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1078th meeting of the Council  
- Internal Market/Consumer Protection -  
Brussels, 6 May 1986

Presidents: Mr W.F. van EEKELEN,  
State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
and  
Mr P.H. van ZEIL  
State Secretary,  
Ministry of Economic Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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

Belgium:

Mr Philippe MAYSTADT                    Minister for Economic Affairs  
Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER                State Secretary for European  
   Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Nils WILHJELM                        Minister for Industry

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT                        State Secretary,  
   Federal Ministry of Economic  
   Affairs

Greece:

Mr Elias LYMBEROPOULOS                Deputy Permanent Representative

Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES MIRA                    State Secretary for the European  
   Communities

France:

Mr Claude MARTIN                        Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Michael NOONAN                        Minister for Industry and  
   Commerce

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI                            Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Robert GOEBBELS                        State Secretary,  
   Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr P.H. van ZEIL

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Economic Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Victor MARTINS

State Secretary  
for European Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Alan CLARK

Minister for Trade

Mr Michael HOWARD

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Industry and Commerce

Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

Mr Grigoris VARFIS

Member

I N T E R N A L   M A R K E T

PROGRESS OF PROCEEDINGS ON THE WHITE PAPER

The Council summed up progress in completing the Internal Market. It noted in this connection that the Commission intended in the near future to submit a detailed report on what had been achieved and on future work in this area.

The President indicated the priority matters for discussion by the Internal Market Council before the end of the Netherlands Presidency. It was also made clear that the "rolling programme" for the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Belgian Presidencies would be drawn up before the end of June.

DIRECTIVE ON NOISE EMITTED BY EXCAVATORS

The Council noted that it had not been possible to reach agreement on this Directive owing to a reservation from the Danish delegation, and that the matter was therefore still pending.

ABOLITION OF CERTAIN POSTAL CHARGES FOR CUSTOMS PRESENTATION

The Council, with the agreement of one delegation subject to confirmation, approved the Regulation on the abolition of certain postal fees for customs presentation.

TELEVISION WITHOUT FRONTIERS

The Council heard the Commission representative introduce a proposal for a Directive on the co-ordination of certain laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning broadcasting activities. The aim of this Directive, as indicated in the 1984 Green Paper, is to create a market at Community level for the production and distribution of television programmes.

SIMPLIFICATION OF BORDER CONTROLS

The Council continued its examination of the proposals for a Directive and a Resolution on the gradual abolition of controls and formalities at borders. It noted that there were still difficulties owing to differing views on the scope of the Directive. However, points were made which could lead to a solution.

Following the discussion, the Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussion of this matter and report back at its next meeting.

RIGHT OF RESIDENCE

The Council continued its discussion of the proposal for a Council Directive on a right of residence for nationals of Member States in the territory of another Member State. On the basis of a compromise from the Presidency, the Council concentrated on two questions: the limited territorial scope of the Directive and the conditions for granting right of residence and the personal resources required in the case of students.

Following the discussion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examination of this matter on the basis of the Presidency's compromise and in the light of today's discussion.

C O N S U M E R   P R O T E C T I O N

A NEW IMPETUS FOR CONSUMER POLICY

In the light of the communication forwarded by the Commission on 4 August 1985, which is entitled "A new impetus for consumer protection policy" and contains new guidelines for consumer policy over the next few years, the Council recorded its agreement to a Resolution whereby it:

WELCOMES the submission of the Commission communication, its analysis of the main problems encountered in the past, and its presentation of the foundations and the objectives of the "New Impetus" programme, notably those concerned with providing consumers with a high level of safety and health protection and an increased ability to benefit from the Community market, both of which will constitute important steps on the road to a "People's Europe";

APPROVES the objective of taking greater account of consumers' interests in other Community policies, especially those concerned with completion of the internal market, in particular regarding improvements to the quality of products and services, and with agriculture, competition and transport, and invites the Commission to report to the Council on how it intends to achieve this objective;

INVITES the Commission, having regard to the work programme contained in its communication, to draw up and submit proposals, in order to enable the Council, where appropriate, to take decisions in due time and to take any necessary action within the period envisaged for the completion of the internal market;

CONSIDERS that, to that end and within the overall Community consumer policy objectives, proposals for legislation should focus on those areas where there is a Community dimension. Where there is a need for harmonization at Community-wide level, proposals for such harmonization should be identified with the spirit of the "New Approach" set out in the Council Resolution of 7 May 1985;

RECALLING the conclusions of the European Council of December 1985, underlines the importance of promoting alternative approaches to regulations whenever they offer effective means of significant progress;

ENDORSES the value of consumer education and information in protecting consumers' interests and enabling them to derive maximum benefit from the completion of the internal market;

NOTES that the Commission intends to ensure wide consultation of appropriate interests, particularly at the preparatory stage of its proposals.

#### INDICATION OF PRICES

- non-food products
- foodstuffs

The Council resumed examination of two proposals for Directives, one on the indication of the selling price and the unit price for non-food products and the other on the indication of prices of foodstuffs.

Most of the delegations agreed to continue discussions on the basis of the new compromise proposals submitted by the Commission, which particularly concern rules for exemption from the obligation to indicate the unit price for ranges of standardized products. Certain delegations did, however, stress the need to ensure that only ranges of products complying with the criteria of clarity and simplicity could be exempted from that obligation.

In conclusion, the Permanent Representatives Committee was requested to continue its discussion on the basis of the guidelines worked out by the Council.

#### CONSUMER CREDIT

The Council examined the priority provisions involved in the proposal for a Directive relating to the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning consumer credit.

Those provisions concern the effective annual rate of interest, the scope of the Directive and in particular any exclusions to be laid down, the conditions in which the right to repossession of goods may be exercised, the use of negotiable instruments and the joint liability of the supplier and creditor.

The Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussion in the light of the comments made with a view to reaching agreement, if possible on the whole draft Directive, at its next meeting planned for 24 June 1986.

#### FISHING FOR TUNA IN THE WATERS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

The Council adopted, by a qualified majority, two Regulations:

- fixing the number of vessels flying the flag of Portugal authorized to fish for albacore tuna in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Spain;
- fixing the number of vessels flying the flag of Spain authorized to fish for albacore tuna in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Portugal.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agriculture

Following the political agreement reached on 25 April 1986 in Luxembourg on the fixing of agricultural prices for the 1986/1987 marketing year, and on the adjustments to be made to the common organization of certain markets, the Council formally adopted - in certain cases by a qualified majority - the following Regulations concerning the various sectors:

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of intervention by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section
- on the fixing of prices for agricultural products and certain related measures as regards milk and milk products, beef and veal, dried fodder and fruit and vegetables

Milk and milk products

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products
- = fixing compensation for the definitive discontinuation of milk production
- = fixing the target price for milk and the intervention prices for butter, skimmed-milk powder and Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses for the 1986/1987 milk year
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 in respect of the co-responsibility levy on milk and milk products
- = fixing the threshold prices for certain milk products for the 1986/1987 milk year
- = establishing, for the period from 1 April 1986 to 31 March 1987, the Community reserve for the application of the levy referred to in Article 5c of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 in the milk and milk products sector
- = on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of butter held by the intervention agencies of other Member States

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 866/84 laying down special measures concerning the exclusion of milk products from inward processing arrangements and certain usual forms of handling
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 857/84 adopting general rules for the application of the levy referred to in Article 5c of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 in the milk and milk products sector
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 876/68 as regards the fixing of export refunds on certain milk products by tender

Beef and veal

- = fixing the guide price and the intervention price for adult bovine animals for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- = on the granting of a calf birth premium in Greece, Ireland, Italy and Northern Ireland and on the granting of an additional national premium in Italy
- = on the granting of a premium for the slaughter of certain adult bovine animals in the United Kingdom
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1199/82 on the granting of an additional premium for maintaining suckler cows in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Dried fodder

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1117/78 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder
- = fixing the flat-rate production aid and the guide price for dried fodder for the 1986/1987 marketing year

Fruit and vegetables

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables
- = fixing for the 1986/1987 marketing year certain prices and other amounts applicable in the fruit and vegetables sector
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/77 laying down special measures to encourage the marketing of products processed from lemons

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 5841/84 introducing a system of guarantee thresholds for certain processed fruit and vegetable products
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1678/85 fixing the conversion rates to be applied in agriculture.

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

- a Directive amending Directive 79/112/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer
- Regulations:
  - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 355/79 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of wines and grape musts
  - = laying down rules for the description of special wines with regard to the indication of alcoholic strength
  - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 3309/85 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of sparkling wines and aerated sparkling wines
  - = introducing a common measure for the encouragement of agriculture by improving the rearing of beef cattle in certain less-favoured areas of France (\*)
  - = introducing a common action for the encouragement of agriculture in certain less-favoured areas of Northern Italy (\*)
  - = introducing a common action for the encouragement of agriculture in the Scottish islands off the Northern and Western coasts with the exception of the Western Isles (Outer Hebrides) (\*)

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(\*) See Press release 5120/86 (Presse 21) of 24/25.II.86

Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- a Decision concerning the accession of the European Economic Community to the Agreement on the temporary importation, free of duty, of medical, surgical and laboratory equipment for use on free loan in hospitals and other medical institutions for purposes of diagnosis or treatment
- Regulations
  - = amending Regulations (EEC) No 3542/85, No 3543/85 and No 3544/85 on the opening, allocation and administration of contractual Community tariff quotas for certain fish and fillets of fish
  - = opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain cod and fillets of cod falling within subheadings ex 03.02 A I b) and 03.02 A II a) of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Norway.

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning an extension of the Protocol annexed to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea Bissau for a period of three months from 15 March 1986.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent

- to a memorandum from the Commission on the implementation and execution of an iron and steel research programme, with a view to obtaining financial aid under Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty;
- under Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty to the implementation and execution of a coal research programme (financial year 1986).

Appointment

The Council adopted a Decision appointing Mr RYAN as a Member of the Court of Auditors to replace Mr MURPHY, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 17 October 1987.

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PRESS RELEASE

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1079th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 12 and 13 May 1986

Presidents: Mr H. VAN DEN BROEK,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
and  
Mr W.F. VAN EEKELEN,  
State Secretary  
for Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI  
Mr Mario FIORET

Minister for Foreign Affairs  
State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques POOS

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. VAN DEN BROEK  
Mr W.F. VAN EEKELLEN  
Mr F. BOLKESTEIN

Minister for Foreign Affairs  
State Secretary for Foreign  
Affairs  
Minister for External Trade

Portugal:

Mr Victor MARTINS

State Secretary for European  
Integration

United Kingdom:

Mrs Lynda CHALKER

Minister of State, Foreign and  
Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN  
Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN  
Mr Claude CHEYSSON  
Mr Willy DE CLERCQ

Vice-President  
Vice-President  
Member  
Member

ACTION FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT AT CHERNOBYL

The Council discussed in detail the measures to be taken by the Community following the accident at Chernobyl.

As regards relations with third countries, the Council adopted a Regulation on the suspension of imports of certain agricultural products originating in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, the products being: (\*)

- Live animals:
  - = Horses, asses, mules and hinnies
  - = Sheep and goats
  - = Poultry
  - = Domestic rabbits and others
- Meat and edible meat offals
- Frogs' legs
- Freshwater fish and fish roes
- Crabs and freshwater crayfish and snails other than sea snails
- Milk and fresh dairy products
- Fresh vegetables (including potatoes)
- Fresh fruit.

The suspension is to apply as from the date of publication of the Regulation in the Official Journal - 13 May - until 31 May; the Commission is to submit by 20 May a report on developments in the situation together with any appropriate proposals.

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(\*) A similar suspension was decided by the Commission on 7 May for cattle, pigs and fresh meat.

The Regulation includes a clause whereby, subject to certain conditions, national import bans or suspensions already decided in respect of products or third countries not covered by the Regulation may be retained.

It also lays down a special procedure for the adoption of implementing rules, which may include in particular additions to or deletions from the list of products or countries.

On the measures to be taken internally in the Community, the Council approved the following statement:

"Until such time as agreed values based on available scientific data have been defined, the Member States undertake not to apply to agricultural products and foodstuffs coming from other Member States maximum permitted levels which are more restrictive than those applied in the case of national products.

The Member States acknowledge the checks being carried out by the exporting Member States to that end, and undertake not to impose specific requirements for imports.

They also undertake to send the Commission comprehensive data on radioactivity levels in their territories and on public health measures they are applying nationally.

The Council would ask the Commission to draft proposals as soon as possible, on the basis of the appropriate provisions of the Euratom Treaty, to supplement basic standards for public health protection, and also to propose to the Council a procedure for dealing with similar emergencies in the future."

The Ministers also considered what steps were to be envisaged in international fora, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna and organizations under the United Nations and within the framework of the Helsinki Final Act, in order to improve exchanges of information and international co-operation on transboundary pollution. In particular, Ministers wanted to work towards an international convention under IAEA auspices.

Lastly Ministers took steps to harmonize information for travellers concerning the areas affected.

MEDITERRANEAN POLICY OF THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY

The Council further discussed problems arising in the current negotiations with Mediterranean countries.

The Presidency stood by the compromise it had suggested at the last Council meeting as regards trade aspects.

The Council took note that the Commission would shortly be submitting proposals on detailed arrangements for economic and financial co-operation. It discussed the Commission proposals for the amendment of the arrangements applicable to the Canary Islands and also considered fisheries aspects.

The Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining these matters so that the Council could conclude its discussions at its June meeting.

MALTA: PREPARATION FOR THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING

The Council approved the position to be adopted by the Community at the 4th meeting, at ministerial level, of the EEC-Malta Association Council on the morning of Tuesday 13 May 1986.

RELATIONS WITH TURKEY

The Council took stock of relations with Turkey and agreed to discuss them again at its June meeting with a view to setting the date for the Association Council meeting due to be held in the autumn.

GATT - NEW ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

With the Preparatory Committee proceedings currently in progress at Geneva in mind, the Council discussed in detail the Community's overall approach based on the Council conclusions of March 1985. The Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Article 113 Committee to press on with proceedings in the light of its discussions with a view to completing them at its next meeting, in June.

FOLLOW-UP TO THE WESTERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN TOKYO

The Presidency and the Commission briefed the Council on discussions at the Western Economic Summit in Tokyo.

COMMUNITY BUDGET AND THE COMMUNITY'S OWN RESOURCES

At the request of the Greek and Italian delegations, the Council continued the discussion begun at its meeting on 21 April on the Community's budgetary financial situation. The Greek delegation took the opportunity to introduce its memorandum on strengthening economic and social cohesion in the Community.

DECLARATION AGAINST RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA

The Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, agreed to a draft Declaration against racism and xenophobia drawn up jointly with the European Parliament and the Commission. After approval by the three Institutions, the Declaration will be signed by the Presidents of the three Institutions in Strasbourg at the June part-session of the European Parliament and will be published.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Directive on noise

The Council adopted in the Communities' official languages the Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to noise at work.

The Directive's provisions include:

- reduction of the risks resulting from workers' exposure to noise to the lowest level reasonably practicable;
- where exposure exceeds 90 dB(A), introduction of a programme of measures to reduce it and, if this is not possible, use of ear protectors, which must, in addition, be made available to workers as from 85 dB(A);
- checks on workers' hearing to diagnose any hearing impairment by noise;
- application of the principle of reducing risk to the lowest possible level in the design, building and construction of new plant;
- consultation of workers' representatives.

