agreements consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities.

Own resources

The Council approved - as a common position - the text of a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC/EURATOM/ECSC) No 2892/77 implementing in respect of own resources accruing from value added tax the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Communities' own resources.

This text takes into account, inter alia, the need which has become apparent since the 1977 Regulation entered into force to adapt and supplement it on numerous points without waiting for definitive uniform arrangements to be adopted.

The common position thus approved will be forwarded to the European Parliament within the framework of the provisions on the conciliation procedure;

European Trade Union Institute

The Council took note of a Commission communication on the renewal of the Convention between the European Economic Community and the European Trade Union Institute as well as of the Commission's intention of continuing to grant a subsidy to the Institute's budget.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent:

- pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty in respect of:
 - = Mediocredito Lombardo, Milan, Italy
 - = Société Générale de Banque, Belgium
 - = Banque Bruxelles Lambert S.A., Belgium,
- pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, the co-financing of the conversion from oil or gas to coal firing in seven plants belonging to Dunlop Ltd.

Appointments

The Council adopted a decision appointing six members of the Court of Auditors. The following are appointed members of the Court of Auditors from 18 October 1983 to 17 October 1989 inclusive:

Mr Charles John CAREY,
Mr Lothar HAASE,
Mr Pierre LELONG,
Mr Marcel MART,
Mr A.J. MIDDELHOEK,
Mr Stergios VALLAS.

In addition, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Belgian Government appointed Mr A. VANDEN BROUCKE, President of the F.G.T.B., member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr G. DEBUNNE, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 20 September 1986.

Finally the Council appointed:

- following a proposal from the Danish Government, Mr Lars BARFOED, Dansk Arbejdsgiverforening, alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers to replace Mr J.T. PEDERSEN, alternate member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office of this Committee which runs until 20 September 1984;
- following a proposal from the Italian Government, H.E. Mr Giovanni FALCHI, member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers to replace Mr G.L. BERTINETTO, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 20 September 1984.

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875th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 17 and 18 October 1983

President: Mr Constantinos SIMITIS,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture
Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS
State Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD
Minister for Agriculture
Mr René SOUCHON
State Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI
Minister for Agriculture
Mr Giulio SANTARELLI
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Ernest MUHLEN
Minister for Agriculture
Viticulture, Water Control and
Forests

Netherlands:

Mr G. BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
Mr John MacGREGOR
Minister of State
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSAGER - Member

REFORM OF AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES

The Council heard a report from the Commission representative setting out the main aspects of the socio-structural measures intended to replace the Directives due to expire at the end of 1983.

These provisions, which will apply for a period of five years and cost \pm 6,5 ECU, are mainly concerned with measures to help farmers and improve farming, with the adaptation of the policy for less-favoured regions and areas and with the strengthening of measures relating to the improvement of processing and marketing conditions for farm products.

The Council requested the Special Committee on Agriculture to hold a thorough examination of the issue and report back as soon as possible.

CHANGES TO THE "ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE" FOR MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS

As part of an overall compromise solution, the Council agreed on basic questions relating to changes in the "acquis communautaire" for Mediterranean products as regards both fruit and vegetables and olive oil, subject to formal adoption of the relevant Regulations by the most appropriate procedure, following finalization of the texts in the official languages of the Communities.

The Council stated that this agreement would make it possible to open negotiations with the applicant countries. Its main features are set out below:

I. Olive oil

(a) Improvement of the management of the system

The Council takes note of the proposals submitted by the Commission for the improvement of the management and supervision of the olive oil production aid arrangements and agrees that a decision should be taken in good time for them to be implemented from the start of the 1984/1985 marketing year.

(b) Problems linked with the transitional period and the adoption of the acquis communautaire

The Council considers that the terms of reference for the negotiations with Spain and Portugal in relation to the transition period in the olive oil sector should include the following principles

- (i) the establishment of a long transitional period for olive oil, as provided for by the European Council of 23 March 1983;
- (ii) the establishment for the other vegetable oils and oilseeds of a long transitional period, within which provision would be made for a standstill period for the marketing arrangements now applied in Spain and Portugal.

