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943rd meeting of the Council
- Economic and Financial Affairs -
Brussels, 9 July 1984

President: M. Alan DUKES,
Minister for Finance
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul NOTERDAEME
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Gunnar RIBERHOLDT
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Nikos DIMADIS
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

France:

Mr Jacques DELORS
Minister for Economic Affairs,
Finance and the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Alan DUKES
Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA
Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Joseph WEYLAND
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr H.E. KONING
State Secretary for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON
Chancellor of the Exchequer

For the Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI
Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE

The Council instructed the ad hoc Working Party on Budgetary Discipline to continue its work on the implementation of the principles laid down in the section on "Budgetary and Financial Discipline" in the draft Conclusions of the Presidency of the European Council at the meeting in Brussels on 20 March 1984, in the light of the note of 14 June 1984 from the President of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council to the Foreign Affairs Council.

The Working Party will accordingly meet on 17 July to complete its report so that the Council can take a decision in the near future.

In the light of the ad hoc Working Party's recommendations, the Presidency will determine the points which will form the basis for the Ministers' discussion at their formal meeting on 15 and 16 September 1984.

SECOND QUARTERLY EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

On the basis of a Commission communication and in the light of a statement by the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Group for Economic and Financial Policies the Council carried out the second quarterly examination of the economic situation in the Community in accordance with Article 3 of the 1974 Convergence Decision.

At the end of the discussion, the Council endorsed the Commission's opinion that it was not necessary at this stage to adjust the economic policy guidelines for 1984 as adopted by the Council on 12 December 1983. It also took note of the quantitative guidelines for the national budgets of the Member States for 1985.

NEW NCI III TRANCHE

The Council signified its agreement to the Decision authorizing a second tranche of borrowing/loans of 1 400 million ECU under NCI III, created by a Decision of 19 April 1983 and limited to a maximum amount of 3 thousand million ECU. A first tranche of 1 500 MECU was authorized by the Council in June 1983.

It was agreed that the conditions, and in particular the priorities determining the projects to be financed, would be the same as those adopted for the first tranche in June 1983.

EXPORT CREDITS - SECTORAL AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS

The Council considered various aspects of the proposal for a Decision on the application of a sector understanding on export credits for nuclear power plant to be concluded in the OECD. It proposed to take a decision no later than the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council on 23 July, following a technical examination of the matter.

FISCAL MEASURES AIMED AT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
UNDERTAKINGS OF DIFFERENT MEMBER STATES

In connection with work on the removal of obstacles to co-operation between undertakings, the Council continued its examination of a number of proposals for Directives basically relating to taxation: mergers, divisions, contributions of assets and exchange of shares between companies, parent companies/subsidiaries, arbitration procedure.

The Council's discussions were based on a compromise by the French Presidency on the main problems outstanding, in particular: the allowance for German legislation on joint management ("Mitbestimmungsrecht"), inclusion of exchanges of shares in the scope of the Directive on mergers, withholding taxes levied on dividends distributed to parent companies in other Member States and jurisdiction of the Court of Justice in an arbitration procedure.

Following its discussions, the Council agreed to return to the matter in October. In the meantime the Commission would continue its contacts with the delegations most directly concerned.

PROPOSAL FOR A 14TH VAT DIRECTIVE

The Council heard a statement by Mr TUGENDHAT on the amendments made by the Commission to its proposal for a 14th Directive on the harmonization of turnover taxes - deferred payment of the tax payable on importation by taxable persons (replacement of payment of VAT at frontiers on goods imported at the frontier by the system of internal periodical VAT returns.

Discussions on this matter are to continue.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy and customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation providing for direct co-operation between the authorities of the Member States of the EEC responsible for the prevention of fraud in the wine sector and the competent authorities in the Swiss Confederation.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Community the Regulations:

- increasing the volumes of the Community tariff quotas, opened for 1984, for certain grades of ferro-chromium falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff.

Under this Regulation the volumes of the Community tariff quotas for ferro-chromium containing not less than 4% by weight of carbon, and not less than 6% by weight of carbon are raised from 6 000 to 9 000 tonnes and from 224 000 to 336 000 tonnes respectively.

The Regulation also provides for the allocation of the additional volumes among Member States.

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2975/83 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain hand-made products (1984) (change in the title of the authority issuing certificates of manufacture).

Agricultural decision

The Council decided to publish in the Official Journal of the European Communities the Council Decision of 30 June 1984 allowing VAT relief for German agriculture to be increased from 3 to 5% from 1 July 1984 until 31 December 1988 to offset the dismantling of the monetary compensatory amounts.