Appointments

The Council adopted in the Communities' official languages the Decision appointing the Portuguese members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners until 10 October 1986, as follows:

A. Experts from the practising profession of dentistry

Member : Mr Manuel Clarimundo Emílio  
Alternate member: Mr João Fernando Costa Carvalho

B. Experts from the relevant faculties of the universities or comparable institutions

Member : Mr Armando Simões dos Santos  
Alternate Member: Mr Fernando José Brandão Martins Pires

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

Member : Mr Jorge Simões  
Alternate Member: Mr António Barbosa

The Council also adopted in the Communities' official languages the Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Nursing Training for a period of three years from the date of the Decision, as follows:

A. Experts from the practising profession

	Member	Alternate member
Belgium	Mr Geenen Ludo	Miss Delvaux Thérèse
Denmark	Mrs Wernberg-Møller Birthe	Mrs Bankov Lise
Germany	Mrs Weinrich Rosemarie	Mrs Müller Irene
Greece	Miss Papamikrouli Stavroula	Miss Papadantonaki Aspasia
France	Mrs Sarrouilhe Renée	Mrs Ferrua-Muyt Amélia
Ireland	Ms O'Dwyer Elizabeth	Mr N.F. Gallagher
Italy	Mrs Cosseta Angela Beatrice	Mrs Baronio Virginia
Luxembourg	Miss Birkel Monique	Mr Hinterscheid Henri
Netherlands	Mrs E. Kruihof	Mrs C. Baumann
Portugal	Mr Gramacno Marcolino Galhardo	Mr Azevedo José Correia
United Kingdom	Miss S. Quinn	Miss J. Jones

B. Experts from the establishments providing training in nursing

	Member	Alternate member
Belgium	Mrs Motte Liliane	Mrs Dervoigne Marthe
Denmark	Mrs Andersen Ida	Mrs Rohde Kirsten Vibeke
Germany	Mr Dielmann Gerd	Mrs Stocker Gertrud
Greece	Mrs Maria Malgarinou	Mrs O. Patsi
France	Miss Le Vigneur Danièle	Mrs Dreyer-Muller Nicole
Ireland	Mr Kennedy Thomas P.	Mr J. Mullen
Italy	Mrs d'Avella Odilia	Mrs Preiata Lucia
Luxembourg	Mr Gruneisen René	Miss Thill Josée
Netherlands	Mr W. Speets	Mrs C.A.M. Verbeek
Portugal	Mrs Soares Isabel	Mrs Maria de Lourdes Carvalho Salles Luís
United Kingdom	Mr J.J. Walsh	Miss Harris Gillian

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member State

	Member	Alternate member
Belgium	Mrs Simoens-Desmet	Mr Brusseleers Jan
Denmark	Mrs Madsen Inger Margrethe	Mrs Ravn Karenlene
Germany	Mr Kurtenbach Hermann	Mr Link Ekkehard
Greece	Mrs Matziafou-Kanellopoulou	Mrs Sariyannidou Elpida
France	Mr Didier-Courbin Philippe	Mrs Quivron Nicole
Ireland	Ms Keane Kathleen	Ms M. Deegan
Italy	Mrs Belli Vittoria	Mrs Filippetti Guiliana
Luxembourg	Mr Bosseler Guy	Mrs Mousty-Medinger Gisèle
Netherlands	Mrs C.J.M. Nieland	Mrs E.J. Dorma-Fokkens
Portugal	Fernandes Alda	Mrs Pereira Maria Terese Quintão
United Kingdom	Mrs P. Allen	Miss W.W. Thomson

Lastly the Council adopted in the Communities' official languages the Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training for a period of three years from the date of the Decision as follows:

A. Experts from the practising profession

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Belgium	Dr André Wynen	Dr Antoon Malfliet
Denmark	Prof Erik Holst	Jens Kristian Gøtrik
Germany	Dr Wolfgang Bechtoldt	Dr Heinz-Peter Brauer
Greece	Mr YANNAKIS Christos	Mr ALEXIOU Dimitrios
France	Dr Jacques MOULIN	Dr Jean GRAS
Ireland	Dr R. CARROLL	Dr S. HEALY
Luxembourg	Dr Henri METZ	Dr Guy MEISCH
Netherlands	Dr H.J. DOKTER	Prof H. LAMBERTS
United Kingdom	Mr Roger BREARLEY	Dr Alan ROWE

B. Experts from the medical faculties of the universities

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Belgium	Dr André CASTERMANS	Prof Jozuë VANDENBROUCKE
Denmark	Prof Johannes MELCHIOR	Prof Bent HARVALD
Germany	Prof Klaus HINRICHSSEN	Prof Richard Johannes MEISER
Greece	Mrs Ekatarini MOULOPOULOU- KARAKITSOU	Mr Evangelos GARELIS
France	Prof Jean REY	Prof François STREIFF
Ireland	Prof D.J. O'SULLIVAN	Prof C.F. MCCARTHY
Luxembourg	Dr Mario DICATO	Dr Arsène BETZ
Netherlands	Mr A.M. SMEETS	Mr H.G. BESSEM
United Kingdom	Prof George McNICOL	Dr John LISTER

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Belgium	Dr Pieter DE SCHOUWER	Mr Jan BRUSSELEERS
Denmark	Dr Hans KARLE	Dr Mogens KJAERGAARD HANSEN
Germany	Mrs Marilene SCHLEICHER	Mr Georg SCHOLZ
Greece	Dr Dimitrios SIDERIS	Mr Kostas SFANGOS
France	Prof Bertrand WEIL	Dr Lilly WEIBEL
Ireland	Prof P.N. MEENAN	Dr T.V. O'DWYER
Luxembourg	Dr J. KOHL	Dr Elisabeth HEISBOURG
Netherlands	Mr C.A.C.F. VAN DORP	Mr P.J.W.M. DE KROON
United Kingdom	Prof A.H. CRISP	Dr G. CROMPTON

Agriculture

Following the political agreement arrived at on 25 April 1986 in Luxembourg on the fixing of agricultural prices for 1986/1987 and on amendments to some common market organizations, the Council formally adopted - in some cases by a qualified majority - a second group of Regulations as follows:

Rice

- fixing rice prices for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- fixing the monthly price increases for paddy rice and husked rice for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice

Sugar

- fixing, for the 1986/1987 marketing year, certain sugar prices and the standard quality of beet
- fixing, for the 1986/1987 marketing year, the derived intervention prices for white sugar, the intervention price for raw sugar, the minimum prices for A and B beet, the threshold prices, the amount of compensation for storage costs and the prices to be applied in Spain and Portugal

Oils and fats

- fixing the production target price, the production aid and the intervention price for olive oil for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- fixing the monthly increases in the representative market price, the intervention price and the threshold price for olive oil for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the common organization of the market in oils and fats
- adjusting Articles 96 and 294 of the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal on application of the system of guarantees to colza, rape and sunflower seed produced in Spain and Portugal

- fixing the target prices and intervention prices for colza, rape and sunflower seed for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- fixing for the 1986/1987 marketing year the guaranteed maximum quantities for colza, rape and sunflower seed
- fixing for the 1986/1987 marketing year the monthly increases in the target and intervention prices for colza and rape seed and sunflower seed
- fixing the guide price for soya beans for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- fixing the minimum price for soya beans for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- fixing the guide price for flax seed for the 1986/1987 marketing year

Peas and field beans

- fixing, for the 1986/1987 marketing year, the activating price for aid, the guide price and the minimum price for peas, field beans and sweet lupins
- fixing, for the 1986/1987 marketing year, the monthly increases in the activating threshold price, the guide price and the minimum price for peas and field beans

Textile fibres

- fixing, for the 1986/1987 marketing year, the guide price for unginned cotton and the quantity of cotton for which aid may be granted in full
- fixing the minimum price for unginned cotton for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- fixing the amounts of aid for fibre flax and hemp and the amounts withheld to finance measures to promote the use of flax fibre for the 1986/1987 marketing year
- fixing the amount of aid in respect of silkworms for the 1986/1987 rearing year

Wine

- fixing the guide price for wine for the 1986/1987 marketing year

Seeds

- amending Regulations (EEC) No 1488/85 and No 465/86 fixing the amounts of aid granted for seeds

Sheepmeat

- fixing, for the 1987 marketing year, the basic and intervention prices for sheepmeat

Pigmeat, eggs and poultrymeat

- fixing the basic price and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period 1 August 1986 to 31 October 1987
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat
- amending Regulations (EEC) No 2759/75, No 2771/75 and No 2777/75 on the common organization of the markets in pigmeat, eggs and poultrymeat and Regulations (EEC) No 2764/75, No 2773/75 and No 2778/75 as regards a component for calculating the import levy.

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- Agriculture -

Brussels, 26 and 27 May 1986

President: Mr Gerrit BRAKS  
Minister for Agriculture  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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:

Ms Britta SCHALL HOLBERG

Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE

Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walter FLORIAN

State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS

Minister for Agriculture

Spain

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

France:

Mr François GUILLAUME

Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY

Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI

Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH

Minister for Agriculture and  
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture and  
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO

Minister for Agriculture

Mr Arlindo CUNHA

State Secretary  
for Agricultural Development

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Mr John GUMMER

Minister of State,  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

PLANT HEALTH AND FOODSTUFFS

The Council gave its agreement to a Directive prohibiting the use of ethylene oxide in plant-protection products on account of its toxicity.

However, the prohibition is subject to some provisional exemptions, valid until 31 December 1989, authorizing those Member States which want it to use the substance concerned for certain plant-protection treatments.

The Council also signified its agreement to the Directives on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on

- cereals intended for human consumption
- foodstuffs of animal origin.

These two Directives, which lay down a series of maximum levels for pesticide residues to be complied with Community-wide for the products concerned, represent a major extension of the arrangements introduced in this area by the Community under the Directive concerning maximum pesticide residue levels for fruit and vegetables, which has been in force since 1976. A large number of food products will henceforward come under these Community plant-health standards, which marks a major step forward at Community level as regards protection of human health and freedom of trade in the products concerned.

Formal adoption will take place once the texts have been finalized in the Community languages.

With regard to preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs, the Council was not yet able to adopt a Community solution authorizing the use of natamycin for the surface treatment of certain cheeses other than soft cheeses.

The Council therefore instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussing the matter.

#### BEEF AND VEAL IMPORTS

Following a discussion, the Council adopted, by a qualified majority, the Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota at a duty of 4%, covering the period from 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987, for

- 38 000 head of heifers and cows, other than those intended for slaughter of certain mountain breeds, falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II of the Common Customs Tariff;
- 5 000 head of bulls, cows and heifers, other than others intended for slaughter, of certain Alpine breeds, falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II of the Common Customs Tariff.

### PIGMEAT, EGGS AND POULTRY

The Council agreed to extend until 30 June 1986 the suspension of the MCAs for pigmeat, eggs and poultry as provided for in Regulation No 1245/86 of 25 April 1986.

Early in June, the Commission will submit its proposal on the definitive method of calculating MCAs which is to apply in future to these products.

### AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES

The Council took a favourable view of the proposals for Directives concerning:

- the extension of less-favoured farming areas in Germany;
- the determination of the less-favoured farming areas in Spain and Portugal;
- and the adaptation, consequent upon the accession of Spain, of a number of regulations on agricultural structures.

Formal adoption will take place upon receipt of the Opinion of the European Parliament, which has been urgently requested.

### CHERNOBYL

The Council held an exchange of views on the consequences of the Chernobyl accident, focussing on agricultural aspects with particular reference to its implications for farmers.

It expressed the wish that Community measures setting maximum contamination standards be taken before expiry of the measures now in force.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

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

- amending Directive 79/117/EEC prohibiting the placing on the market and use of plant protection products containing certain active substances. The purpose of the amendment is to enable the Commission indefinitely to apply the Standing Committee on Plant Health procedure for the adoption of certain amendments;
- amending Directive 66/403/EEC on the marketing of seed potatoes. The purpose of the amendment is to extend the period of validity of national equivalence;
- amending Directive 79/112/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer;

the Regulations

- on the refunds and levies applicable to exports of olive oil. This Regulation is designed to adapt the criteria for calculating export refunds to the needs of the enlarged Community;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1970/80 laying down general implementing rules for campaigns aimed at promoting the consumption of olive oil in the Community. The purpose of the amendment is to spread the programme of promotional measures over several marketing years in the interest of effectiveness;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 231/86 on the transfer of 300 000 tonnes of common wheat held by the United Kingdom intervention agency to Italy for disposal in animal feed. The amendment concerns the fixing of the minimum price;
- opening for 1986, as an autonomous measure a special import quota (6 000 tonnes) 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
- introducing a common measure for replanting and converting olive groves damaged by frost in 1985 in certain regions of the Community (see press release 5897/86 of the meeting from 24 to 28 March 1986).

Customs union

The Council adopted, in the official languages, the Regulations

- on the opening, allocation and administration of Community tariff quotas for
  - = concentrated pear juice falling within subheading ex 20.07 A II of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Austria
  - = table cherries, excluding Morello cherries, falling within subheading ex 08.07 C of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Switzerland
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1533/85 on the opening, allocating and administration of a Community tariff quota for certain eels falling within subheading ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for cod, dried, not salted, falling within subheading ex 03.02 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Norway
- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of agricultural products
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for
  - = certain oils and fats of marine animals falling within subheading ex 15.12 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Norway
  - = processing work in respect of certain textile products under Community outward-processing traffic
  - = sweet cherries, marinated in alcohol, falling within subheading ex 20.06 B I e) 2 bb) of the Common Customs Tariff
  - = certain eels falling within subheading ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff (1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987)

Relations with the United States

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 241/86 introducing quantitative restrictions on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America. The Regulation provides for adjustments - for coated paper - to the retaliation measures taken by the Community further to the restrictions imposed by the United States on imports of semi-finished steel products from the Community.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Directive amending, on account of the accession of Portugal, Directive 83/416/EEC concerning the authorization of scheduled inter-regional air services for the transport of passengers, mail and cargo between Member States.

Technical barriers

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

- on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to
  - = roll-over protective structures (ROPS) for certain construction plant
  - = falling-object protective structures (FOPS) for certain construction plant
- on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to tyre pressure gauges for motor vehicles
- on rear-mounted roll-over protection structures of narrow-track wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors
- on the power take-offs of wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors and their protection.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Greek Government, the Council appointed Mrs Sofia AVLONITOU as a member of the Committee of the European Social Fund in place of Mr A. BOUGAS, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 11 December 1987.

The Council also appointed Mr Antonio MINIUTTI as an alternate member of the Committee of the European Social Fund in place of Mr A. SERGI, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 11 December 1987.

Lastly, the Council appointed the members and alternate members for Portugal of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training until 11 May 1989, as follows:

A. Experts from the practising profession

Member : Mr Carlos Manuel Nunes Alves Pereira  
Alternate member: Mr Antonio Germano de Pires da Silva Real

B. Experts from the medical faculties of the universities

Member : Dr Mario Luis Mendes  
Alternate member: Dr Miguel Antonio Paiva Carneiro de Moura

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

Member : Mr José Manuel Santana Carlos  
Alternate member: Mrs Maria Helena Martins Alves.

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PRESS RELEASE

7246/86 (Presse 76)

1081st meeting of the Council  
and of the Ministers responsible for Health  
meeting within the Council

Brussels, 29 May 1986

President: Mr J.P. van der REIJDEN  
State Secretary  
for Public Health  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

29.V.86

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

Belgium:

Mrs W. DEMEESTER-DE MEYER State Secretary for Public Health

Denmark:

Mr Knud ENNGAARD Minister for the Interior

Germany:

Mr Manfred STEINBACH Director General,  
Federal Ministry of Health

Greece:

Mr Yannis FLOROS State Secretary for Health,  
Social Welfare and Social Security

Spain:

Mr Ernest LLUCH MARTIN Minister for Health

France:

Mrs M. BARZACH Minister attached to the Minister  
for Social Affairs, with  
responsibility for Health

IRELAND:

Mr Barry DESMOND Minister for Health

Italy:

Mr Costante DEGAN Minister for Health

LUXEMBOURG:

Mr Jean FEYDER Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr J.P. VAN DER REIJDEN

State Secretary for Public Health  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Portugal:

Mrs Leonor BELEZA

Minister for Health

United Kingdom:

Mr Barney HAYHOE

Minister for Health

Commission:

Mr Manuel MARIN

Vice-President

29.V.86

CANCER

The Council and the Ministers responsible for Health meeting within the Council approved a programme of action against cancer.

The programme, the importance of which was stressed by the European Council in Milan on 28 and 29 June 1985 and which is based on, inter alia, the conclusions of the ad hoc Committee of High-Level Experts on Cancer, concentrates on the following priority areas:

- limiting and reducing the use of tobacco (first priority),
- chemical substances,
- nutrition and alcohol,
- prevention and early diagnosis,
- epidemiological data,
- health education,
- treatment and follow-up and
- international co-operation.

The programme will last for five years and will be implemented by means of annual work programmes to be submitted by the Commission in close collaboration with the Member States.

## TOXICOLOGY

The Council and the Ministers responsible for Health meeting within the Council adopted a programme of action of the European Communities on toxicology for health protection.

The main objective of the programme is to contribute to the improvement of expertise, to ensure the quality and comparability of data and of testing methods, to encourage the more rational and more economic use of the toxicological experiments carried out and to promote the elimination of certain non-tariff barriers to trade.

To that end the programme provides for the implementation between now and the end of 1990, by means of annual work programmes, of certain measures in the fields of experimental toxicology, clinical toxicology and training and information.

## AIDS

The Ministers responsible for Health meeting within the Council adopted a Resolution on AIDS in which they request the Member States and the Commission to examine:

- what joint activities can be developed in the field of information and education to bolster the campaign against AIDS;
- what joint initiatives should be taken to solve the problems of AIDS transmission by substances of human origin and the medical, psychological and social problems of persons with a positive serology.

They also requested the Commission to organize an exchange of information and experience and, if appropriate, to submit relevant proposals to them.

ALCOHOL ABUSE

The Council and the Ministers responsible for Health meeting within the Council adopted a Resolution on alcohol abuse in which they invite the Commission

- the weigh carefully the interests involved in the production, distribution and promotion of alcoholic beverages on the one hand and public health interests on the other and to conduct a balanced policy to that end;
- to submit proposals to the Council, where necessary, to prevent alcohol abuse.

HEALTH CARD

The Council and the Ministers responsible for Health meeting within the Council adopted a Resolution on the adoption of a European Emergency Health Card.

The Resolution, which is a step in the creation of a People's Europe and was an initiative of the European Parliament, is intended to provide further protection for the health of European citizens and to enhance their freedom of movement.