The Council also believes that the Community measures for limiting the areas under olive trees should be applied in the same way by the applicant countries as quickly as possible.

Furthermore, the Council considers that a decision should be taken as soon as possible on the restructuring and conversion of areas under olive trees.

(c) Future organization of the market

The Council considers that, in the context of proposals which the Commission will be putting forward following the guidelines set out in its communication on changes to the Common Agricultural Policy and for an enlarged Community, particular attention will have to be paid to the olive oil sector, bearing in mind the following objectives:

- (i) the balance of the market in vegetable oils;
- (ii) the maintenance of producers' income;
- (iii) the need for a market organization that can be controlled from the administrative and financial points of view.

II. Fruit and vegetables

(a) Internal aspects

(i) Aids for the formation of producers' organizations

The arrangements currently in force concerning aid for the formation of producer organizations will remain in force until 1 July 1988, in parallel with the newly proposed system which provides for the granting of aid calculated at 5%, 5%, 4%, 3% and 2% of the value of production marketed by the producers' organization. After this date, the new system will be the only one applicable.

(ii) Extension of Statutory restraint to non-member producers

1. Representativity of producer organizations

From the start of application of the amended regulation, a producer organization is representative:

- (a) during the initial three years, when more than 50% of production and more than 50% of producers are part of the organization, unless at least 1/3 of the producers (associated or non-associated) express their opposition.
- (b) for the following years, in the circumstances when the application of this regulation is continued, when at least 2/3 of production and 2/3 of producers are part of the organization.

2. The Commission's power of control

The Council takes note that the Commission has revised its original proposal in order to provide that:

- (i) the extended rules may not undermine free trade;
- (ii) the marketing rules can only be extended after the Commission has given its agreement.

The Commission underlines that it has permanent power of control over the arrangement for extending the rules and will repeal the authorized extension as soon as it is established that the application of the arrangement is harmful to free trade or free competition.

3. Review of the validity of the system

Three years after the implementation of this decision concerning the extension of rules, the Commission will submit a report in order that a decision can be taken concerning its retention or abolition.

4. List of rules to be extended

The extension of statutory restraint also covers the rules on withdrawal from the market.

(iii) Identification of a serious crisis

In order to improve the mechanisms already in force for recording the state of a serious crisis, the Council agrees that Article 19a should be reinforced, extending its application to apricots, aubergines and tomatoes.

- The following two paragraphs are added to the Article:

"5. In so far as in a given Member State, the representative production markets do not allow any recording of price levels, the measures referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 can be decided upon on the basis of prices recorded at the wholesale level on the most representative markets.

6. The Commission decides, according to the procedure set out in Article 33, the application of modalities for the Article."

- Paragraph 4 of the Article should read as follows:

"4. The Commission may grant exemption from the obligation laid down in paragraph 2 to a producer Member State which applies for exemption provided that:

- in that Member State at least two-thirds of the national production of the product in question is marketed through producers' organizations; or that
- in that Member State the national production of the product in question is less than 8% of the average Community production of that product, it being understood that should a Member State so request, this percentage may be up to 12% for pears."

(iv) Extension of intervention beyond the current marketing year

Intervention beyond the current marketing year is prohibited except under abnormal circumstances, when a decision may be taken to extend intervention through the management committee procedure.

(b) External aspects

(i) Calculation of the reference price

The Council takes note that the Commission revises its original proposal by introducing, as a ceiling on the increase in reference prices, a new criterion which takes account of the producer prices recorded in each Member State

The reference prices calculated in this way must not lead to Community offer prices, applicable to products of Greek origin according to Article 75 of the Accession Treaty, being less favourable than those which would have been in force if this modification to the calculation of reference prices had not taken place.