Fishing

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the provisional application of an Arrangement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Government of Canada on the establishment of a scientific observation programme in the Regulatory Area of the NAFO Convention.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Italian Government, the Council appointed Mr. Gianluca BERTINETTO, Counsellor, Permanent Representation to the European Communities, a member of the Committee of the European Social Fund in place of Dr Mario CAPPETTA for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 23 May 1985.

On a proposal from the Greek Government, the Council also appointed Mr. BOUGAS and Mrs. PATOULA members and Mrs. STAVRIANOPOULOU an alternate member of the Committee of the European Social Fund in place of Mrs. DRITSA, Mr. BOUGAS and Mr. CHARAGEORGOPOULOS for the remainder of their term of office, which runs until 23 May 1985.

Finally, on a proposal from the Commission, the Council appointed Mr. Alfons DE VADDER, Director-General of the Fédération Belge des Entreprises de Distribution (FEDIS), a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, in place of Mr. BUCHET, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 19 April 1985.

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944th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 16 and 17 July 1984

President: Mr Austin DEASY,
Minister for Agriculture
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

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

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Mr René SOUCHON
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Mr Paddy HEGARTY
Minister of State,
Department of Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr René HARPES
Economic Adviser,
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

OLIVE OIL

Subject to legal and linguistic finalization of the texts ⁽¹⁾, the Council adopted three Regulations designed to strengthen the control machinery in the olive-oil sector, in particular as regards production aid.

The main aims of these Regulations, which are intended to apply from 1 November 1984, are:

- to amend the basic Regulation, in particular as regards the financing of producer organizations and their associations;
- to strengthen the existing mechanisms for managing the production-aid arrangements by specifying more clearly the rights and obligations of olive growers and of their organizations and associations and by defining the duties and instruments of control of this system more clearly;
- to establish a system of control agencies in the producer Member States and guidelines to be followed as regards sanctions in the event of breaches of the production-aid arrangements.

⁽¹⁾ The Danish delegation was against the Regulation on the introduction of certain special measures against olive oil, as this Regulation entailed adopting a Community mechanism as regards sanctions which that delegation could not accept.

AID FOR SKIMMED MILK AND SKIMMED-MILK POWDER FOR USE AS ANIMAL FEED

By a qualified majority, the Council adopted the Regulation which, with the aim of reducing the quantities of butterfat processed into butter without causing any important change in production techniques for animal feed, introduces until the end of the 1985/1986 milk year a specific aid for partly-skimmed milk for use as animal feed - with a re-examination of the working of the arrangements before that date.

DRIED GRAPES

The Council examined the proposal for a Regulation establishing general rules relating to the system of minimum import prices for dried grapes.

As no agreement could be reached at this stage of the discussions, the Council decided to refer this dossier to the Special Committee on Agriculture for more thorough examination and to resume its own discussions at its next meeting.

WINE

The Council heard an introductory oral statement by the Chairman of the Working Party of Directors-General on the short and medium term problems in the wine sector.

After discussion, the Council asked the Commission to place the appropriate proposals before it as soon as possible, and during September at the latest.

EXCEPTIONAL WINE DISTILLATION (REQUEST FROM THE GERMAN DELEGATION)

The Council noted a request from the German delegation for authorization to introduce national measures to finance exceptional distillation of table wines from the Moselle-Saar-Ruhr wine-growing region.

Following a broad exchange of views, the Council noted that it was unable to agree to this request.

STRUCTURAL POLICY

On the basis of a report from the Working Party of Senior Officials on Agricultural Structures, the Council held a further discussion of the proposal to improve the efficiency of agricultural structures.

Following this discussion, the Council asked the Working Party of Senior Officials to continue examining the items still outstanding so that the Council could discuss the whole proposal at its next meeting in September.

FOREST PROTECTION

The Council held a wide-ranging exchange of views on the proposal establishing a Community scheme to provide forests in the Community with increased protection against fire and acid rain.

Following this exchange of views, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the matter further with a view to working out guidelines which would enable the Council to hold a useful discussion of the matter as soon as possible.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2194/81 laying down the general rules for the system of production aid for dried figs and dried grapes so as to allow the storage of surplus stocks of dried grapes from the 1981, 1982 and 1983 harvests to be extended;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1430/82 laying down import restrictions on hemp and hemp seed and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 in respect of hemp;
- laying down general rules relating to the import restrictions on hemp and hemp seed and amending Regulation (EEC) No 619/71 in respect of hemp;
- amending for the fifth time Regulation (EEC) No 355/79 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of wines and grape musts and providing for compulsory indication, until 31 December 1984, of the actual alcoholic strength by volume on wine labels,

and also a Decision extending Decision 82/530/EEC authorizing the United Kingdom to permit the Isle of Man authorities to apply a system of special import licences to sheepmeat and beef and veal.