It recommends that the Member States make it possible for any person resident in their territories whose health problems ought to be identifiable in an emergency to obtain, on a voluntary basis, a card to be completed by a doctor in accordance with the specimen annexed to the Resolution.

### DIALYSIS

The Council and the Ministers responsible for Health meeting within the Council approved a text on the protection of dialysis patients by minimizing their exposure to aluminium.

The text is intended as a response to the problems of the growing number of people in the Community having to resort to dialysis; it includes recommendations concerning the purity of the solutions and the diluting water used in dialysis.

### MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH

The Council and the Ministers responsible for Health meeting within the Council adopted a statement on the co-ordination of medical and public health research in which they

- support the Community's co-ordination programmes in the sphere of medical and public health research, and
- consider it necessary to strengthen the co-ordination of Community activities in the fields of research on the one hand and public health on the other.

### DRUG ADDICTION

The Council and the Ministers responsible for Health meeting within the Council heard a report by Vice-President MARIN taking stock of the situation in the fight against drug addiction.

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PRESS RELEASE

7347/86 (Presse 80)

1082nd meeting of the Council

- Energy -

Luxembourg, 3 June 1986

President:

Mr G.M.V. VAN AARDENNE  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Economic Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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

Belgium:

Mr Firmin AERTS State Secretary for Energy

Denmark:

Mr Svend Erik HOVMAND Minister for Energy

Germany:

Mr Martin BANGEMANN Federal Minister for Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr A. PAPATHANASSOPOULOS Secretary-General at the Ministry of Energy

Spain:

Mr Joan MAJO Minister for Industry and Energy

France:

Mr François SCHEER Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Dick SPRING Tánaiste and Minister for Energy

Italy:

Mr Bruno ORSINI State Secretary, Ministry of Energy

Luxembourg:

Mr Johny LAHURE State Secretary for Economic Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr G.M.V. VAN AARDENNE

Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister for Economic Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Luis TODO-BOM

State Secretary for Industry and  
Energy

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Secretary of State for Energy

Commission:

Mr Nicolas MOSAR

Member

CHERNOBYL

The Council held an exchange of views on the nuclear accident at Chernobyl. It noted the information supplied by the Commission on the measures taken following the accident to safeguard public health.

The Council emphasized the importance of learning as many lessons as possible from the Chernobyl accident, both internationally and within the Community.

At international level, the appropriate forum for action was the International Atomic Energy Agency specifically as regards measures provided for in the Resolution of the last meeting of the Board of Governors of the IAEA.

Pursuant to Article 115 of the Euratom Treaty, co-ordination between the Community and its Member States would be assured within the framework of discussions conducted at the IAEA.

Furthermore, the Council noted with interest the Commission's intention to place before it shortly a framework communication on the consequences of the Chernobyl accident.

COMMUNITY OIL REFINING INDUSTRY AND EXTERNAL TRADE IN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS - COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

The Council examined the Commission report entitled "The Community oil market, its oil refining industry and the external trade in petroleum products".

As a result of its examination the Council:

- agrees that Community refining policy should be maintained along the lines which it approved at its meetings on 15 March, 20 June and 11 November 1985, in particular;
- requests the Commission to take account of the comments made in its discussion and to continue monitoring developments in the refining sector;
- reaffirms the need to maintain close contacts with the chief industrialized partners such as the United States and Japan, which represent the other major markets for the consumption of refined products, so that access to those markets for products coming from outside them is guaranteed at all times;
- requests the Permanent Representatives Committee to report back on its examination of the other matters raised during the debate.

NEW COMMUNITY ENERGY OBJECTIVES

The Council discussed in detail questions arising in connection with a draft Resolution on the new Community energy policy objectives for 1995 and the convergence of Member States' policies.

The Council noted at the close of discussions that, while solutions had been reached on most points in abeyance, certain difficulties still existed. It therefore entrusted the dossier to the Permanent Representatives Committee in order that a solution to these difficulties might be reached.

NEW COMMUNITY RULES FOR STATE AIDS TO THE COAL INDUSTRY

The Council reached broad agreement on the assent to be given pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 95 of the ECSC Treaty on the draft Commission Decision relating to the new Community rules for State aids to the coal industry, which is to enter into force on 1 July.

In view of the continuing existence of certain problems, however, it instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to return to this question with a view to reaching a solution and, thus, enabling the Council to give its assent in time to ensure the entry into force of the new arrangements from 1 July.

COAL: SOCIAL ASPECTS

The Council resumed examination of the Commission proposal to transfer an amount of 60 MECU from the general budget of the Communities for the financial year 1985 to the ECSC budget, to finance social measures accompanying the restructuring of the coal industries.

It noted that it was unable at this point to arrive at a conclusion and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussions on the subject.

LIGNITE AND PEAT INDUSTRIES IN THE COMMUNITY

1. The Council (\*), after having discussed the Commission's "Second Report on the Lignite and Peat Industries", has confirmed that lignite and peat make a useful contribution to the attainment of the Community's energy objectives.
2. The Council has taken note that the Commission maintains its proposal for Community financial support of investment in the solid fuel producing industries.
3. The Council calls on the Commission to consider how effective the various Community Financial Instruments are in developing peat and lignite resources in the Community, having regard to the existing Community commitment to solid fuel policy. Where appropriate, new proposals directly affecting peat and lignite should be prepared and submitted to the Council.

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(\*) with a waiting reservation from the Irish delegation.

SITUATION OF THE OIL MARKET

The Council took stock of the situation of the oil market on the basis of an analysis by the Commission departments of recent developments on the oil market and its future prospects.

The Council concluded the discussion of the subject by calling on the Commission to continue its examination, placing particular emphasis on the various effects of the fall in oil prices.

RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY

The Council noted that the Commission had just forwarded to it a communication on the rational use of energy and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare discussions on the subject.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

Pending receipt of the European Parliament's Opinion, the Council adopted a favourable position on a draft Resolution on a Community orientation to develop new and renewable energy sources.

This Community orientation seeks, in particular, to:

- optimize the exploitation of those sources in the Community, taking into account what is available in each Member State;
- make its efforts as profitable as possible, avoiding, inter alia, duplication and enabling all potential exploiters at Community level to benefit from the experience acquired;
- ensure co-operation at Community level with a view to the coherence, if necessary, of national legislative, financial and information measures;
- prepare, if appropriate, measures at Community level, without prejudice to those already undertaken, designed to encourage the use of new and renewable energy sources;
- facilitate industrial co-operation and the extension of markets.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade in meat

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the conclusion of the exchange of letters relating to Clause 2 of the arrangement between the European Economic Community and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay on trade in mutton and lamb.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty, to the granting of a global loan to the Mediocredito Centrale for the financing of investment programmes which contribute to facilitating the marketing of Community steel.

Appointment

On the proposal of the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr M.J. UPTON, Manager, Central Training Unit, British Steel Corporation, a member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training, in place of Mr R.A. SHEPPARD, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 14 July 1987.

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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

7350/86 (Presse 83)

1083rd Council meeting  
- Labour and Social Affairs -

Luxembourg, 5 June 1986

President: Mr Jan DE KONING

Minister for Social Affairs  
and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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

Belgium:

Mr Michel HANSENNE Minister for Labour and Employment

Mrs Miet SMET State Secretary, Ministry of Social Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Henning DYREMOSE Minister for Labour

France:

Mr Jean ARTHUIS State Secretary, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment

Germany:

Mr Wolfgang VOGT Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Labour and Social Security

Greece:

Mr Evangelos YANNOPOULOS Minister for Labour

Ireland:

Mr Ruairi QUINN Minister for Labour

Mrs Gemma HUSSEY Minister for Social Welfare

Italy:

Mr Gianni DE MICHELIS Minister for Labour and Social Security

Spain:

Mr José ALMUNIA AMANN Minister for Labour and Social Security

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Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER

Minister for Labour

Netherlands:

Mr Jan DE KONING

Minister for Employment and  
Social Security

Mrs A. KAPPEYNE DE COPPELLO

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Employment and  
Social Security

Portugal:

Mr Luis MIRA AMARAL

Minister for Labour and  
Social Security

United Kingdom:

Mr Kenneth CLARKE

Minister for Employment

Commission:

Mr Manuel MARIN

Vice-President

DISABLED PEOPLE

The Council approved a Recommendation on the employment of disabled people in the Community in which it recommended that Member States:

- take all appropriate measures to promote fair opportunities for disabled people in the field of employment and vocational training;
- continue and, if necessary, intensify and re-examine their policies to help disabled people; these policies should provide in particular for
  - = the elimination of negative discrimination,
  - = positive action for disabled people.

The measures recommended include the setting, subject to several conditions, of realistic percentage targets for the employment of disabled people in enterprises having a minimum number of employees and the provision of a guide or code of good practice for the employment of the disabled; the Annex to the Recommendation comprises a guideline framework setting out examples of positive action.

In addition, the Council invited the Commission:

- to co-ordinate the exchange of information and experience on the rehabilitation and employment of disabled people between national authorities;
- to maintain appropriate aid from the European Social Fund to assist disabled people of whatever age.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

The Council gave its agreement to a second Resolution on the promotion of equal opportunities for women.

This Resolution follows up the Council Resolution of 12 July 1982 concerning a first action programme on the promotion of equal opportunities for women (1982-1985).

The Council confirmed the need to intensify action at Community and national level through a systematic and wide-ranging policy designed to eliminate de facto inequalities, and supported the broad outlines of the Commission communication concerning a new medium-term programme on equal opportunities for women (1986-1990).

It called on the Member States to take appropriate action, and in particular to:

- develop co-ordinated action in the fields of education and training designed
  - = to create a better balance between men and women in the various types of teaching establishment and
  - = to widen career choices to include sectors and trades of the future;
- increase the number of women in jobs linked to the introduction of new technologies;
- intensify specific action promoting the employment of women and, in particular,
  - = support local initiatives;
  - = ensure that women have opportunities to set up businesses;
  - = support self-employed women;
- adopt a more systematic policy to promote the presence of both sexes in employment at all levels.

- review social-protection and social security provisions;
- encourage the sharing of family and career responsibilities;
- launch information and awareness campaigns;
- encourage both sides of industry to take steps to secure effective equality of opportunity and efficacy of positive measures at the workplace;
- promote greater participation by women in posts of responsibility.

The Council also agreed to develop more systematic co-operation on Member States' policies and actions on equal treatment; it instructed the Commission to organize such co-operation with all bodies concerned.

It requested the Commission to submit an assessment of the implementation of this programme by 1 January 1991.

#### EQUAL TREATMENT IN OCCUPATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES

The Council approved the Directive on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in occupational social security schemes.

The Directive seeks to eliminate all discrimination based on sex, either directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to marital or family status, particularly as regards:

- the scope of the schemes and the conditions of access to them;
- the obligation to contribute and the calculation of contributions;
- the calculation of benefits and the conditions governing the duration and retention of entitlement to benefits.

It lists the types of discrimination to be eliminated, e.g.:

- setting different conditions for the granting of benefits or restricting such benefits to workers of one of the sexes;
- fixing different retirement ages;
- suspending the retention or acquisition of rights during periods of maternity leave or leave for family reasons;
- setting different levels of benefit, except insofar as may be necessary to take account of actuarial calculation factors which differ according to sex in the case of benefits designated as contribution-defined;
- setting different levels of worker contribution;
- setting different levels of employer contribution in the case of benefits designated as contribution-defined except with a view to making the amount of those benefits more nearly equal.

The Directive also stipulates that Member States must take the necessary measures to eliminate provisions contrary to the principle of equal treatment in collective agreements, staff rules of undertakings or any other arrangements relating to occupational schemes.

In addition, it requires Member States to ensure that the provisions of occupational schemes contrary to the principle of equal treatment are revised at the latest by 1 January 1993.

EQUAL TREATMENT IN SELF-EMPLOYED ACTIVITIES

The Council held a detailed discussion on the proposal for a Directive on the application of the principle of equal treatment as between men and women engaged in an activity, including agriculture, in a self-employed capacity, and on the protection of women during pregnancy and motherhood.

At the end of its discussions the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining this proposal.

LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

The Council held an exchange of views on a note from the Presidency concerning long-term unemployment.

The Presidency took the view that the extent of the problem called for additional measures to combat long-term unemployment. One, at least partial, solution might be to subsidize jobs for the long-term unemployed, possibly in combination with a guidance and training programme. The lack of comparability between Member States' statistics on the duration of unemployment was, however, an obstacle to using the European Social Fund. It was therefore essential that comparable national statistics be available in the near future.

The note from the Presidency, amended in the light of the discussion, will be forwarded to the Commission for its future discussions on this matter.

ACTION PROGRAMME FOR EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

The Council welcomed the initiative taken by the Ministers of the United Kingdom, Ireland and Italy of submitting an action programme for employment growth.

The Council will discuss this communication in depth at its informal meeting scheduled for 22 and 23 September.

The programme comprises an overall approach incorporating suggestions on the following headings:

- promoting enterprise and employment;
- flexible employment patterns and conditions of work;
- vocational training;
- long-term unemployment.

CARCINOGENS

The Council examined the points still unresolved in connection with the proposal for a Directive on the protection of workers by the proscription of certain specific agents and/or certain work activities (carcinogens). It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussing the matter.

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INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF UNDERTAKINGS WITH  
COMPLEX STRUCTURES

The Council approved conclusions concerning the information and consultation of the employees of undertakings with complex structures, on the basis of a draft submitted by the Presidency.

The Council referred to the political and economic importance of the problem of informing and consulting employees and emphasized the importance of a social area in the context of the completion of the Community internal market.

It invited the Commission to:

- continue its work on the problem and to monitor closely developments in national legislation and agreements concluded between management and labour;
- continue its close contacts with management and labour.

It also invited management and labour to continue their dialogue at all levels.

It agreed to resume at the beginning of 1989 the discussion either of the amended proposal for a Directive ("Vredeling" Directive) or of any other proposal which the Commission might submit to it on this subject.

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SAFETY IN THE USE OF ASBESTOS

The Council decided on the position to be adopted by the Community at the 72nd meeting of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 4-26 June 1986) on this item.

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OTHER DECISION

Research

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a concerted action project in the field of automated and analytical cytology.

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PRESS RELEASE

7480/86 (Presse 87)

1084th Council meeting

- Industry -

Luxembourg, 9 June 1986

President: Mr G.M.V. VAN AARDENNE,  
Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister for Economic Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



Netherlands:

Mr G.M.V. VAN AARDENNE

Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister for Economic Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Fernando SANTOS MARTINS

Minister for Industry and Trade

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter MORRISON

Minister of State for Industry

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Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES  
Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

Vice-President  
Member

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SHIPBUILDING

The Council took note of an introductory statement by Mr SUTHERLAND, Member of the Commission, and discussed in detail the main aspects of a new Commission strategy for stricter rules on aid to shipbuilding to be implemented when the fifth Directive on aid to shipbuilding expires on 31 December 1986. The Council acknowledged that there was a structural surplus of shipbuilding capacity on the world market.

The President noted that there was a certain consensus on the following approach:

- a ceiling would be fixed for production aid. All aid to shipyards, both direct and indirect, would be taken into account for calculating this ceiling. All aid must be totally transparent;
- aid for restructuring could be authorized under certain conditions, one being a direct link between the granting of the aid and a reduction in capacity, taking account of social problems.

The Council asked the Commission to submit written suggestions on this subject before mid-July and to submit early in the autumn detailed proposals for the introduction of new rules to come into force on 1 January 1987.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### General situation in this sector

The Council took note of an introductory statement by Mr NARJES, Vice-President of the Commission, who presented the Commission's report on the general situation in the telecommunications sector.

### Mutual recognition of type approval for terminal equipment

The Council agreed on the Directive concerning the first phase of the establishment of the mutual recognition of type approval for telecommunications terminal equipment. The Directive will be formally adopted shortly, once the text has been finalized.

This Directive relates to the mutual recognition of conformity tests on terminal equipment and is therefore only a first stage in establishing a single market in this sector.

As regards the next stage, Article 8 of the Directive provides that the Commission shall submit new proposals within a period of two years following adoption, covering, in particular, the implementation of mutual recognition of type approval for mass-produced terminal equipment.

### Direct satellite television broadcasting

It emerged from the Council's discussions that all delegations confirmed their agreement on the MAC/packet family as a common standard. The Permanent Representatives Committee was asked to draw up a text on the basis of this political agreement as soon as possible.

Standardization in the field of information technology

The Council examined certain essential questions relating to the proposals for Directives relating to standardization in the field of information technology and telecommunications.

After the discussion the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue studying the file as a priority so that the Council could take a decision as quickly as possible.

LEGAL PROTECTION OF SEMICONDUCTORS

The Council stressed the urgent need for a decision on the Commission proposal on the legal protection of semiconductors. The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussing the matter as a priority so that the Council could take a decision no later than its meeting on 23 June 1986 (Internal Market).

COMPETITIVENESS OF EUROPEAN INDUSTRY

Mr NARJES, made a statement concerning the Commission communication on improving competitiveness and industrial structures in the Community. The Council agreed on the main points of the Commission's analysis. The President of the Council concluded that the various aspects of this communication should be taken into account in the context of work on various subjects such as standardization, public purchasing, state aids to industry, etc.