(ii) Amendment of the method of calculating reference prices for citrus fruits

The Council takes note that the Commission proposes to modify the calculation of the reference price for oranges and small citrus fruit other than clementines so that the link created between the changes in basic prices and buying-in prices, in financial compensation and in reference prices can be established in value terms and no longer in percentage terms, recovering for citrus fruit the loss of Community preference which that link has produced for as long as it has existed.

In order that this recovery should not give rise to too sharp an increase in reference prices, the Commission proposes that it should be limited to 15%, spread evenly over two production years (1984/1985 and 1985/1986).

(iii) Calculation of the entry price

The Council requests the Commission to submit suitable proposals which will enable the Commission, in co-operation with national administrations, to monitor the correct application of certain rules concerning:

1. the recording of prices of imported products;
2. the application of common quality standards.

(iv) Extension of the list of products subject to the reference price

The Council takes note of a declaration by the Commission that it will extend reference prices to apply to apricots, artichokes, lettuces and endives.

(v) Import regime for flowers

The Commission declares that it will study this question and will submit a report with proposals concerning the import regime for certain flowers (roses and carnations) in good time for a decision before the start of the 1984/1985 marketing year.

III. Date of application of the internal and external aspects

The Council agreed that both the internal and external aspects should be applied as soon as the Community has submitted its declaration on accession negotiations on fruit and vegetables to the two applicant countries.

The Council takes note of a declaration by the Commission that it will keep the operation of this regime under close review, during the transitional period and in an enlarged Community, and make appropriate proposals where necessary. In particular, the Commission will submit a report, and if necessary proposals, concerning the special problem of early potatoes.

SYSTEM FOR DRIED GRAPES AND DRIED FIGS FOR THE 1983/1984 MARKETING YEAR

Continuing its examination of the dossier on the general rules for the system of production aid for dried grapes and dried figs for the 1983/1984 marketing year, the Council held a detailed discussion in the course of which it noted that difficulties remained regarding the Commission proposal.

However, in view of the urgency of reaching agreement on the matter, the Council felt that for 1983/1984, the compromise submitted by the Presidency could be adopted, on the understanding that in any event the Commission proposal would have to be reviewed for the following marketing year.

The Commission was asked to review the situation as rapidly as possible and, if necessary, to submit a proposal on the basis of the above declaration, possibly accompanied by a statement.

IMPORTATION OF NEW ZEALAND BUTTER INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Council studied a Commission communication submitting its proposal relating to the continuation of New Zealand butter imports into the United Kingdom under special conditions, which proposes in particular:

- to authorize the United Kingdom to import, over a period of five years starting on 1 January 1984, the following quantities of New Zealand butter:
 - = 83 000 tonnes for the calendar year 1984
 - = 81 000 tonnes for the calendar year 1985
 - = 79 000 tonnes for the calendar year 1986
 - = 77 000 tonnes for the calendar year 1987
 - = 75 000 tonnes for the calendar year 1988
- to give the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, the possibility of temporarily reducing the quantities laid down, in particular in the event of a substantial drop in the direct consumption of butter;
- to apply a special flat-rate import levy of 25% of the prevailing Community intervention price level for butter (= 87,28 ECU/100 kg), on the understanding that the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, will adjust the rate of the levy in line with modifications in the level of the Community intervention price for butter.

After a short discussion, the Council asked the Special Committee on Agriculture, in the light of that discussion, to carry out a technical study and to examine the effects of this proposal on, in particular, balance in the dairy sector and the Community's agricultural expenditure, and to report back to it in time for its next meeting on agricultural questions in November.

AMENDMENT OF THE COMMUNITY LIST OF LESS-FAVOURED FARMING AREAS

The Council continued its examination of three proposals for Directives for amendment of the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC in Italy, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

The Council asked the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue studying the consequences of adoption of those proposals and to report back in time for its next meeting.