Customs union

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 97/69 on measures to be taken for uniform application of the nomenclature of the Common Customs Tariff.

Standardization

Following its deliberations on 26 October and 25 November 1983 (Internal Market), the Council adopted the following conclusions on certain guidelines regarding standardization:

"The Council believes that standardization goes a long way towards ensuring that industrial products can be marketed freely and also towards creating a standard technical environment for firms in all countries, which improves competitiveness not only on the Community market but also on external markets, especially in new technology.

It recognizes that the objectives being pursued by the Member States to protect the safety and health of their people as well as the consumer are equally valid in principle, even if different techniques are used to achieve them.

Accordingly, the Council adopts the following principles for a European standardization policy:

- agreement by the Member States to keep a constant check on the technical regulations which are applied -whether de jure or de facto - on their territory so as to withdraw those which are obsolete or unnecessary;
- agreement by the Member States to ensure the mutual recognition of the results of tests and the establishment, where necessary, of harmonized rules as regards the operation of certification bodies;
- agreement to early Community consultation at an appropriate level, in accordance with the objectives of Directive 189/83/EEC where major national regulatory initiatives or procedures might have adverse repercussions on the operation of the internal market;
- extension of the Community practice in matters of technical harmonization of entrusting the task of defining the technical characteristics of products to standards, preferably European but if necessary national, where the conditions necessary for this purpose, particularly as regards health protection and safety, are fulfilled;

- a very rapid strengthening of the capacity to standardize, preferably at European level, with a view to facilitating on the one hand harmonization of legislation by the Community and on the other industrial development, particularly in the field of new technologies, since this could in specific circumstances involve the Community in introducing new procedures to improve the drawing up of standards (e.g. standardization bureaus, ad hoc committees). The adoption of European standards would be submitted to the European standardization bodies for approval.

In high technology sectors particularly, subjects should be identified where common specifications and standards will make for efficient exploitation of the Community dimension and the opening of public works and supply contracts so that the decisions required in this connection may be taken."

Appointments

Acting on a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mr Ib MALTESEN, Landsorganisationen i Danmark, as a member and Mr Ole HEEGAARD, Landsorganisationen i Danmark, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, replacing respectively Mr J. ELIKOFER, resigning member, and Mr B. NIELSEN, resigning alternate member, for the remainder of the their terms of office, i.e. until 1 April 1985.

Acting on a proposal from the French Government, the Council also appointed Mr Eugène JULIEN, Ministère des Affaires sociales et de la Sécurité nationale, Direction de la Sécurité Sociale, Sous Direction des Accidents du Travail, des Régimes spéciaux et de la Mutualité, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, to replace Mr BABUSIAUX for remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 1 April 1985.

Finally, acting on a proposal from the Irish Government, the Council appointed Mr Timothy O'BRIEN, Assistant Principal, Department of Labour, as a member and Mr Brendan NEVILLE, Deputy Chief Inspector, Department of Labour, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee for Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, replacing respectively Mr J. CONROY, resigning member, and Mr N. MORRISON, resigning alternate member, for the remainder of their term of office, i.e. until 1 April 1985.

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945th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 18,19 and 20 July 1984

President: Mr Jim O'KEEFFE

Minister of State at the
Department of Foreign Affairs

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN
State Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Johannes TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Panayotis ROUMELIOTIS
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Economy

France:

Mr Jean VIDAL
Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

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

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER
Secretary-General,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN
State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Ian STEWART
Economic Secretary to
the Treasury

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI
Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

Mr Poul DALSAER
Member

Mr Richard BURKE
Member

MEETING BETWEEN A DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
AND THE COUNCIL

During the afternoon of 18 July a meeting took place between the Council and a delegation of the European Parliament led by Mr DANKERT, President, and composing Mr LANGE, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr NOTENBOOM, 1st Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mrs BARBARELLA, 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mrs SCRIVENER, Rapporteur on Part III (Commission), Mr PFENNIG, Rapporteur on other parts, Mr AIGNER, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Mr ANSQUER and Lord DOURO.