## PUBLIC PURCHASING

On the basis of a note from the Presidency on public supply contracts, the Council held a preliminary exchange of views on the action to be taken - particularly with a view to establishing the Community's internal market - to give real substance to the opening and integration of public supply contracts.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the Presidency's note in detail.

It also asked the Commission to submit shortly, on the basis of its 1984 communication, a document which would enable the various aspects of this subject to be examined in detail. The Commission would subsequently submit appropriate formal proposals.

## EUROTYPE PRODUCT WARRANT

Mr NARJES made a statement on the Commission's first ideas on the introduction of a European product warrant. The Council asked the Commission to study this matter further.

## PROBLEMS OF PORTUGUESE INDUSTRY

The Council took note of a statement by the Portuguese delegation stressing the importance it attached to the introduction of a specific programme for the development of Portuguese industry as provided for in the Act of Accession. It noted that the Commission would be establishing contact with the Portuguese delegation on this subject.

USE OF VIDEOCONFERENCE AND VIDEOPHONE TECHNIQUES  
FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The Council adopted the following Resolution:

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

WHEREAS on 28 February 1984 the Council requested the Commission to undertake an analysis of the use of videoconference and videophone techniques to improve contact between Member States and the Community Institutions;

WHEREAS the Council adopted the Commission communication on telecommunications dated 18 May 1984 (COM(84) 277 final), which included an analysis of intergovernmental videoconference and videophone applications as a line of action;

WHEREAS the Council, on 17 December 1984, agreed on the major objectives for a Community effort in the field of telecommunications, which included reference to the definition and implementation of an intergovernmental videoconference and videophone project;

WHEREAS the Commission has submitted the feasibility study requested;

NOTING the feasibility study and the conclusions of the Commission,

INVITES THE MEMBER STATES:

1. to implement an initial operational intergovernmental videoconference and videophone system which takes account of the potential of videoconference and videophone techniques, in order

to improve and make more efficient the bilateral and multilateral exchange of information between the Governments of the Member States and the Community Institutions; to that end, to entrust such implementation to the telecommunications authorities;

2. to complete the necessary installations, in accordance with the requirements they have ascertained;
3. to encourage the telecommunications authorities of Member States to proceed actively with establishment of the trans-Community broadband communications necessary to support an intergovernmental video-conference and videophone system;

INVITES THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COMMISSION TO:

1. examine conditions for their participation in an initial operational intergovernmental videoconference and videophone system;

FURTHERMORE, INVITES THE COMMISSION TO:

1. continue the co-operation that has been established with telecommunications authorities and users during the preparation of the feasibility study and in particular resolve problems specific to the use of videoconference and videophone facilities by Governments and the Community Institutions, such as confidentiality, simultaneous interpretation and the possibility of multilateral conferences;
2. submit a report to the Council on the experience gained during 1987, also covering the financial aspects of putting this Resolution into practice, so that the applicability of the system to inter-governmental communications may be assessed and a decision taken as to whether the use of videoconference and videophone facilities for such communications should be encouraged further.

## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation abolishing certain postal fees for customs presentation.

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain qualities of magnesium falling within subheading ex 77.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff (300 t)
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for ferro-phosphorous falling within subheading ex 28.55 A of the Common Customs Tariff (60 000 t)
- increasing Community tariff quotas for certain grades of ferro-chromium falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff (from 7 000 to 10 000 t for ferro-chromium containing 4% or more carbon by weight and from 210 000 to 295 000 t for ferro-chromium containing 6% or more carbon by weight).

### Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Council Decision authorizing extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between Member States and third countries.

### Research

The Council noted that the Commission intended to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the European Atomic Energy Community represented by the Commission of the European Communities and the United States of America, Department of Energy, concerning research into the health and environmental effects of radiation.

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the accession of the Community to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas as amended by the Protocol annexed to the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the States Parties to the Convention signed in Paris on 10 July 1984.

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PRESS RELEASE

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1085th meeting of the Council  
and the Ministers for Education  
meeting within the Council  
Luxembourg, 9 June 1986

President: Mr W.J. DEETMAN  
Minister for Education and Science  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

9.VI.86

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

Belgium:

Mr Marc LEPOIVRE Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Bertel HAARDER Minister for Education

Germany:

Mrs Dorothee WILMS Federal Minister for Education and Science

Greece:

Mr Philippe PETSALNIKOS State Secretary,  
Ministry of Education and  
Religious Affairs

Spain:

Mr Juan Manuel ROJO ALAMINO State Secretary for the  
Universities and Research

France:

Mrs Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE State Secretary,  
Ministry of Education

Ireland:

Mr Patrick COONEY Minister for Education

Italy:

Mrs Franca FALCUCCI Minister for Education

Luxembourg:

Mr Fernand BODEN

Minister for Education

Netherlands:

Mr W.J. DEETMAN

Minister for Education and  
Science

Mrs M.J. GINJAAR-MAAS

State Secretary,  
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Science

Portugal:

Mr Joao de DEUS PINHEIRO

Minister for Education and  
Culture

United Kingdom:

Mr Christopher PATTEN

Minister of State,  
Department of Education and  
Science

Commission:

Mr Manuel MARIN

Vice-President

COMETT

The Council approved the proposal from the Presidency whereby the amount allocated to the COMETT programme for 1986-1989 would be set at 45 MECU. It also agreed to re-assess this amount by 31 December 1988 and to take a decision by 31 October 1989, on a proposal from the Commission, on the arrangements for continuing the programme after 1989.

Following this agreement, the Council approved the Decision on the COMETT programme as a common position and instructed its President to inform the European Parliament of that position.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ACTION SCHEME FOR THE MOBILITY OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (ERASMUS)

With regard to the Commission's proposal on the ERASMUS scheme, all the delegations expressed their agreement with the aim of the scheme, which was to increase the mobility of students within the European Community.

The Council instructed the Education Committee, when examining the text of the proposal, to focus its attention on the real possibilities for extending agreements between universities for student exchanges within a European network and on ways of avoiding the creation of further cumbersome structures in this sphere; it asked the Education Committee to report back by 1 December 1986.

CONSUMER EDUCATION IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Council and the Ministers for Education meeting within the Council adopted the Resolution contained in the Annex.

MEDIUM-TERM ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

The Council greeted favourably a Presidency memorandum on medium-term activities in the field of education.

It instructed the Education Committee to prepare for its next meeting, on the basis of that document and in the light of the discussion which had taken place, a draft programme of medium-term activities in the field of education.

CONSUMER EDUCATION IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

I. MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AT MEMBER STATE LEVEL

The competent authorities in the Member States are hereby invited to promote, within the bounds of what is constitutionally possible and in the framework of national legislations and regulations, consumer education in school curricula, at primary and secondary level, as appropriate, so that consumer education is provided during the period of compulsory education.

Consumer education in school curricula does not normally require treatment as a separate subject; it is desirable that it be set in the context of teaching about those aspects of contemporary society which affect the rights and responsibilities of consumers, such as:

- the operation of market forces,
- the role of consumers in the economy,
- an awareness of environmental questions,
- attitudes to advertising,
- attitudes to the mass media,
- the use of leisure time.

Such teaching might have regard to the five basic rights established by the Preliminary Programme for consumer protection and information policy:

- the right to protection of health and safety (particularly concerning nutrition and the avoidance of health hazards associated with the use of consumer products),
- the right to protection of economic interests (particularly with regard to rights and obligations deriving from the signing of contracts, the comparison of prices and qualities of products and services),

- the right of redress (including methods of settling claims),
- the right of information and education (including information supplied by producers and providers of services in addition to that supplied by the public authorities on the laws, regulations and administrative provisions currently in force),
- the right of representation (including consultation and representation facilities offered by consumer associations, as well as their structure and mode of operation).

The details of this teaching approach will depend on the age of the pupils concerned, their level of maturity and social and economic background. Where possible, it should be illustrated by practical and specific examples, with suggested objectives for consumer behaviour.

The competent authorities in the Member States are hereby invited to promote:

- consumer education in the initial training of teachers and further training of those already in service;
- the development of appropriate teaching material.

The Commission is hereby invited to report back to them by 31 December 1988 on relevant policies and practices introduced in the Member States.

## II. MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

The Council and the Ministers for Education, meeting within the Council take note of the intention of the Commission, in the framework of the second programme of the European Economic Community for a consumer protection and information policy and within the limits of its financial means:

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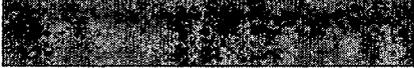
- (1) to facilitate a wide-ranging exchange of views on previous and current experiments at Community level, so as to take account of new needs revealed by the introduction of consumer education in primary and secondary schools with respect to teacher training and teaching material;
- (2) to organize during the next three years, in close collaboration with relevant national authorities, pilot training schemes for teachers and the preparation of appropriate training material;
- (3) to encourage the inclusion of consumer affairs questions in higher education.

The Commission is hereby invited to make a report on the pilot training schemes by 31 December 1988 at the latest.

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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

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1086th meeting of the Council

- Research -

Luxembourg, 10 June 1986

President: Mr G.M.V. VAN AARDENNE,  
Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister for Economic Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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

Belgium:

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Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister for Science Policy  
and Planning

Denmark:

Mr Bertel HAARDER

Minister for Education

Germany:

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State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Research  
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Mrs Vasso PAPANDEOU

State Secretary for Industry,  
Energy and Technology

Spain:

Mr Juan Manuel ROJO ALAMINO

State Secretary for the Universities  
and Research

France:

Mr Alain DEVAQUET

Minister attached to the Minister  
for Education, with responsibility  
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Mr Edward COLLINS

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Minister of State for Industry  
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Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

GUIDELINES FOR A NEW COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Continuing the work of its last meeting on research on 8 April 1986, the Council held a second detailed discussion of the main guidelines for the new R & D framework programme in the light of which the Commission will prepare a proposal to be submitted to the Council very shortly with a view to creating a basic instrument for Community research over the next five years.

The Council noted that it had just received a Resolution, adopted by the European Parliament the previous day, setting out the Parliament's position on the new framework programme.

This further dialogue between the Council and the Commission enabled the Ministers for Research to look more closely at a number of issues, particularly:

- scientific and technical priorities in the framework programme, taking into account the repercussions of the Chernobyl accident for nuclear research;
- the financial aspects of the lines of action proposed by the Commission and the overall cost of the framework programme;
- the criteria for selecting lines of action, economic and social cohesion and the role of SMUs.

At the close of the discussion the Council, acknowledging the importance of Community research policy for future years, asked the Commission to take account of the comments made by the various Ministers so that its forthcoming proposal could be examined and adopted by the Council as quickly as possible.

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ON MATERIALS

The Council adopted two Decisions:

- a Decision adopting multiannual R & D programmes in the field of the environment (1986-1990);
- a Decision adopting a research programme on materials (raw materials and advanced materials) (1986-1989).

The first Decision relates to programmes covering the areas of protection of the environment, climatology and natural hazards and pilot projects on major technological hazards for a period of five years from 1 January 1986.

The amount estimated necessary to carry out the programmes is 75 MECU, including expenditure on a staff of 19, subdivided as follows:

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| - Protection of the environment                 | 55 MECU |
| - Climatology and natural hazards               | 17 MECU |
| - Pilot projects on major technological hazards | 3 MECU  |

The programmes will cover work carried out as shared-cost contract research, concerted actions and co-ordination and training activities, as described in Annex I.

The programmes will be reviewed at the end of the second year; this review may lead to a revision of the programmes effective at the beginning of the third year.

The second Decision covers the implementation, over a period of four years from 1 January 1986, of a research programme on raw materials and advanced materials, the amount estimated necessary to carry out the programme being 70 MECU, including expenditure for a staff of 23. The breakdown - by way of indication only - of this amount by the four subprogrammes is as follows:

- primary raw materials - minerals - 20 MECU
- secondary raw materials - 10 MECU
- wood, including cork, as a renewable raw material - 10 MECU
- advanced materials - Euram - 30 MECU.

The programme will be carried out as shared-costs contract research, co-ordination and training activities, and one concerted action, as described in Annex II.

The programme will be reviewed at the end of the second year. In the light of this review the Commission may, through the appropriate procedures, present to the Council a proposal for a new four-year programme which would supersede the current programme at the beginning of the third year.

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

<u>Funding</u> :	total	55.000.000 ECU
	- contract research	50.450.000 ECU
	- concerted actions	4.550.000 ECU

Scientific content of the programme

Reference to the subthemes contained under the following 11 research topics is of an indicative nature:

- (1) Health effects of pollutants
  - Chronic and late effects at low exposure levels and early indicators of health effects
  - Epidemiology and exposure trends
- (2) Ecological effects of pollutants
  - Effects on sensitive key species
  - Effects on ecosystems
- (3) Assessment of chemicals
  - Development and assessment of testing procedures
  - Replacement of vertebrates used for toxicity testing
  - Structure/activity relationships (SAR)
  - Evaluation of chemicals
- (4) Air quality
  - Analysis, sources, transport, transformation and deposition of pollutants
  - Effects of air pollution on the natural environment
  - Effects of air pollution on materials
  - Stratospheric chemistry
  - Remote sensing techniques
  - Indoor air quality
- (5) Water quality
  - Analytical methods
  - Biotic and abiotic degradation of pollutants
  - Eutrophication
  - Remote sensing techniques
- (6) Soil quality
  - Analytical methods
  - Behaviour of pollutants in soil
  - Effects of pollutants in soil
  - Effects of agricultural and forestry practice on soil quality

- (7) **Noise research**
  - Effects of noise on the cardiovascular system
  - Comparison between effects of impulse noises and those of continuous noises
  - Synergism between noise and vibrations
- (8) **Ecosystem research**
  - Basic research on the functioning of ecosystems
  - Effects of agricultural practice and urbanisation on ecosystems, loss of genetic diversity
  - Environmental oceanography
  - Bio-geochemical cycles
  - Conservation of flora and fauna
- (9) **Waste research**
  - Waste management
  - Organic wastes
  - Toxic and dangerous waste
  - Abandoned disposal sites
- (10) **Reduction of pollution**
  - Advanced abatement technologies
  - Clean technologies
- (11) **Scientific basis of environmental legislation and management** including the development of scientific criteria for environmental impact assessment.

#### Concerted Actions

Concerted actions may be implemented in the following areas within the scientific programme:

- (1) **Air pollution effects on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems;**
- (2) **Physico-chemical behaviour of atmospheric pollutants;**
- (3) **Organic micropollutants in the aquatic environment;**
- (4) **Treatment and use of organic sludge and liquid agricultural waste;**
- (5) **Coastal benthic ecology;**
- (6) **Indoor air quality and its impact on man;**
- (7) **Protection of species;**
- (8) **New technologies and environmental protection**
  - environmental impact of new technological processes
  - environmental impact of new technological products
  - use of new technologies for environmental protection;
- (9) **Compatibility of fibres with the environment and health.**

CLIMATOLOGY AND NATURAL HAZARDS

Funding : 17.000.000 ECU

Scientific content of the programme

A. CLIMATOLOGY

1. THE PHYSICAL BASIS OF CLIMATE

- 1.1 Past climates and climatic change.
- 1.2 Climatologically significant processes.
- 1.3 Modelling and predicting European climates within a global context.
- 1.4 Studies concerning the feasibility of the seasonal (3-6 months) forecasting European climates.

2. CLIMATE SENSITIVITY

- 2.1 Changes in atmospheric composition.
  - 2.1.1 The climatic effect of enhanced CO<sub>2</sub>.
  - 2.1.2 Aspects of the global carbon cycle important for climate prediction.
  - 2.1.3 The climatic effect of other trace gases.
- 2.2 The climatic effect of changes in land-surface properties.
- 2.3 Early detection of climate change (identification and monitoring of parameters which could be used as early indicators of climate change. Improvement of techniques for detecting the signal above noise level).

3. CLIMATIC IMPACTS

- 3.1 Impact of climatic change or variability on land resources, including soil, and ecosystems, with special attention to desertification problems.
- 3.2 Impact of climatic variations on European water resources, including the development of climate-based models for their evaluation and forecasting.
- 3.3 The photosynthetic response of European vegetation to increasing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> in the context of a climate change.
- 3.4 Impact of climatic variations on sea resources and fisheries.
- 3.5 Application of climatic knowledge to a better management of land and water resources.

B. NATURAL HAZARDS

1. Causes, mechanisms and impacts of climatological anomalies and extreme or abrupt events, with the aim of reducing human and material losses.
2. Seismic risk evaluation:
  - 2.1. establishment of a research team network, with emphasis on a system of portable stations for measurements in high-seismicity areas and on the capability of intervening rapidly after a destructive earthquake;
  - 2.2. establishment of a network of data banks of seismological, earthquake damage and strong motion data;
  - 2.3. related education and training.

Research under points B.2. will be implemented as a Community concerted action.