FIXING FOR THE 1983/1984 MARKETING YEAR THE REPRESENTATIVE MARKET PRICE AND THRESHOLD PRICE FOR OLIVE OIL

The Council examined a proposal for a Regulation fixing the representative market price and the threshold price for olive oil for the 1983/1984 marketing year and the percentage of consumption aid to be retained during the same marketing year.

After a detailed discussion, the Council established that further examination of the technical aspects of this dossier was required. It therefore agreed to instruct a working party and then the Special Committee on Agriculture, to continue studying the technical aspects of the dossier, with the aim of enabling the Council to take a decision on the matter - if possible before 1 November - under the most appropriate procedure.

PRESERVATIVES AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN FOODSTUFFS INTENDED FOR
HUMAN CONSUMPTION

The Council continued its examination of an amended proposal amending Directive 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption, as regards:

- = Community authorization of potassium acid sulphite (E 228) in wine-making;
- = retrospective and indefinite extension beyond 1 July 1982 of the authorization to use thiabendazole (E 233) for the surface treatment of citrus fruit and bananas;
- = national authorization of the use of natamycin (E 235) for the surface treatment of sausages which need to be matured before marketing and Community authorization of the use of this substance for the surface treatment of the rind of certain hard and semi-hard cheeses.

Following these discussions, the Council noted that delegations tended to favour acceptance of the first two substances. The Danish delegation - for reasons of public health in particular - not having been able at this stage to endorse authorization for the use of natamycin, the Council agreed to pursue its examination of the file as a whole at its meeting in November 1983, with a view to reaching a decision on the matter.

JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND CO-ORDINATION PROGRAMMES FOR
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

The Council continued its examination of the proposal for a decision recommending the implementation at Community level of a series of co-ordinated activities and joint projects on agricultural research to be carried out during the period running from 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1988.

At the close of its discussions the Council noted that differences of opinion were still in evidence, particularly concerning the amount of the budget to be allocated to the programme. The Council accordingly agreed to carry over the discussion to the next meeting with a view to reaching a decision on the matter.

SUSPENSION OF THE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS

Under "Other buisness" the Council heard a statement from the Commission concerning the recent measure suspending the arrangements for advance payments for agricultural products and held a brief exchange of views.

OTHER STATEMENTS

The Council heard statements on the following questions:

- Problem of presenting the Community position at the plenary conference of FAO in Rome (beginning of November)
- State of progress of the Commission report on caseins (request from the German and Netherlands delegations).

The Council agreed to deal with the item on speeding up agricultural development in certain regions of Greece at its next meeting.

OTHER DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council took note of a Commission communication concerning the programme of measures to promote the use of fibre flax for the 1982/1983 and 1983/1984 marketing years.

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

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1430/82 providing for restrictions on the importation of hemp and hemp seed and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 in respect of hemp;
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 2958/82 laying down special measures in respect of olive oil producer organizations for the 1982/1983 marketing year;
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 2959/82 laying down general rules in respect of production aid for olive oil for the 1982/1983 marketing year.
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876th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 19 and 20 October 1983

President: Mr Constantinos SIMITIS,

Minister for Agriculture
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European
 Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE Minister for Fisheries

Germany:

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

Mr Wolfgang von GELDERN Parliamentary State Secretary,
 Federal Ministry of Food,
 Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Constancinos SIMITIS Minister for Agriculture

Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS State Secretary,
 Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Guy LENGAGNE State Secretary,
 Ministry of the Sea

Ireland:

Mr Patrick O'TOOLE Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean WELTER Deputy Permanent Representative a.i.

Netherlands:

Mr G.J.M. BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John MacGREGOR

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Lord GRAY

Minister of State at
the Scottish Office

Commission:

Mr Georges CONTOGEORGIS

Member

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

The Council continued its examination of the whole set of Commission proposals on TACs and QUOTAS for 1983, with particular reference to the allocation of herring fishing possibilities in the North Sea.