PILOT PROJECTS ON MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Funding : 3.000.000 ECU

SCIENTIFIC CONTENT OF THE PROGRAMME

Pilot projects and studies may be undertaken in the following areas:

- A. Physical and chemical phenomena and mitigation of consequences of accidents
- B. Assessment and management of risk.

I. PRIMARY RAW MATERIALS (MINERALS)

A sum amounting to 20 million ECU shall be allocated to this subprogramme.

The subprogramme shall cover the following research areas:

1. EXPLORATION

- 1.1. Economic geology;
- 1.2. Methods of geochemical prospecting;
- 1.3. Methods of geophysical prospecting;
- 1.4. Remote sensing.

2. MINING TECHNOLOGY

- 2.1. Rock fracturing;
- 2.2. Rock mechanics and stability in underground and open-cast mines;
- 2.3. Application of robotics in mines;
- 2.4. Problems associated with depth;
- 2.5. Modelling of mining operations.

3. MINERAL PROCESSING

- 3.1. Development of processing routes for treating indigenous and non-indigenous resources: complex and low-grade ores;
- 3.2. Metallurgical processes (pyro and hydro);
- 3.3. Modelling and control in mineral processing;
- 3.4. Industrial minerals.

## II. SECONDARY RAW MATERIALS

A sum amounting to 10 million ECU shall be allocated to this subprogramme.

This amount includes a sum of 250 000 ECU for the extension of the concerted action (COST 84a) under item 2.4. below.

The subprogramme shall cover the following research areas:

### 1. RECYCLING OF NON-FERROUS METALS

- 1.1. Physico-chemical characterization of metals and alloys in scraps and residues;
- 1.2. Improvement of physical separation processes;
- 1.3. Development of advanced technologies and improved pyrometallurgical and hydro-metallurgical processes;
- 1.4. Development of improved refining techniques for secondary metals and alloys;
- 1.5. Upgrading the characteristics of secondary alloys to the level of primary alloys;
- 1.6. Manufacturing semi-product alloys from waste materials containing titanium, tungsten, molybdenum, aluminium, etc.

### 2. RECYCLING AND UTILIZATION OF WASTE

- 2.1. Modelling of waste arisings, sampling and analysis (co-ordination activities);
- 2.2. Recycling technologies:
  - recovery and separation processes;
  - upgrading and use of reclaimed products;
- 2.3. Integrated technologies for the utilization of wastes:
  - anaerobic digestion, composting and other aerobic treatments (co-ordination activities);
  - production of chemicals - thermal treatment of waste (mostly co-ordination, with shared-cost contracts for special projects);
- 2.4. Use of lignocellulose-containing by-products and other plant residues for animal feeding (concerted action COST 84a).

III. WOOD, INCLUDING CORK, AS A RENEWABLE RAW MATERIAL

A sum amounting to 10 million ECU shall be allocated to this subprogramme. The subprogramme shall cover the following research areas:

1. WOOD PRODUCTION

- 1.1. Forest tree breeding and gene resource conservation;
- 1.2. Protection against damage from biotic and abiotic agents and fire;

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- 1.3. Better use of land resources (co-ordination action only);
  - 1.4. Forest inventory (co-ordination action only).

2. WOOD HARVEST, STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

- 2.1. Organization of harvesting operations and development of harvesting machinery;
- 2.2. Harvesting, treatment, storage and transport.

3. WOOD AS A MATERIAL

- 3.1. Properties, protection and improvement of wood and wood-based panels;
- 3.2. Development of testing and grading procedures.

4. MECHANICAL WOOD PROCESSING AND USE OF FINISHED WOOD PRODUCTS

- 4.1. Mechanical conversion and manufacturing processes;
- 4.2. Drying processes;
- 4.3. Use of wood and wood-based materials in construction;
- 4.4. Other uses of finished products made of wood.

5. PULP AND PAPER MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING AND WOOD CHEMICALS

- 5.1. The physical and organic chemistry of wood defibring;
- 5.2. Chemi-mechanical pulping (high yield pulping);
- 5.3. Pulping processes with low grade wood;
- 5.4. Substitutes for wood fibres and material additives;
- 5.5. Fibre recycling;
- 5.6. The process of manufacture of paper and board;
- 5.7. Products derived from wood as a source of chemicals.

IV. ADVANCED MATERIALS (EURAM)

A sum amounting to 30 million ECU shall be allocated to this subprogramme.

The subprogramme shall cover the following research areas:

1. METALLIC MATERIALS

- 1.1. Light aluminium-based alloys;
- 1.2. Light magnesium-based alloys;
- 1.3. Light titanium-based alloys;
- 1.4. Electronic and electrical-contact materials;
- 1.5. High-performance magnetic materials;
- 1.6. Materials for surface coatings for machine-tool and cutting equipment;
- 1.7. Thin-walled castings.

2. ENGINEERING CERAMICS

- 2.1. Optimization of engineering ceramics;
- 2.2. Study of metal/ceramic interface: cermets;
- 2.3. Ceramic composites with fibres and whiskers;
- 2.4. High-temperature behaviour of engineering ceramics.

3. COMPOSITE MATERIALS

- 3.1. Organic-matrix composites;
- 3.2. Metallic-matrix composites;
- 3.3. Ceramic-matrix composites;
- 3.4. Other specific advanced materials.

The aim of research carried out under the subprogramme shall be to provide the basis for a Community policy for supporting research and development in the advanced materials sector and for co-ordinating national programmes.

To this end, every two years:

- an assessment shall be made of European research and development capacity in the advanced materials sector, by area, Member State and in the Community as a whole, by comparison with the technological capacity of Japan and the United States;
- a medium-term analysis and estimate shall be made of requirements in the various sectors of the European industry in relation, if necessary, with other Community programmes related to materials.

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1087th Council meeting

- Environment -

Luxembourg, 12 and 13 June 1986

President: Mr P. WINSEMIUS

Minister for Housing,  
Regional Planning  
and the Environment  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

12/13.VI.86

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

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Mrs M. SMET State Secretary for the Environment

Denmark:

Mr Christian CHRISTENSEN Minister for the Environment and for Nordic Affairs

Mr Mogens BUNDEGAARD-NIELSEN State Secretary,  
Ministry of the Environment

Germany:

Mr W. WALLMANN Federal Minister for the Environment

Greece:

Mr Evangelos KOULOMBIS Minister for Public Works,  
Regional Planning and the Environment

Spain:

Mr Javier SAENZ COSCULLUELA Minister for Public Works and  
Town Planning

France:

Mr Alain CARIGNON Minister attached to the Minister for  
Infrastructure, Housing, Town and  
Country Planning and Transport, with  
responsibility for the Environment

Ireland:

Mrs Avril DOYLE Deputy Minister for the Environment

Italy:

Mr Valerio ZANONE

Minister for Ecology

Mrs Paola CAVIGLIASSO

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Health

Luxembourg:

Mr Robert KRIEPS

Minister for the Environment

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary for  
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Netherlands:

Mr P. WINSEMIUS

Minister for Housing, Regional  
Planning and the Environment

Mr W.F. VAN EEKELEN

State Secretary for  
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Mr Carlos PIMENTA

State Secretary for the  
Environment and Natural Resources

United Kingdom:

Mr William WALDEGRAVE

Minister of State for the  
Environment

Mrs Angela RUMBOLD

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of  
State, Department of the Environment

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of  
State, Department of the Environment

Commission:

Mr Stanley CLINTON-DAVIS

Member

COMMON PROCEDURE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE QUALITY OF SURFACE FRESH WATER IN THE COMMUNITY

In December 1977 the Council adopted Decision 77/795/EEC establishing a common procedure for the exchange of information on the quality of surface fresh water in the Community. The object of this exchange of information was in particular to organize and develop technical exchanges between regional and national networks for the monitoring and control of pollution and to take all necessary measures to improve the accuracy and the comparative values of the arrangements set up.

At the present meeting the Council agreed to a Decision amending the Decision of 1977 designed to update and improve the procedure provided for in that Directive on the basis of experience gained in the meantime.

DISPOSAL OF WASTE OILS

The Council examined the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 75/439/EEC on the disposal of waste oils.

At the close of its discussion it noted that certain problems had failed to be resolved at this stage. It therefore instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on this subject.

SULPHUR CONTENT OF CERTAIN LIQUID FUELS (GAS OIL)

Pending receipt of the European Parliament's Opinion, the Council continued examining the Directive amending Directive 75/716/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels (gas oil).

The Council noted that differences remained regarding the values to be set for sulphur content and agreed to resume its examination after it had received the European Parliament's Opinion.

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS USED FOR EXPERIMENTAL AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

Pending receipt of the European Parliament's Opinion, the Council worked out a common position on the proposal for a Directive on the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes.

This proposal seeks to harmonize the Member States' legislative provisions on the protection of laboratory animals. It would apply in particular to the use of animals in experiments conducted for the development, production and the various testing of medicaments, foodstuffs and other substances or products and for the purposes of environmental protection. In particular the Directive lays down provisions designed to avoid unnecessary suffering for animals during experiments and to ensure that they are kept in good conditions and are given appropriate treatment.

The Council proposed to take a final decision once it had received the European Parliament's Opinion. It was also noted that three Member States had not yet completed their internal scrutiny procedures.

At the same time, the Representatives of the Member States meeting within the Council approved a Resolution covering matters within the Member States' jurisdiction in this area.

LIMITATION OF EMISSIONS FROM LARGE COMBUSTION PLANTS

On the basis of proposals prepared by the Presidency, the Council continued its discussions on the proposal for a Directive on the limitation of emissions of pollutants into the air from large combustion plants.

At the close of its discussion it concluded that, while the proposal contained features which would enable progress to be made, they needed further examination. It accordingly instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue the proceedings on this basis in preparation for its next meeting.

MAJOR ACCIDENT HAZARDS OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

Pending receipt of the European Parliament's Opinion, the Council noted a common position on the Directive amending Directive 82/501/EEC designed essentially to avoid major accident hazards by laying down measures for the monitoring and control of dangerous substances used particularly by certain industries.

Some of the amendments which the Council has just approved are intended to strengthen the provisions on certain industrial activities involving, or potentially involving, particularly dangerous substances (chlorine, phosgene, methyl isocyanate). The other amendments seek to give clearer definitions of certain substances and the corresponding limit quantities in order to highlight the various degrees of risk (e.g. ammonium nitrate, nickel and cobalt compounds).

As the basic Directive has been in force only a short time and experience and knowledge acquired in this area are still limited, the new Directive involves only a limited revision of the existing legislation. The Commission intends to propose a fundamental review at a later date on the basis of wider experience.

POLLUTION BY MOTOR VEHICLES

The Council noted two new proposals concerning

- particle emissions by certain diesel vehicles (private cars)
- pollutants emitted by diesel commercial vehicles (lorries, buses, etc.).

WASTE FROM THE TITANIUM DIOXIDE INDUSTRY

The Council noted a memorandum from the German delegation expressing anxiety at the lack of progress on the proposal amending the Directive on pollution caused by waste from the titanium dioxide industry. The German memorandum stresses in particular the difficult situation in this respect with regard to the North Sea.

NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT CHERNOBYL

The Council discussed the accident at the nuclear plant at Chernobyl in the Soviet Union. It expressed its concern for all those affected.

It agreed that the Chernobyl accident confronts the international community with numerous challenges. Nuclear accidents may have major adverse consequences for human health and for the environment. There is, therefore, a need for improved international communication and cooperation in relation to all aspects of the exploitation of civil nuclear power.

The Council noted the statement by the Commission that it will shortly send a communication to it, proposing a wide range of actions at Community level, many of them directly related to environmental protection.

The Council urged that the Community's Heads of State and Government, meeting on 26-28 June 1986, should, when discussing the follow-up to the Chernobyl accident, consider its environmental aspects in depth.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other decisions in the environment sector

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision authorizing the Commission to participate, on behalf of the Community, in the negotiations on the Convention for the Protection of the Rhine against Thermal Pollution.

The Council also adopted the Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the 1979 Geneva Convention on long-range trans-boundary air pollution on long-term financing of the co-operative programme for monitoring and evaluation of the long-range transmission of air pollutants in Europe (EMEP).

This co-operative programme is the main instrument for determining the quantities of pollutants emitted and transmitted, as the case may be, across frontiers.

The Council adopted the Directive on the use of sewage sludge in agriculture.

The aim of the Directive is firstly to promote the use of certain types of solid waste in agriculture by stressing the agronomic value of such products and secondly to specify the precautions necessary for their proper use in agriculture in order to avoid any risk to human beings or the environment.

To this end, the Directive provides for the fixing of limit values for concentrations of heavy metals in the soil and in sludge, and the maximum quantities of heavy metals which may be added to the soil. It also determines the specific conditions for use of sludge.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 84/631/EEC on the supervision and control within the European Community of the transfrontier shipment of hazardous waste.

The purpose of this Directive is to supplement the provisions of the abovementioned Directive as regards the export of waste for disposal in a third State, particularly in the light of an OECD resolution in this field. It amends the 1984 Directive by providing in particular:

- that the third country of destination must agree on the proposed transfer of waste;
- that the consignee of waste in the third country must have the capacity to dispose of such waste properly.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Directive on discharges of certain dangerous substances into the aquatic environment. This Directive lays down the main features and defines the basic principles which must be applied to the fixing of limit values and quality objectives for the substances in List I in Directive 76/464/EEC (particularly toxic substances). It also determines specific limit values and quality objectives for three substances, viz. carbon tetrachloride, DDT and pentachlorophenol).

#### Customs union

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for
  - = sherry
  - = wines of Malaga
  - = wines of Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñasfalling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1986/1987), and
- = herrings falling within subheading 03.01 B I a) 2. of the Common Customs Tariff.

Agriculture

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 426/86 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables. This amendment is designed to extend the system of import licences provided for in the aforementioned Regulation to other particularly sensitive products (peas, whether or not cooked, preserved by freezing, and cherry juice).

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the waters of the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound.

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PRESS RELEASE

7625/86 (Presse 94)

1088th Council meeting

- Economic and Financial Affairs -

Luxembourg, 16 June 1986

President: Mr H. RUDING,  
Minister for Finance  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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

Belgium:

Mr Mark EYSKENS Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Palle SIMONSEN Minister for Finance

Mr Isi FOIGHEL Minister for Inland Revenue

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Constantin SIMITIS Minister for Economic Affairs

Spain:

Mr Miguel Angel  
FERNANDEZ ORDOÑEZ State Secretary for  
Economic Affairs and Planning

France:

Mr Edouard BALLADUR Minister of State for Economic  
Affairs, Finance and  
Privatization

Ireland:

Mr John BRUTON Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA Minister for the Treasury

Mr Domenico SUSI State Secretary,  
Ministry of Finance

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER

Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING

Minister for Finance

Mr H.E. KONING

State Secretary, Ministry  
of Finance

Portugal:

Mr Miguel CADILHE

Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS

President

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

The meeting was also attended by:

Mr R. LEIGH-PEMBERTON

Chairman of the Committee of  
Governors of the Central Banks

Mr Hans TIETMEYER

Chairman of the Monetary  
Committee

Mr Jean-Claude MILLERON

Chairman of the Economic Policy  
Committee

REMOVAL OF FISCAL BARRIERS

The Council held a wide-ranging discussion on this subject, on the basis of the reports submitted to it by the ad hoc Working Party on the Removal of Fiscal barriers.

As a result of this discussion it reached the following conclusions:

1. The Council notes that the Commission, between now and 1 April 1987, taking account of the report of the Chairman of the ad hoc Working Party, will present detailed proposals on the rates and rate structure of indirect taxation and on the clearing system to the Council. On this basis, the Member States will be able to state their position on the approach which the Commission envisages in Part III of the White Paper. This is without prejudice to the positions which delegations will take at the appropriate time on this package of proposals.
  
2. In the meantime the Council invites Coreper to deal with proposals already presented covering the common VAT-base, and the common excise structure and with the proposals before it which aim to simplify procedures at frontiers.

LIBERALIZATION OF CAPITAL MOVEMENTS

After an introductory statement by President DELORS, the Council held an initial discussion on the general programme for the liberalization of capital movements, and a proposal for a Directive on the subject, which the Commission had just submitted and which was aimed at:

- ending exceptional arrangements for certain Member States;
- extending the current liberalization obligations (purpose of the Commission proposal for a Directive, which is designed to supplement the Community liberalization provisions of 1960-1962);
- measures leading to total freedom of capital movements.

Discussions showed that Member States were largely in agreement on the three-stage Commission approach.

In conclusion the Council asked the Monetary Committee, the Committee of Governors of the Central Banks and the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the proposal for a Directive aimed at amending the 1960-1962 Directives on the matter and to report back for its October meeting.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

In the light of a report from the Chairman of the Monetary Committee, the Council continued the discussion it had begun at its previous meeting on the Commission communication concerning monetary and financial relations with Japan. The discussion showed that there was broad agreement on the conclusions reached by the Chairman of the Monetary Committee. The Council asked the Commission to take account of those conclusions and of the views expressed in the present debate during its future work on the matter.

PREPARATION FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council discussed the economic and financial matters likely to be raised at the forthcoming meeting of the European Council in The Hague on 26 and 27 June. It heard an oral statement by the President of the Commission.

The Council endorsed the conclusions contained in a report from the Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee on the international environment and economic-policy problems; it asked its President to forward these conclusions to the President of the European Council.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Fiscal matters

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- The Directive amending Directive 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco (extension of the second stage of harmonization of the structures of excise duty);
- the twenty-first Council Directive on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes - Deferment of the introduction of the common system of value added tax in the Hellenic Republic until 1 January 1987 at the latest.

Direct insurance other than life assurance

The Council adopted a Decision authorizing the opening of a second round of negotiations with Switzerland for the conclusion of an agreement relating to the taking-up and pursuit of the business of direct insurance other than life assurance.

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PRESS RELEASE

7626/86 (Presse 95)

1089th meeting of the Council  
- Foreign Affairs -  
Brussels, 16 and 17 June 1986  
Presidents: Mr H. VAN DEN BROEK,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
and  
Mr W./F. VAN EEKELLEN,  
State Secretary  
for Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS	Minister for Foreign Relations
Mr H. DE CROO	Minister for Foreign Trade
Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Jakob Esper LARSEN	Ambassador, Permanent Representative
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Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER	Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Martin BANGEMANN	Federal Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Lutz STAVENHAGEN	Minister of State, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Théodoros PANGALOS	Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES	State Secretary for Relations with the European Communities
Mr Luis DE VELASCO	State Secretary for Trade

France:

Mr Jean-Bernard RAIMOND	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Ireland:

Mr George BIRMINGHAM

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Mr Edward COLLINS

Minister of State at the Department of Industry and Commerce

Italy:

Mr Mario FIORET

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. VAN DEN BROEK

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr W.F. VAN EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN

Minister for External Trade

Portugal:

Mr Pedro PIRES DE MIRANDA

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Victor MARTINS

State Secretary for European Integration

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Alan CLARK

Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS

President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ

Member

Mr Nicolas MOSAR

Member

PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council held an exchange of views on the list of Community topics likely to be discussed by the European Council in The Hague on 26 and 27 of this month, viz. the economic and social situation in the Community, progress with the internal market and a People's Europe, the long-term prospects for the common agricultural policy in the international context, the situation following Chernobyl, drug problems.

MEDITERRANEAN POLICY OF THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY

The Council discussed in depth the problems outstanding in the framework of the current negotiations with the Mediterranean countries.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives to find solutions to the questions outstanding by the end of the month in the light of the Council's discussions.

MEETING OF THE EEC-TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Further to its decision of February last to hold a Ministerial meeting of the Association Council with Turkey in the early autumn, the Council agreed that this meeting should take place on 16 September 1986.

RELATIONS WITH THE USA - CONSEQUENCES OF ENLARGEMENT

Portugal

The Council notes that the United States have already imposed restrictions on import of certain products originating in the Community and that they plan to raise tariffs on other products later.

The Council recalls and confirms its conclusions of 21 April 1986 to the effect that, should the US authorities introduce unilateral measures against trade with the Community, the latter would be obliged to take equivalent measures to protect its interests.

With regard to those measures already taken, the Council, in accordance with its conclusions of 21 April 1986:

- noted that these measures were potentially prejudicial to Community producers;
- accordingly approved a Regulation introducing surveillance on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America and listed in the Annex to the Regulation (1);
- confirmed that, if it transpired that the measures introduced by the United States hampered Community exports, the Community would immediately adopt measures having an equivalent restrictive effect in respect of products mentioned in the list annexed to the above Regulation.

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( 1 ) Horse meat, offal of bovine cattle, natural honey, fresh foliage, dried fruit, sunflower seeds, fats of bovine cattle, fruit juices (orange, grapefruit, pineapple), food preparations made from maize, beer and certain wines.

Spain

The Council reiterates its grave concern at the announcement of unilateral retaliatory measures by the United States following the unbinding by the EEC, in application of the Treaty of Accession, of the former Spanish duties on maize and sorghum.

The Council considers that these measures, which are not justified in the GATT framework, present a serious threat to trade relations between the USA and the EEC and might well compromise the start of GATT negotiations under the New Round.

The Council reaffirms the readiness of the Community to complete negotiations under Article XXIV-6 as speedily as possible and instructs the Commission to continue appropriate contacts with the United States in order to conclude such negotiations.

Repeating the determination of the Community as expressed by the Council on 21 April 1986 to take equivalent measures to protect its interests, the Council herewith decides to take corresponding measures, acting on a proposal from the Commission, concerning imports of corn gluten feed, rice and wheat within a period not exceeding a fortnight from the announcement by the President of the United States. The measures decided upon are to come into force at the same time as the US measures are actually implemented.

The Council also decides to request the Commission to draw up, with due regard for the overall nature of the Article XXIV-6 negotiations, measures enabling both sides to stay application of retaliatory and counter-retaliatory measures in the conflict on the arrangements for the import of maize and sorghum into Spain and to arrive at an equitable solution.

PROTECTION OF DIALYSIS PATIENTS

Confirming its agreement of principle reached at the Health Council meeting on 29 May of this year, the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council formally adopted the Resolution concerning the protection of dialysis patients by minimizing the exposure to aluminium.

SITUATION OF EUROPE'S TOURIST INDUSTRY

Prompted by the Greek delegation, the Council discussed the problems resulting from the expected drop in the number of tourists from the United States in the current tourist season.

It heard a report from Mr RIPA DI MEANA, Member of the Commission, on the problems arising with respect to the situation of Europe's tourist industry.

IRON AND STEEL: EXTERNAL REGIME 1986

The Council authorized the Commission to negotiate an arrangement with Venezuela under the 1986 iron and steel external regime.

OVERALL APPROACH TO THE NEW ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: IN DEFENCE  
OF OPEN MULTILATERAL TRADE

1. Recalling its Declaration of 19th March 1985 which remains in its entirety the basis of the Community's position on the New Round of Multilateral trade negotiations, the Council affirms the importance it attaches to the speedy and successful launching of the New Round. The Community will participate actively and constructively in the process leading to the Ministerial meeting in Punta del Este on 15th September 1986.
2. The Commission will be invited to propose formal negotiating directives in the sense of Article 113 at a later stage, after agreement has been reached to launch the New Round. Meanwhile, however, the Council has considered it appropriate that the Community's general approach to the future negotiations, and its basic objectives, be elaborated further.
3. The Commission's communication to the Council of 2nd June 1986, entitled "The Overall Approach - New Round of Trade Negotiations: In Defence of Open Multilateral Trade" is welcomed by the Council and provides the Commission with the necessary orientations.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 758/86 on the 1986 import system applicable to products falling within subheading 07.06 A of the Common Customs Tariff originating in third countries which are not members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the tariff quota for manioc already set for the People's Republic of China from 200 000 to 300 000 tonnes.

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 apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Turkey (90t with suspension of the CCT at 2,3% for the period 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987).

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted the Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the European Economic Community and the republic of Finland concerning the granting of reciprocal tariff concessions for certain alcoholic beverages.

Appointments

The Council appointed:

- on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr S.J. BARBER a full member of the European Social Fund Committee to replace Mr R. NIBLETT, member who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 11 December 1987;
  - on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr J.G. RUSSELL, a full member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training to replace Mr L. WOOD, member who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 14 July 1987;
  - on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr J. RODGERS, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training to replace Mr J.G. RUSSEL, alternate member who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 14 July 1987;
  - on a proposal from the French Government, Mr Maurice DROULIN, a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr Louis LAUGA, member who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 20 September 1986;
  - on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, Mr F.H.M. EYNDHOVEN, a member of the European Coal and Steel Community Consultative Committee to replace Mr J.W. BOTS, member who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 17 February 1987.
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PRESS RELEASE

7702/86 (Presse 96)

1090th Council meeting

- Transport -

Luxembourg, 18/19 June 1986

President: Mrs N. SMIT-KROES

Minister for Transport  
and Public Works

of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

PRESS RELEASE

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for the 1090th meeting of the Council  
- Transport -

Luxembourg, 30 June 1986

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Luxembourg:

Mr Marcel SCHLECHTER

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Mrs N. SMIT-KROES

Minister for Transport and  
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Portugal:

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SEQUEIRA BRAGA

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Mr John MOORE

Secretary of State for Transport

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For the Commission:

Mr Stanley CLINTON DAVIS

Member

Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

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ROAD HAULAGE

The Council continued its discussions of 18 and 19 June on road haulage, and reached the following conclusions:

Intra-Community road haulage

"THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to its conclusions of 14 November 1985,

Whereas a free intra-Community market in road haulage without quantitative restrictions should be created by 1992 at the latest;

Whereas from the transport policy point of view distortions of competition should be fully eliminated during the transitional period,

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

1. Organization of the market

(a) Definitive organization of the market

A free market without quantitative restrictions should be created in intra-Community road haulage by 1992 at the latest.

(b) Transitional phase

- In order to permit progressive adjustment during the transitional period to the free market to be created by 1992 at the latest and to ensure that transition to the new system is as smooth as possible, the annual increase in the Community quota must be higher than the present 15%. As from 1987 the annual increase will therefore have to be brought up to 40% (cumulative) until the introduction of the final phase, subject to the provisions of section 2(b) on page 6 below.

- The system of bilateral quotas applied during the transitional phase must meet the needs of trade and transport between the Member States concerned, including the overall transit needs of all Member States.

(c) Main features of the definitive organization of the market

The organization of the free market will comprise, inter alia, the following features:

- a system of Community authorizations issued on the basis of purely qualitative criteria, viz.:

- = subjective requirements for access to the profession (professional competence, solvency and good repute);

The practical application of these requirements in the various Member States will be harmonized as far as necessary; their content will be further specified.

- = sufficient experience in national haulage;

- monitoring of compliance with the provisions enacted on road safety and social conditions, on a uniform basis for all Member States;
- the introduction of Community measures to cope with serious disruption of the market or part of the market; a Community system for monitoring the market will provide the necessary data.

Taking the above as starting points, discussion of this matter will continue on the basis of the Commission proposal of 15 June 1983.

2. Conditions of competition

During the transitional period, distortions of competition should be fully eliminated. Now that agreement has been reached on the revision of social legislation and that the Directives on the harmonization of the weights and dimensions of certain road vehicles, including the load on the driving axle, have been adopted, the fiscal aspects remain to be settled. Fiscal harmonization will be studied further in co-operation with the Finance Ministers on the basis of a comprehensive note on motor vehicle taxation, excise duty on fuel and road tolls to be submitted by the Commission.

The Council calls upon the Commission:

- (a) to submit a proposal amending Regulation (EEC) No 3164/76 to bring the annual increase in the Community quota to 40% (cumulative);
- (b) to ascertain whether this annual increase and the allocation of the Community quota between the Member States will have sufficient effect to allow easy transition to the final phase in 1992 at the latest, and to submit an initial report on the question by 1 January 1988;
- (c) with a view to the completion of the internal market, to study the problems of Community transit through third countries and to submit appropriate proposals, as soon as possible and by 1 January 1987 at the latest;
- (d) to submit, as soon as possible and by 1 January 1987 at the latest, a study on motor vehicle taxation, excise duty on fuel and road tolls and the correlation between them."

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Further decisions relating to transport

The Council adopted the Resolution on the extension of the system for observing the markets for the carriage of goods by rail, road and inland waterway between the Member States.

Under the Resolution

- the system of experimental monitoring of the markets for the carriage of goods by rail which had been gradually introduced beginning in 1978 and extended for the first time in 1981 would be extended for a further period ending on 31 December 1988;
- before 1 July 1988 the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission and following an in-depth review of the existing system, will take a decision on the establishment of a system adapted to the final arrangements for organization of the inland transport market, taking into account the needs of users and the need to reduce running costs to a minimum.

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the ECSC, meeting within the Council, adopted the Fifth Supplementary Agreement amending the Agreement of 21 March 1955 on the establishment of through international railway tariffs for the carriage of coal and steel.

The new Supplementary Agreement constitutes a limited revision of the 1955 Agreement to enable the German railways to carry out a reform of their national tariff system.

### Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 857/84 adopting general rules for the application of the levy referred to in Article 5c of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 in the milk and milk products sector.

### Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning an interim extension of the Protocol annexed to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Senegal and the European Economic Community on fishing off the coast of Senegal for the period 1 to 31 May 1986.

### Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of industrial products.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision accepting on behalf of the Community the Recommendation of the Customs Co-operation Council of 16 June 1982 concerning the use of a code for the representation of modes of transport.

### Environment

The Council decided to sign the Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African Region and the two Protocols annexed thereto, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

PRESS RELEASE

7883/86 (Presse 104)

Continuation of the 1090th Council meeting

- Transport -

Luxembourg, 30 June 1986

President: Mrs N. SMIT-KROES  
Minister for Transport  
and Public Works  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



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Whereas the elimination of distortions of competition in transport should be completed during the transitional period,

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

1. Organization of the market

(a) Definitive organization of the market

A free market without quantitative restrictions should be created in intra-Community road haulage by 1992 at the latest.

(b) Transitional phase

- In order to permit progressive adjustment during the transitional period to the free market to be created by 1992 at the latest and to ensure that transition to the new system is as smooth as possible, the annual increase in the Community quota must be higher than the present 15%. As from 1987 the annual increase will therefore have to be brought up to 40% (cumulative) until the introduction of the final phase, subject to the provisions of point 2(b) on page 6.

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- The system of bilateral quotas applied during the transitional period must meet the requirements of trade and transport between the Member States concerned, including the overall transit requirements of all the Member States.

(c) Main features of the definitive organization of the market

The organization of the free market will comprise the following features:

- a system of Community authorizations issued on the basis of purely qualitative criteria, viz.:
  - = subjective requirements for access to the profession (professional competence, solvency and good repute).

The practical application of these requirements in the various Member States will be harmonized as far as necessary; their content will be further specified.

- = sufficient experience in national haulage;
- monitoring of compliance with the provisions enacted on road safety and social conditions, on a uniform basis for all Member States;
- the introduction of Community measures to cope with serious disruption of the market or part of the market; a Community system for monitoring the market will provide the necessary data.

Taking the above as starting points, discussion of this matter will continue on the basis of the Commission proposal of 15 June 1983.

2. Conditions of competition

During the transitional period, work on the elimination of distortions of competition should be expedited. Now that agreement has been reached on the revision of social legislation and directives have been adopted on the harmonization of the weights and dimensions of certain road vehicles, including the load on the drive axle, the fiscal aspects remain to be settled. Fiscal harmonization will be studied further in co-operation with the Ministry of Finance on the basis of a comprehensive note on motor vehicle taxation, excise duty on fuel and road tolls to be submitted to the Commission.

The Council calls upon the Commission:

- (a) to submit a proposal amending Regulation (EEC) No 3164/76 to bring the annual increase in the Community quota to 40% (cumulative);
- (b) to ascertain whether this annual increase and the allocation of the Community quota between the Member States will have sufficient effect to allow easy transition to the final phase in 1992 at the latest, and to submit an initial report on this point by 1 January 1988;
- (c) with a view to the completion of the internal market, to study the problems of Community transit through third countries and to submit appropriate proposals, as soon as possible and by 1 January 1987 at the latest;
- (d) to submit, as soon as possible and by 1 January 1987 at the latest, a study on motor vehicle taxation, excise duty on fuel and road tolls and the correlation between them."

Weights and dimensions - Prescribing the weight on the driving axle  
of a 5 or 6-axle combined vehicle

The Council agreed:

- to set at 11,5 tonnes, with effect from 1 January 1992, the weight on the driving axle of 5 or 6-axle combined vehicles;
- to grant Ireland and the United Kingdom, because of the inadequacies of their road infrastructure, the right to derogate from this requirement temporarily, as laid down in the basic Directive, particularly with regard to the maximum weight of the laden vehicle.

In this connection, the Irish and United Kingdom Governments undertook to take steps to ensure that 5 or 6-axle combined vehicles used in trade with other Member States did not, on their territory, have a weight on the driving axle of more than 10,5 tonnes and a total laden weight of more than 38 tonnes.

AIR TRANSPORT

The Council had a wide ranging and detailed discussion on the development of a civil air transport policy in the Community.

At the end of its debate it agreed to the following general conclusion :

"The Council, taking into account the conclusions of the European Council of 26 and 27 June 1986, in the field of air transportation :

- confirms the need for a coherent Community air transport system based on a balanced set of instruments promoting increased competition in intra-Community air services as regards tariffs, capacity and market entry, in conformity with the competition rules of the Treaty ;
- agrees in this context that such a system should be established gradually. To that end, the Council agrees on an initial period of application of 3 years, during which the Council will review developments and take decisions on further steps in order to achieve the objective of the completion of the internal market by the year 1992. "

The Council instructed the Permanent Representative Committee to continue its work on the various aspects of this policy and report to the Council at its next meeting.

DIFFERENTIATION OF SPEED LIMITS

The Council discussed the question of making greater use of motorways under more equal conditions. It referred in this connection to the 1984 Resolution of the Council and the Member States on road safety and to the recent letter from Mr CLINTON DAVIS on this subject.