Following a discussion in depth, the Council found that it was still unable to reach agreement. It agreed to return to the question on 14 December 1983.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agricultural decisions

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

- = on the development of agricultural advisory services in Greece;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1054/81 establishing a common measure for the development of beef cattle production in Ireland and Northern Ireland;
- = introducing a common measure for the acceleration of collective irrigation works in Greece;
- = establishing a special emergency measure to assist stock farming in Italy.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation concerning the import system applicable to certain non-member countries in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector during the first quarter of 1984.

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877th meeting of the Council

- Economics/Finance -

Luxembourg, 24 October 1983

President: Mr Gerasimos ARSENIS,
Minister for Economic Affairs
of the Hellenic Republic

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 Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Gerasimos ARSENIS
Minister for Economic Affairs

France:

Mr Jacques DELORS
Minister for Economic Affairs
and Finance

Ireland:

Mr Allan DUKES
Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA
Minister of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING
Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON
Chancellor of the Exchequer

For the Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI
Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

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The following also attended the meeting:

Mr Georges ZIGOYANNIS
Chairman of the Economic and Financial
Policy Co-ordinating Group

Mr Michael CAMDESSUS
Chairman of the Monetary Committee

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ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council heard a report from Mr ORTOLI, Vice-President, introducing the proposed annual economic report and economic policy guidelines for 1984. The Council held an initial exchange of views on the matter.

It decided to forward the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee for their Opinions.

The Council will discuss this proposal again at its December meeting in the light of the Opinions it receives.

INTEREST SUBSIDIES FOR CERTAIN LOANS GRANTED UNDER THE EMS

The Council held a preliminary exchange of views on the Commission proposal to extend for two years the interest subsidies granted to Italy and Ireland for loans under the EMS.

Following its discussion the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the Commission proposal in the light of that day's discussion and to report in due course once it had received the Opinion of the European Parliament.

ITEMS LIKELY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN ATHENS

As part of its preparations for the European Council in Athens, the Council examined

- the dossier on insurance other than life assurance,
- other economic and monetary items likely to be submitted to the European Council in Athens, viz. inter alia the following items put forward by the Commission: promotion of the role of the ECU, strengthening of the EMS, creation of a Community financial market. It heard a report from the Chairman of the Monetary Committee on these questions.

The Council agreed to report on its discussions to the Special Council on 9 to 12 November and to continue examining these dossiers at its meeting on 14 November.

FOLLOW-UP TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IMF

The Council heard a report from the Chairman of the Monetary Committee on the work carried out by that Committee as regards the follow-up to the annual meeting of the IMF with respect to improving world monetary co-operation and the schedule for work in this connection.

The Council noted the impact the position adopted by the Community Ten had made both in the Interim Committee and in the plenary meeting of the IMF and asked the Monetary Committee to press on with its work in this area and to report back to it regularly.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations again amending Articles 6 and 17 of the Protocols on the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation to the Agreements between the European Economic Community and:

- the Arab Republic of Egypt,
- the Lebanese Republic,
- Cyprus.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a first series of Regulations on Community tariff quotas for products originating in various Mediterranean countries (1984):

- Israel: apricot pulp
- Morocco, Tunisia: apricot pulp
- Tunisia: certain wines having a registered designation of origin (entry into force: 1 November 1983)
- Yugoslavia: "Slivovica" plum spirit, "Prilep" tobacco
- Cyprus: dried grapes, sweet peppers, salad beet roots, wine of fresh grapes, liqueur wines
- Spain: dried figs, dried grapes.

Finally the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 191/80 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of lithium hydroxide originating in the United States of America and the Soviet Union.

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878th Council meeting

- Research -

Luxembourg, 26 October 1983

President: Mr Georgios LIANIS,
Minister for Research
and Technology of
the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Philippe MAYSTADT
Minister for Scientific
Policy

Denmark:

Mr Bertel HAARDER
Minister for Education
Mr Flemming VOLDBY
State Secretary,
Ministry for Education

Germany:

Mr H-H. HAUNSCHILD
State Secretary, Federal
Ministry of Research and
Technology

Greece:

Mr Georgios LIANIS
Minister for Research and
Technology

France

Mr Jean AUROUX
State Secretary
responsible for Energy

Ireland:

Mr Andrew O'ROURKE
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Luigi GRANELLI
Minister for the
Co-ordination of Scientific
and Technical Research
Mr Francesco FORTE
Minister for the Co-ordination
of Community Policies

Luxembourg:

Mr Josy BARTHEL
Minister for Energy

Netherlands:

Mr G. Van AARDENNE
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr David TRIPPIER
Under-Secretary of State
Department of Trade and Industry

For the Commission:

Mr Etienne DAVIGNON
Vice-President

FIRST R & D PROGRAMME ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - ESPRIT

Following the European Council meeting in Stuttgart, which expressed its political support at the highest level for the ESPRIT programme, for its European significance and for the high priority attaching to its completion, the special Council responsible for preparing for the European Council meeting in Athens issued a brief, at its October meeting, to the Research Council to prepare a decision on this important programme.

The Council accordingly examined in detail certain outstanding key questions concerning the implementation of the programme, namely the overall budget considered necessary for the five-year period, the staffing level required for proper execution and certain programme-management details such as the role of the Consultative Committee.

Concluding its discussion, the Council agreed to continue its consideration of this matter and of the other items on the agenda on 5 November next.

SECOND STAGE OF THE BIOMOLECULAR ENGINEERING R & D PROGRAMME

The Council adopted the decision on the second stage (January 1984 to March 1986) of the multiannual research and training programme for the European Economic Community in the field of biomolecular engineering.

This decision follows that of 1981 on a first stage (with 8 MECU and a staff of 3) which was completed extremely successfully, 169 applications being made in response to the invitation to tender. Because of the limited funds available only 51 projects could be taken up. Of the other 118 applications, many were of excellent scientific quality.

The second stage of the programme will have a budget of 7 MECU and an increase of two in the staff. The scientific specifications and characteristics of the programme are set out in the Annex.

It should be noted that this programme will later be incorporated in the biotechnology action plan proposed by the Commission.

1. Research actions

- 1.1. Development of second generation bioreactors (multienzymatic, multiphase or requiring a co-factor) for detoxification and for industrial applications including agro-food applications.
Research activities are also included in this sector focusing upon:
 - the study of the physiology and the stability of cell populations, including genetically manipulated cells, in relation with whole cell immobilization;
 - the analysis of enzyme inactivation and the preservation of activity in immobilized systems (particularly under non-physiological conditions characteristic of high-salinity, non-aqueous, high-temperature and extreme pH environments).
- 1.2. Improved production, by means of biomolecular engineering methods, of substances for:
 - animal husbandry (particularly vaccines and hormones),
 - agro-food industries.
- 1.3. Upgrading of plant products, particularly ligno-cellulose, by means of biomolecular engineering methods.
- 1.4. Improvement, by means of genetic engineering, of plants and micro-organisms which play an important role in agriculture.
Research activities in this sector are to include:
 - the characterization of the structure and the expression of microbial and plant genomes, including organelles of DNA and plasmid DNA,
 - the study of the molecular mechanisms of interactions between plants and symbiotic micro-organisms and the improvement by genetic engineering of these symbiotic relations,
 - the development of methods for the identification, transfer and expression of new genetic information in cultivated plant species,
 - the control of regeneration and differentiation of plant cells and plant protoplasts into mature and fertile plants,
 - the use of biomolecular engineering for the early detection of genetic or pathogenic changes in plants.

- 1.5. Development of methods for detecting contamination and for the assessment of possible risks associated with applications of biomolecular engineering in agriculture and industry.

The financial resources for the execution of research actions shall not be lower than 80% of the total budget allocated to the second stage of the programme.