In conclusion, the President noted that the Member States, which were primarily responsible for road safety, were encouraged in their thinking on this matter and would endeavour, where infrastructure permitted, to promote the use of motorways by establishing, between the speeds authorized on motorways and those permitted on ordinary roads, a distinction that was recognizable as such on a European scale.

The Commission was urged to bring its study of this question to a swift conclusion.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision on the association of the OCT with the Community.

In addition, 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 on the arrangements for trade between the Community and the OCT in ECSC products.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision reallocating the unexpended balance of the resources set aside under the Fifth EDF for the stabilization of the export earnings of the overseas countries and territories.

Finally, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in:

- the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP): exemption from customs duties for the period from 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987 for 170 000 hectolitres of pure alcohol, allocated as follows: United Kingdom - 101 650 hl; Benelux - 9 100 hl; Denmark - 2 970 hl; Germany - 49 330 hl; Greece - 50 hl; Spain - 260 hl; France - 2 750 hl; Ireland - 3 110 hl; Italy - 750 hl; Portugal - 30 hl;
- the overseas countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community: exemption from customs duties for the period from 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987 in respect of 16 899 hl of pure alcohol, allocated as follows: Benelux - 10 139 hl; Denmark - 1 190 hl; Germany - 1 840 hl; Greece - 30 hl; Spain - 330 hl; France - 680 hl; Ireland - 680 hl; Italy - 330 hl; Portugal - 330 hl; United Kingdom - 1350 hl.

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council decided to sign, subject to their conclusion, the Additional Protocols to the Agreements in the form of Exchanges of Letters with the EFTA countries, consequent on the accession of Spain and Portugal.

Environment

The Council decided to proceed with the signing of a Protocol amending the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-based Sources by including provisions on the prevention of pollution through the atmosphere.

Agriculture

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

- on the rules for calculating the monetary compensatory amounts applicable in the pigmeat and eggs and poultry sectors;
- amending the Regulation (EEC) fixing the conversion rates to be applied in agriculture.

(See Press Release 7827/86 (Presse 102) of 24/25 June 1986, page 4).

Fisheries

- The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities,
- the Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for
    - = cod, wet, salted, falling within subheading ex 03.02 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff
    - = saithe (*Pollachius virens*), salted, whole, and filets of saithe, salted, falling within subheadings ex 03.02 A I f) and ex 03.02 A II d) of the Common Customs Tariff
    - = deep-frozen filets and minced blocks of Alaska pollack (*Theragra chalcogramma*) falling within subheadings ex 03.01 B I n)2 and ex 03.01 B II b)17 of the Common Customs Tariff
    - = deep-frozen filets and minced blocks of hake (*Merluccius hubbsi*) falling within subheading ex 03.01 B II b)9 and ex 03.01 B I t)2 of the Common Customs Tariff

(See Press Release 7882/86 (Presse 103) of 25/26 June 1986, page 8)

- the Decisions
  - = on the international mutual inspection programme of the North-West Atlantic Fisheries Organization
  - = on the Arrangement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Government of Canada on the establishment of the scientific observation programme in the Regulatory Area of the NAFO Convention.

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

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1091st meeting of the Council

- Internal Market -

Luxembourg, 23 June 1986

President: Mr W.F. van EEKELEN,  
State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



Luxembourg:

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary  
for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr P.H. van ZEIL

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Economic Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Victor MARTINS

State Secretary for  
European Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Alan CLARK

Minister for Trade

Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

FREEDOM TO PROVIDE SERVICES

Specific training in general medical practice

The Council examined the proposal for a Directive which supplemented existing Community legislation on specific training in general medical practice.

After noting that there was agreement on most of the outstanding problems, it instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to go ahead with the search for an overall solution on the subject.

(Self-employed) commercial agents

The Council resumed its examination of the proposal for a Directive on co-ordinating the laws of the Member States relating to (self-employed) commercial agents.

It noted that the proposal continued to pose a fundamental problem for the United Kingdom delegation, although this delegation said it was willing to help find a compromise solution so that the Council could re-examine the issue in the near future.

PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Fourth Directive (presentation of the results of tests relating to authorization for placing products on the market)

Second and third Directives ("Regulatory Committee")

Placing on the market of proprietary medicinal products

Approximation of laws on proprietary medicinal products

The Council made an initial examination of all the proposals relating to pharmaceutical products, noting that a certain amount of progress had been made in this area. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the remaining questions with a view to the Council's next meeting.

DIRECT SATELLITE TELEVISION BROADCASTING

Pending the European Parliament's Opinion, the Council reached a consensus on the Community systems to be used for the direct broadcasting of TV programmes by satellite and their rediffusion by cable until the end of 1991.

It asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare this issue for formal adoption once the European Parliament's Opinion was available.

TECHNICAL BARRIERS

Self-propelled industrial trucks

The Council examined the remaining technical questions regarding the proposal for a Directive on the harmonization of legislation concerning self-propelled industrial trucks.

It noted that one delegation still had a problem with this proposal and would continue to consider the matter with a view to the Council's next meeting.

Airborne noise

The Council made progress on the proposal for a Directive concerning airborne noise emitted by household appliances, the first of the series involving elements of the new approach. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue looking for solutions to the remaining problems with a view to the Directive's early adoption.

Other issues relating to technical barriers

The Council noted the progress which had been made on the proposals concerning motorcycles and tractors and agreed to ask the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussing these two issues.

It also noted that one delegation was still unable to endorse the proposal on excavators and agreed that this proposal would remain on the Council table.

New approach

The Council heard a report from the Presidency on progress in the discussions on implementing the new approach to technical harmonization, particularly in the light of experience gained during the preparatory discussions on the proposed Directive on simple pressure vessels.

PEOPLE'S EUROPE

Border controls

The Council resumed its discussions on the proposals for a Directive and a Resolution on the gradual abolition of border controls. It asked the Commission - having regard to the substance of the draft Directive and the respective powers of the Community and its Member States - to hold exploratory talks with the Nordic Union to assess the possibility of an agreement between the Community and the Nordic Union on the crossing of borders.

Right of residence

The Council made some progress, in particular on the question of the right of residence for students, but it was apparent from the discussion that it would not be possible to settle certain other outstanding problems at this stage.

It therefore asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the remaining problems and report back.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Original topographies of semi-conductor products

The Council said that in view of the progress already made in the examination of the proposal for a Directive on the legal protection of original topographies of semi-conductor products, a Directive would probably be adopted in the near future; it intended to take all necessary steps to ensure that these discussions resulted in the text being adopted by the end of the year, the aim being that all Member States should have legislation on the legal protection of semi-conductors by November 1987.

The Council noted the Member States' intention of ensuring that such protection would also extend to States which granted, or were going to grant, equivalent protection in their territory to topographies from the Member States.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussing the proposed Directive.

Community patents

The Council noted the communications by the Presidency and the Commission on the Agreement relating to Community patents.

It asked the future United Kingdom Presidency, in co-operation with the Commission, to continue talks with a number of delegations which still had difficulties over the ratification of the Agreement, and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume examination of the problem of the Agreement's entry into force in the light of those talks.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS

On the basis of documents from the Presidency and the Commission, the Council examined in detail the questions arising in connection with public contracts.

A view was established to the effect that early measures should be taken to ensure effective liberalization of these contracts in order to cut costs for public bodies and to increase the competitive strength of the industries concerned. The Council welcomed the Commission's intentions concerning the amendment and more rigorous application of existing Directives, which could be extended to sectors that were currently excluded.

The Council noted the Presidency's intention of raising this matter at the European Council meeting on 26 and 27 June and called upon the Commission to submit suitable proposals.

TOURISM

Pending the European Parliament's Opinion, the Council gave a favourable first reaction to the Resolution on a better seasonal and geographical distribution of tourism.

It also welcomed the progress that had been made on the proposal for a Recommendation on standardized information on existing hotels.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussing these matters and also the proposal for a Decision establishing a consultation and co-ordination procedure in the field of tourism with a view to their adoption once the European Parliament's Opinion was available.

HOTEL SAFETY

The Council also examined the proposal for a Recommendation on fire safety in existing hotels, with particular reference to its legal aspects and its present form.

It agreed to refer the matter back to the Permanent Representatives Committee with instructions to draw up a text based on Article 235 of the Treaty.

COMPLETION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET

The Council noted the results achieved to date and the rolling Presidency programme (drawn up by the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Belgian Presidencies) for the period 1 July 1986 to 1 July 1987 for completion of the internal market.

The programme is as follows:

ROLLING PROGRAMME: proposals to be adopted in the period from  
1 July 1986 to 1 July 1987

CONTROL OF GOODS

1. Various controls

- 1.<sup>4</sup> Simplification of Community transit procedure: discontinuance of presentation of transit advice note and guarantee
2. Duty-free admission of fuel contained in the fuel tanks of commercial motor vehicles
3. Road transport: Abolition of control of quotas at border crossings
- 4.<sup>2</sup> Passenger transport: abolition of border controls related to transport authorizations
- 5.<sup>2</sup> Introduction of common border posts ("banalisation")
6. Frontier facilitation of goods traffic (amendment to Directive 83/643 COM(85))
- 7.<sup>1</sup> Counterfeit goods
- 8.<sup>1</sup> Right of appeal
- 9.<sup>1</sup> Temporary importation of containers
- 10.<sup>1</sup> Outward processing/Standard exchange
- 11.<sup>1</sup> Entry in the accounts
- 12.<sup>1</sup> Debtor (person liable for a customs debt)
- Veterinary and plant health controls
- 13.<sup>2</sup> Live animals of the bovine species: amended eradication directives to provide for final eradication of tuberculosis, brucellosis and leucosis in all Member States including Portugal and Spain
- 14.<sup>2</sup> Live animals of the porcine species: amend, strengthen and extend directives for the eradication of classical swine fever in the Community as a whole and of African swine fever in Sardinia, Spain and Portugal

15. Production and trade in medicated feedingstuffs
16. Boar meat
- 17.<sup>3</sup> Personnel responsible for inspection
18. Minced meat and similar
- 19.<sup>3</sup> Antibiotic residues
- 20.<sup>3</sup> Control of residues
- 21.<sup>3</sup> Pedigree of bovine animals
- 22.<sup>3</sup> Pedigree of porcine animals
23. Aujeszky's disease and swine vesicular disease
24. Semen of animals
- 25.<sup>2</sup> Amendment of Directives 72/461/EEC and 72/462/EEC
26. - Amendment of Directive 77/99/EEC on meat products  
- Imports of meat products from third countries (animal and public health)
- 27.<sup>2</sup> Definition of role of Community plant health inspectorate (amending Directive 77/83)
- 28.<sup>2</sup> Amendments to Article 15 of Directive 77/93 (improvements to the operation of safeguard provisions)
- 29.<sup>1</sup> Amendment of three directives concerning animal feedingstuffs (aflatoxin)
30. Budget proposal enabling establishment of Community plant health inspectorate
- 31.<sup>2</sup> Proposal for a Directive concerning the fixing of guidelines for the evaluation of additives used in animal feedingstuffs

32. Proposal for fixing maximum levels for pesticide residues in feedingstuffs
33. Proposal to amend the Annex to Directive 76/895/EEC concerning residues of pesticides on and in fruit and vegetables (ethoxyquin and diphenylamine)
- 34.<sup>3</sup> Proposal for the placing of plant protection products on the market
35. Proposal for the improvement of Community systems of certification of seeds

CONTROL OF INDIVIDUALS

36. Seventh Directive relating to exemptions in international travel: tax-free sales
- 37.<sup>3</sup> Tax reliefs to be allowed on the importation of goods in small consignments of a non-commercial character
38. Directive on the easing of controls at intra-Community borders

FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS

New approach in technical harmonization and standards policy

- 39.<sup>2</sup> Proposal for the extension of information procedures on standards and technical rules (amendment of Directive 83/189/EEC)
40. Recognition of tests and certificates.

41. Proposal for pressure vessels, in order to implement the new approach
- 42.<sup>3</sup> Safety of toys  
Chemical properties of toys  
Proposal for a Council Directive on electrical toys  
Tractors and agricultural machinery
43. Controls and indicators of agricultural and forestry tractors - COM(80) 849
44. Roll-over protection structures (incorporating two bars mounted in front of the driver's seat) on narrow-track wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors - COM(84) 400  
Motor vehicles
45. Measures to be taken against air pollution by gases from engines of motor vehicles
- 46.<sup>2</sup> - Exhaust emissions of commercial vehicles
- 47.<sup>2</sup> - Diesel particulates
- 48.<sup>2</sup> - Speed limits
49. Motor cycle exhaust noise - COM(84) 438  
Food Law
- 50.<sup>3</sup> Definition of spirituous beverages and aromatized wines
51. General Directive on food additives (partial amendment of existing directives)
52. General Directive on materials and articles in contact with food (amendment)

53. General Directive on food for particular nutritional uses (amendment)
54. General Directive on food labelling (amendment)
55. General Directive on quick-frozen food
56. Flavourings
57. Extraction solvents
58. Preservatives (amendment)
59. Infant formulae and follow-up milks (dietetic foods)
60. Cocoa and chocolate-consolidation
61. Obligation to indicate ingredients and alcoholic strength
62. Modified starches
- 63.<sup>2</sup> Fruit juices etc. (amendment)
- 64.<sup>2</sup> Jams etc. (amendment)
65. Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 79/581/EEC on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of foodstuffs
66. Additives - colourings - 8th amendment (COM(85) 474)
- 67.<sup>1</sup> 4th amendment - antioxidants Directive
- 68.<sup>2</sup> Proposal on sizes of bottles and other prepackages

Pharmaceuticals and high-technology medicines

69. Proposals for Directives concerning the placing on the market of high-technology medicinal products including those derived from biotechnology
70. Proposal amending Directive 75/318/EEC concerning the testing of proprietary medicinal products
71. Proposal amending Directive 81/852/EEC concerning veterinary medicinal products

- 72. Proposal for a Council Recommendation concerning tests relating to the placing on the market of proprietary medicinal products
- 73. Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 65/65/EEC concerning proprietary medicinal products

Chemical products

- 74. Good laboratory practices and verification of their application in tests on chemical substances COM(85) 380
- 75.<sup>1,2</sup> Proposal for a Directive on the inspection and verification of good laboratory practices
- 76.<sup>3</sup> Council Directive relating to "Restrictions on the marketing and use of asbestos"
- 77. Classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations

Other items

- 78. Limitation of noise emitted by hydraulic and rope-operated excavators and by dozers, loaders and excavator-loaders COM(80) 468
- 79. Household appliances: airborne noise
- 80. Forklift trucks COM(79) 229

81. Helicopters' exhaust noise  
COM(81) 554
82. Protection of hotels against fire (proposal for a Recommendation)
- 83.<sup>2</sup> Individual protective devices equipment:
  - . helmets for motorcycle drivers (result of notification on the basis of Directive 189/83)
- 84.<sup>2</sup> Individual protective devices equipment:
  - . Safety boots and shoes (idem)
85. Proposal for a Directive on consumer protection in respect of the indication of prices for non-food products

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

- 86.<sup>2</sup> Improvement of Directives on public procurement supplies
- 87.<sup>2</sup> Improvement of Directives on public procurement: works

FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONS

- 88.<sup>3</sup> Proposal concerning the harmonization of income tax provisions with respect to the free movement of workers within the Community

89. Proposals for promoting student mobility and co-operation between further education establishments in different Member States
- 90.<sup>2</sup> Proposal for the development of co-operation programmes between Member States for apprentices undergoing vocational training
91. Proposal for the development of youth exchanges in the Community including young people in vocational training and voluntary work abroad
- 92.<sup>3</sup> Proposal for a Directive concerning transitional measures for access to activities in the technical field and for their exercise
- 93.<sup>3</sup> Proposal for a Directive concerning the co-ordination of provisions in respect of training of engineers
94. Proposal for a Directive on the co-ordination of provisions relating to commercial agents
95. Proposal for a Council Directive on specific training in general medical practice
96. Right of Establishment:  
Proposal for a Directive setting up a general system of mutual recognition of higher education diplomas
97. Right of residence for nationals of Member States not yet or no longer employed
98. Proposals for co-operation between higher education and industry for advanced training relating to new technologies (Comett) (COM(85) 431)

COMMON MARKET FOR SERVICES

99. Proposal for a Directive on the annual accounts of banks
- 100.<sup>2</sup> Proposal for a Recommendation on the harmonization of the concept of own funds

Insurance

- 101. Proposal for a Directive to facilitate freedom to provide services in insurance other than life assurance
- 102. Proposal for a Directive on co-ordination of laws relating to legal expenses insurance
- 103. Proposal for a Directive concerning credit insurance

Transactions in securities

- 104.<sup>2</sup> UCITS Directive: Jurisdictional clause
- 105.<sup>2</sup> UCITS Directive: Special measures concerning certain investments