2. Training

- 2.1. Development of new reactors using immobilized multi-enzyme systems, including those requiring multi-phase environment and co-factor regeneration;
- 2.2. Development of bio-reactors for human detoxification;
- 2.3. The transfer of genes from diverse sources to the bacterium *Escherichia coli*, the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and other suitable organisms;
- 2.4. Development of cloning systems;
- 2.5. Gene transfer in micro-organisms and in plants important to agriculture;
- 2.6. Improvement of methods for detecting contamination and for the assessment of possible risks associated with applications of biomolecular engineering in agriculture and industry.

The financial resources for the execution of this training action shall not exceed 20% of the total budget allocated to the second stage of the programme.

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879th Council meeting

- Internal Market -

Luxembourg, 26 October 1983

President: Mr Georgios MORAITIS,
Minister for Trade
of the Hellenic Republic

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PLAN FOR THE TRANSNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUPPORTING
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The Council signified its agreement to a Decision concerning a three-year plan for the transnational development of the supporting infrastructure for innovation and technology transfer. This Decision, which is geared to improving the competitiveness of European products through better use of the possibilities offered by the common market, provides for a package of measures, designed to develop the trade in new technologies and their exploitation in the Community, in favour in particular of small and medium-sized undertakings.

These measures will help to:

- render existing organizations and services in this field more effective by facilitating their operations on, and their access to, the Community market;
- disseminate knowledge concerning the commercial exploitation of technologies;
- contribute to the advance of methods used in this field by promoting concertation and the exchange of experience on the introduction of new methods in the Member States.

This action will concern the following sectors in particular: risk capital, local authorities as users of new products and associations of advisers on industrial information.

STANDARDIZATION

The Council held a policy debate on the approach envisaged by the Commission with regard to standardization.

Generally speaking, the points put forward were favourably received, action in this area being deemed essential to the strengthening of the common market and to improving the competitiveness of Community products, notably with regard to new technologies.

Examination of these points will continue with a view to elaborating specific measures, particularly with regard to improving the consultation and decision-making procedures relating to standardization.

The Commission will submit draft conclusions in this connection as part of the preparatory work for the European Council in Athens on 5 and 6 December.

ELIMINATION OF TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

- COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN THIRD COUNTRIES

The Council agreed, at the end of an exchange of views, that the technical proceedings on the directives on harmonization currently pending be resumed without delay so that they could be adopted as soon as possible.

NEW COMMERCIAL POLICY INSTRUMENT

The Council held an exchange of views on the key question of the decision-making machinery, on which the Commission had just made some compromise proposals. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue, on the basis of the Commission proposals, examining the matter with a view to elaborating a decision to be taken as early as possible.

INSURANCE AGAINST CIVIL LIABILITY IN RESPECT OF THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The Council began examining a proposal for a 2nd Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles.

The Council's discussion centred on three basic issues, viz.: the guarantee amounts; subsidiary or non-subsidiary nature of compensation paid by the guarantee fund and damage to property being subject to limitations or exclusions as regards payment of compensation from the guarantee fund.

Emphasizing the importance it attached to early adoption of this Directive, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to seek compromise solutions to the problems outstanding and to submit a report to it at the next meeting of the Internal Market Council.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF GOODS SENT FROM
ONE MEMBER STATE FOR TEMPORARY USE IN ONE OR MORE OTHER MEMBER STATES

The Council reached broad agreement on the basic principles governing the intra-Community movement arrangements. At the end of its discussion it instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to expedite its work on finalizing the arrangements, so that the relevant Regulation could be adopted at the earliest opportunity.

FACILITATION OF FORMALITIES AND INSPECTIONS IN RESPECT OF THE
CARRIAGE OF GOODS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES

The Council signified its agreement to the Directive on the facilitation of formalities and inspections in respect of the carriage of goods between Member States, although one delegation's agreement was subject to confirmation.

The adoption of this Directive will constitute a significant step towards eliminating barriers to trade between Member States by improving the organization of the various inspections, thus leading in particular to a considerable reduction in the waiting time involved for transport operations.