TRANSPORT

- 106. Air transport: fares
- 107. Air transport: bilateral agreements, arrangements and memoranda of understanding between Member States
- 108. Air transport: application of EEC Article 85
- 109.<sup>1,2</sup> Review of inter-regional air services Directive
- 110. Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States: final stage
- 111. Access to the inland waterway freight market
- 112.<sup>1</sup> Regulation on unfair pricing practices - maritime transport
- 113.<sup>1</sup> Regulation on co-ordinated action to safeguard free access to cargoes in oceanic trade
- 114.<sup>1</sup> Regulation applying EEC Article 85 to maritime transport
- 115. Non-resident carriers: national transport services

- 116. Maritime transport (freedom to provide services in the maritime transport sector)
- 117. Liberalization of coach services

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES

- 118. Proposal for a Directive co-ordinating certain aspects of the national laws regulating advertising on radio and television and co-ordinating certain aspects of the national laws regulating copyright in simultaneous cable transmission of programmes
- 119. Standardization of television  
COM(86) 1
- 120. Standardization I.T. and Telecom  
COM(85) 230

CAPITAL MOVEMENTS

- 121.<sup>2</sup> Proposals for the liberalization of operations such as the issue, placing and acquisition of securities representing risk capital, transactions in securities issued by Community institutions and long-term commercial credit

Intellectual and industrial property

- 122. Community Patent Convention
- 123. Creation of a Community Patent Appeal Court
- 124. Amended proposal for a Regulation on Community trade marks

- 125. Amended proposal for a First Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks
- 126. Proposal for a Regulation on the rules needed for implementing the Community trade mark regulation
- 127. Proposal for a Directive on legal protection of micro-circuits

Taxation

- 128. Arbitration procedure concerning the elimination of double taxation
- 129. Common system of taxation applicable to parent companies and their subsidiaries
- 130. Common system of taxation of mergers, divisions and contributions of assets
- 131. Harmonization of taxes on transactions in securities

REMOVAL OF FISCAL BARRIERS

VAT

- 132.<sup>4</sup> Proposal for a Council Decision providing for a standstill ensuring:
  - no proliferation of VAT rates in Member States
  - no widening of the gap between VAT rates in each Member State
- 133.<sup>4</sup> Proposal for a 14th Directive concerning deferred payment on importation
- 134.<sup>2,4</sup> Proposal relating to farmers subject to flat-rate taxation
- 135.<sup>2,4</sup> Proposal on passenger transport
- 136.<sup>2,4</sup> Proposal on special schemes for small businesses
- 137.<sup>4</sup> 7th VAT Directive: works of art, collectors' items, antiques and used goods
- 138.<sup>4</sup> 12th VAT Directive concerning expenditure on which tax is not deductible
- 139.<sup>4</sup> 13th VAT Directive concerning tax refunds to persons not established in the Community
- 140.<sup>4</sup> 16th VAT Directive concerning imports by final consumers of goods which have already borne tax in another Member State

- 141.<sup>4</sup> 18th VAT Directive concerning the abolition of certain derogations (Article 28(3) of Directive 77/388/EEC)
- 142.<sup>4</sup> 19th VAT Directive: miscellaneous supplementary and amending provisions of Directive 77/388/EEC
- 143.<sup>4</sup> Directive on the stores of ships, aircraft and international trains

EXCISE DUTIES

- 144.<sup>4</sup> Proposal for a Council Decision providing for a standstill ensuring no introduction of new excise duties which give rise to border formalities
  - 145.<sup>4</sup> Proposals concerning harmonization of the structure of excise duties on alcoholic drinks
    - COM(72) 225 final
    - COM(82) 153 final
    - COM(85) 150 final
    - COM(85) 151 final
  - 146.<sup>4</sup> Proposal for excise duties on wine
  - 147.<sup>4</sup> Proposal concerning the introduction of a third stage concerning the harmonization of the structure of cigarette duty
  - 148.<sup>4</sup> Proposal concerning the harmonization of the structure of excise duties on mineral oils
  - 149.<sup>4</sup> Proposal concerning the harmonization of the structures of excise duties on other manufactured tobacco
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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Consumer protection

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Resolution concerning the future orientation of the policy of the European Economic Community for the protection and promotion of consumer interests (see press release 6540/86 (Presse 66) of 6 May 1986).

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision amending the Internal Agreement of 19 February 1985 on the Financing and Administration of Community Aid under the third ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé (accession of Spain and Portugal).

Appointments

The Council appointed:

- on a proposal from the Danish Government, Mr J.S. ANDERSEN, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of Mr G. HOLSTEEN JESSEN, an alternate member who had resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which ran until 14 July 1987;

- on a proposal from the Italian Government, Mr R. TRENTIN, as a member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers in place of Mr M. MASEL, a member who had resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which ran until 27 November 1987;
  
- on a proposal from the Belgian Government, Mr Jean BRUSSELEERS, as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners in place of Mr Nestor DUFRANE, for the remainder of his term of office, which ran until 10 October 1986..

Lastly, the Council adopted a Decision appointing the Italian members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training until 11 May 1989:

A. Experts from the practising profession

Member

Dr Bruno BARUCHELLO

Alternate member

Dr Rino RIGGIO

B. Experts from the medical faculties of the universities

Member

Prof. Raffaello CORTENSINI

Alternate member

Prof. Francesco FILADORO

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

Member

Prof. Francesco POLIZZI

Alternate member

Dr Arturo CORNETTA

PRESS RELEASE

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1092nd meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 24 and 25 June 1986

President: Mr Gerrit BRAKS  
Minister for Agriculture  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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:

Mrs Britta SCHALL HOLBERG

Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE

Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walter FLORIAN

State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS

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MCA's APPLICABLE IN THE PIGMEAT, EGGS AND POULTRYMEAT SECTORS

After lengthy discussion, the Council arrived at a broad agreement on a return to the old system (basic price) for calculating pigmeat MCAs with the possibility of devaluing the green rate for pigmeat in order to dismantle some negative MCAs.

For eggs and poultrymeat the Council was inclined to favour extending the suspension of MCAs until 30 September 1986 at the latest. The Commission undertook to submit a proposal on the matter to the Council in July.

The Council asked the Special Committee on Agriculture to finalize these majority agreements as swiftly as possible so that a decision could be taken, if possible as an "A" item at the Fisheries Council meeting the same day.

SOCIO-STRUCTURAL MEASURES

The Council heard an oral report from the Chairman of the Special Committee on Agriculture, highlighting a number of basic general points.

The Council asked the Special Committee on Agriculture to expedite its proceedings and report back on this complex issue as soon as possible.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE TAKE-OVER DATE FOR BUTTER BOUGHT INTO INTERVENTION

The Council heard comments by some delegations on the measure adopted by the Commission on its own authority, deferring the take-over date for butter bought into intervention until the sixtieth day after the butter enters the refrigerated storage depot.

The Commission representative explained the reasons behind the Commission's decision.

SPECIAL MEASURES FOR IMPORTS OF OLIVE OIL ORIGINATING IN TUNISIA

The Council recorded agreement in principle on the Regulation in question by a broad majority.

The Regulation will be formally adopted at a forthcoming Council meeting.

HARMONIZATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SECTORS (NEW APPROACH)

This point stems from the White paper and the Commission communication of November 1985 on a "new approach" to foodstuffs legislation.

The Council took note of progress in the Permanent Representatives Committee and went on to conduct a policy debate centering on the question of delegating power to the Commission under a simplified procedure.

In conclusion the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussions, working on the basis of recourse to a regulatory-type committee with a voting procedure.

MAXIMUM PERMITTED LEVELS FOR UNDESIRABLE SUBSTANCES AND PRODUCTS IN FEEDINGSTUFFS (AFLATOXIN) AND MARKETING OF STRAIGHT AND COMPOUND FEEDINGSTUFFS

The Council agreed to a Directive amending:

- the Directive on undesirable substances and products in feedingstuffs, in order to limit the presence of aflatoxin in raw materials used in the manufacture of feedingstuffs, the maximum permitted level of aflatoxin being set at 0,2 mg/kg;
- the two Directives on the marketing of straight feedingstuffs and the marketing of compound feedingstuffs, in order to provide better information for farmers on the characteristics of the products marketed.

The Directive will be formally adopted once the texts have been finalized.

EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS AND FRESH MEAT FOR THE PRESENCE OF RESIDUES

The Council discussed the points still to be resolved in connection with this proposal, to which it agreed in principle in December 1985 during discussions on the banning of hormones.

Following its discussions, the Council found that, subject to certain specific reservations to be resolved by the Permanent Representatives Committee, there was a consensus on the content of the Directive, with the question of inspection costs remaining to be settled by 31 December 1987, the date for implementation.

COMMUNITY FOREST PROTECTION SCHEME

The Council re-examined the proposal to establish a Community scheme to provide forests in the Community with increased protection against fire and atmospheric pollution.

It took note of some compromise points put forward by the Presidency and found that a great majority of delegations concurred.

The Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussions on the matter.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

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

- laying down general rules for the system of direct aid for small producers in the cereals sector;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1578/72 laying down general rules for the fixing of reference prices and for the establishment of the free-at-frontier offer price for hybrid maize for sowing;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1117/78 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder. The amendment is designed to remedy organizational difficulties for certain processing undertakings;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 477/86 adopting appropriate measures for trade in processed oil products with Spain or Portugal. The amendment is designed to extend to trade between Spain or Portugal and non-member countries the compensatory amount provided for in the event of significant price differences in the case of trade with the Community of Ten;
- revising, for the 1986/1987 marketing year, the maximum amount for the production levy on B sugar and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1453/86 with regard to the minimum price for B beet. This raises the production levy charged on B sugar to its upper limit of 37,5% of the intervention price.

Relations with Central America

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the countries parties to the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua) and Panama, of the other part.

Commercial policy

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 273/83 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of light sodium carbonate originating in Bulgaria, the German Democratic Republic, Poland, Romania and the Soviet Union;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain wines having a registered designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Morocco (1986/1987).

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COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

The Council held a discussion on the Commission report on the enforcement of the common fisheries policy and noted the Commission's intention to submit relevant proposals on the subject.

The Council also discussed the Commission communication on the guidelines and initiatives for the development of the common fisheries policy. During the discussion there was broad agreement on the need to avoid undermining the principles on which the common policy adopted in 1983 was based. It was established that the enlarged Community was faced with the problem of the imbalance between the potential of the fleet and the resources available.

At the end of the discussion the Council asked the Commission to submit proposals relating to structures at the earliest opportunity, particularly in view of the fact that the structural measures currently in force expired at the end of the year.

FISHERIES RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES

The Council heard a statement by the Commission representative on fisheries relations with certain third countries. The Council concentrated in particular on the matter of relations between the Community and certain State-trading countries bordering the Baltic Sea and between the Community and Canada. In this context the Council agreed to two decisions:

- the first authorizing the Commission to send the NAFO Executive Secretary notice of the Community's intention not to be linked with the international mutual inspection programme in the NAFO Regulatory Area from one year after the date of the said notice;
- the second authorizing the Commission to notify the Government of Canada of the Community's intention to terminate the current arrangement on the introduction of a scientific observation programme as of 31 December 1986.

CONSERVATION

The Council held a discussion on this proposal for a Regulation and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue looking into this matter.

### VESSEL CHARACTERISTICS

The Council discussed the proposal for a Regulation laying down definitions of vessel characteristics and the way in which they are to be determined for fishing vessels. The proposal aims to introduce common definitions for the principle characteristics of fishing vessels in order to facilitate uniform application of the common policy in future, particularly the measures on structures and the conservation of resources which are often directed at vessels with certain characteristics.

On completion of its discussion the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue looking into this proposal.

### RESEARCH POLICY

The Council discussed a Commission communication accompanied by a proposal for a Regulation on the promotion of research and a proposal for a Decision adopting research and co-ordination programmes for the period 1985-1989.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its proceedings in the light of the discussion.

TACS AND QUOTAS

Additional quotas in Swedish waters

NAFO area

Spitzbergen/Bear Island

The Council adopted the Regulation allocating additional catch quotas among Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish waters in the period between 1 March and 31 December 1986. The quantities in question are as follows:

				(in tonnes)
Species	ICES division	Quotas	Allocations	
Cod	III d	2 500	Denmark	1 830
			Germany	670
Herring	III d	1 500	Denmark	855
			Germany	645

In addition, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue studying the questions still outstanding.

AMENDMENTS TO 1986 TACS AND QUOTAS

Skagerrak/Kattegat herring

For the month of July 1986 the Council set the Community share in the TAC for herring in division III a at 12 000 tonnes.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MARKET IN FISHERY PRODUCTS

The Council agreed to a Regulation laying down provisions applicable from 1 July 1986 under the protocol on the import of certain freshwater fish coming from Sweden and Switzerland.

TARIFF QUOTAS

After lengthy discussions the Council agreed to open the following tariff quotas:

- cod, wet, salted:

Quota of 40 000 tonnes, at a rate of 3%;

- saithe and fillets of saithe, salted:

Quota of 1 000 tonnes of saithe at 6% and  
2 500 tonnes of fillets of saithe at 8%;

- deep-frozen fillets and minced blocks of Alaska pollack:

Quota of 6 300 tonnes at 5%.  
Distribution: Benelux 200 tonnes, Germany 3 000 tonnes  
France 1 500 tonnes, United Kingdom 1 000 tonnes  
Reserve 600 tonnes;

- deep-frozen fillets and minced blocks of hake (*Merluccius hubbsi*):

Quota of 7 250 tonnes at 5%.  
Distribution: Benelux 200 tonnes, Denmark 300 tonnes,  
Germany 4 200 tonnes, France 800 tonnes,  
Italy 750 tonnes  
Reserve 1 000 tonnes.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

New Community rules for State aid to the coal industry

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to Article 95(1) of the ECSC Treaty, on the draft Commission Decision on new Community rules for State aid to the coal industry which are to enter into force on 1 July 1986 for a period of seven and a half years until the end of 1993.

However, the Commission would be submitting to the Council before the end of 1990 a report on the experiences and problems encountered in applying the new rules and might propose any amendments appropriate in accordance with the procedure provided for in the abovementioned Article of the ECSC Treaty.

The new rules stipulate that any official aid to the coal industry may be considered Community aid and therefore compatible with the proper functioning of the common market only if it helps to achieve at least one of the following objectives:

- improving the competitiveness of the coal industry, which contributes to assuring a better security of supply;
- creating new capacities, provided that they are economically viable;
- solving the social and regional problems related to developments in the coal industry.

Such aid must satisfy the criteria laid down in the Decision and may be implemented only in accordance with the procedures which the Decision itself introduces; it stipulates that the following types of aid may be considered Community aid and therefore granted by the Member States in the circumstances laid down in the Decision.

Deficit subsidies

Aid covering operating losses may be considered compatible with the common market provided that it does not exceed, for each tonne produced and for each individual coal region or undertaking, the difference between foreseeable average costs and the foreseeable average returns in the following financial year.

Sales aid

Aid for supplying coal and coke to the Community's iron and steel industry may be considered compatible where there is no actual competition from coal or coke from non-member countries, and provided it does not exceed the rebates granted on the list prices or production costs of undertakings and does not result in lower prices than those which would be charged for coal from non-member countries or coke made from such coal.

Investment aid

Investment aid for the rationalization of an existing capacity for the opening up of further existing capacities which are economically viable may be considered compatible provided it covers no more than 50 per cent of the costs of the investment, that the investment has been notified to the Commission and that the Commission has delivered a favourable opinion.

Aid for underground staff

Aid granted under existing schemes to maintain the underground labour force in deep mines may be considered compatible when it is in a specific form enabling it to be calculated separately from other aid.

Financing of social grants

Aid to finance social grant schemes specific to the coal industry may be considered compatible provided that, for coal undertakings, it brings the ratio between the burden per mineworker in employment and the benefits per person in receipt of benefit into line with the corresponding ratio in other industries.

Inherited liabilities

Finally, aid to coal undertakings to cover the costs arising from the restructuring of the coal industry which are not related to current production may be considered compatible provided the amount of aid does not exceed such costs.

Notification, appraisal and authorization procedures

The new rules provide that all Member States which intend to grant aid to coal undertakings in 1986 must, by October 1986, submit to the Commission a statement of intentions and objectives for the industry for the period 1987-1993 as well as information on all measures they propose to take in the following year to give direct or indirect support to the coal industry. The rules for the submission of subsequent requests by the Member States will be laid down in the light of such information.

The Decision governs the procedures whereby the Commission will appraise and authorize the measures planned by the Member States. It lays down pricing provisions, stipulating that aid must not lead to discrimination, within the meaning of the ECSC Treaty, between Community buyers or users of coal or coke; to that end the Commission may, if necessary, require undertakings to comply with minimum prices.

The Decision also leaves open to the Commission the possibility of revoking approval of aid or amending its terms if it no longer fulfils the conditions imposed.

Finally, the Commission is to report annually to the Council, the European Parliament and the ECSC Consultative Committee on the application of the new rules.

International Wheat Agreement, 1986

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the signing of the Wheat Trade Convention, 1986, and the Food Aid Convention, 1986, constituting the International Wheat Agreement, 1986, and the deposit of a declaration of provisional application of the said conventions.

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