Formal adoption of the Directive will take place after the texts have been finalized.

SINGLE DOCUMENT

The Council took note of a Commission report on progress with regard to harmonizing and reducing the volume of the data to be required in respect of intra-Community trade, with a view to simplifying the formalities at frontiers.

At the end of its discussion the Council agreed to set up an ad hoc Working Party of senior officials to examine the problems outstanding and report back as soon as possible.

DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS

The Council took note of the situation regarding the proposal for a Directive on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning liability for defective products.

At the end of its discussion the Council called upon the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue seeking solutions to the problems outstanding and to report back to it in the very near future, preferably at the next Council meeting on "consumers".

TEXTILE NAMES

The Council signified its agreement to a Directive which makes the necessary amendments, notably as regards terminology, to Directive 71/307/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to textile names.

Formal adoption will take place after finalization of the texts in the official languages of the Communities.

INVENTORY OF PENDING PROPOSALS

The Council took note of an inventory drawn up by the Commission concerning pending proposals in the internal market area.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Export credits

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision amending the Decision of 4 April 1978 on the application of certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits.

The aim of this Decision is to make applicable in the Community the new arrangement on guidelines for officially supported export credits which was recently negotiated within the framework of the OECD.

Cosmetic products

The Council adopted a Directive amending for the third time Directive 76/768/EEC relating to cosmetic products.

Under this Directive, Community legislation on cosmetic products is extended to cover ultra-violet filters which may be contained in cosmetic sunscreen products.

The Directive lays down the maximum authorized concentrations and other conditions and requirements for the use of these substances.

Customs question

The Council decided to sign, subject to ratification on behalf of the European Economic Community - at the same time as the Member States - the international Convention on the harmonization of frontier control of goods.

Directive on proprietary medicinal products

The Council adopted a new Directive and a Recommendation strengthening and supplementing several important aspects of Community rules on proprietary medicinal products. A summary of the characteristics of each proprietary product will henceforth be drawn up by the competent national authorities at the time of authorization to market it. Labelling will be improved in the interest of the patient. Co-ordination of national marketing authorizations is to be strengthened by improving the present procedure involving the Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products set up in 1975, notably by making that procedure more accessible to pharmaceutical firms and by encouraging the national authorities to take due account, when examining requests for authorization, of the authorization already issued in another Member State. To this end they will in particular have at their disposal a summary of the characteristics of the product and, if the product contains a new active substance, the critical evaluation report drawn up in the first Member State.

The Recommendation, which is the result of five years of work by government experts, provides an interpretation as regards the performance of the tests prescribed by Community regulations prior to the placing on the market of proprietary products, regarding toxicity tests, carcinogenesis, reproduction, pharmacokinetics and the criteria to be applied to medicinal products which combine several active substances. The Council felt, however, that the progress made was no more than a step towards eliminating obstacles to the free movement of proprietary medicinal products, and called upon the Commission to submit to it, no later than 4 years after the entry into force of the Directive, proposals to that effect, on which the Council would act within one year of receipt at latest.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive 65/269/EEC concerning the standardization of certain rules relating to authorizations for the carriage of goods by road between Member States and the first Council Directive of 23 July 1962 on the establishment of common rules for certain types of carriage of goods by road between Member States.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision concerning counter-measures in the field of international merchant shipping. This Decision relates to the establishment of consultations on the matter between the Member States and the Commission and the joint application, if necessary, of counter-measures.

Measuring instruments and methods of metrological control

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 71/316/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to common provisions for both measuring instruments and methods of metrological control.

This Directive takes into account experience acquired during the years since the entry into force of the 1971 Directive in the measuring instruments sector.

Agricultural Decisions

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

- abolishing the "accession" compensatory amount applicable to liqueur wines;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2194/81 laying down the general rules for the system of production aid for dried figs and dried grapes.