At this meeting the participants were able to make known their preoccupations concerning both the preliminary draft supplementary budget 1/84 and the preliminary draft budget for 1985. It was agreed that the drawing up of these budgets this year would be a particularly difficult task.

At the end of the meeting the President of the Council assured the members of the Parliamentary delegation that the views expressed by them would be taken fully into account during the Council's discussion of the two preliminary draft budgets.

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET N° 1/84 AND DRAFT
GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1985

The Council carried out an intensive examination of the draft supplementary and amending budget n° 1/84 and draft general budget for 1985.

The Council made progress towards agreement on the many issues raised in these proposals, in particular as regards 1985 the breakdown between compulsory and non compulsory expenditure, and in clarifying possible solutions. It was, however, not in a position to establish the draft budgets. The points outstanding including the question of supplementary financing proposed by the Commission will be further discussed at the Foreign Affairs Council on 23/24 July, and the Budget Council holds itself ready to meet again at an early date.

OTHER DECISION

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain ball bearings originating in Japan and Singapore.

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9002/84 (Presse 137)

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945th meeting of the Council
- Budget -
Brussels, 6 and 7 September 1984
President: Mr Jim O'KEEFFE
Minister of State at the
Department of Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN
State Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Johannes TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Panayotis ROUMELIOTIS
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Economy

France:

Mr Henri EMMANUELLI
State Secretary for the Budget

Ireland:

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

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER
Minister in charge of the Budget,
Department of Finance

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN
State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Ian STEWART
Economic Secretary
to the Treasury

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET No 1/84 AND DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET 1985

The Council continued the proceedings of its 945th meeting, which had been adjourned on 20 July 1984, with a view to establishing draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/84 and the draft general budget for 1985.

With regard to draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/84, the Council reached, on the basis of its previous discussions, a broad measure of agreement at the present meeting on the content of this draft and on the method of releasing the resources needed to finance it. As regards the method, the Council considered the use of refundable advances to be agreed on in the context of an inter-governmental agreement.

The Council confirmed the existence of a broad measure of agreement on the scope of the draft general budget for 1985 and discussed the coverage of requirements.

The Council wound up its discussions by noting that it was unable to establish draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/84 or the draft general budget for 1985 in the light of the concern voiced by certain delegations and without allowing itself the possibility of further study.

In conclusion, aware of the urgency of the matter, as emphasized in both the letter from the Commission and the statement by Vice-President TUGENDHAT within the Council, the Council decided that the relevant discussions would be resumed at the General Affairs Council meeting on 17 and 18 September on the basis of the conclusions proposed by the Presidency.

OTHER DECISIONS

Appointments

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr J. LAMBERT, Department of Employment, Overseas Division, as a member of the Committee of the European Social Fund in place of Mr M.W. SMART, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 23 May 1985.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Miss M.E. GREEN, Department of Employment, Overseas Division, as a member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers, in place of Mr J.S. CHILD, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 20 September 1984.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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8694/84 (Presse 127)

946th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 23 and 24 July 1984

Presidents: Mr Peter BARRY

Minister for Foreign Affairs

and

Mr Jim O'KEEFFE

Minister of State,
at the Department of Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

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

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER	Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jürgen RUHFUS	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Théodoros PANGALOS	State Secretary for EEC Affairs
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France:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON	Minister for Foreign Relations
Mr Roland DUMAS	Minister for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jim O'KEEFFE	Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mario FIORET	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER

Secretary-General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Paul CHANNON

Minister of State for Trade

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Vicomte Etienne DAVIGNON

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Vice-President

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Member

Mr Edgard PISANI

Member

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SPANISH ACCESSION

The Council made preparation for the 22nd ministerial meeting of the Conference on the accession of Spain to the European Communities which took place early in the afternoon of Tuesday 24 July. The Spanish delegation was led by Mr Fernando MORAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council prepared for the 20th ministerial meeting of the Conference on the accession of Portugal to the European Communities which was held in the late afternoon of Monday 23 July. The Portuguese delegation was led Mr Ernãni RODRIGUES LOPES, Minister for Finance and Planning.

OWN RESOURCES AND BUDGET PROBLEMS

The Council held a policy debate on the Commission's proposals which was designed to amend the Communities' own resources system in order to implement the decisions taken on the matter at the European Council in Fontainebleau, and which include the correction of budgetary imbalances.

In the course of the debate the members of the Council stressed that the proposal should be examined as a matter of urgency and noted that the Presidency was aiming to reach a decision by the end of September on this matter - which had to be discussed by the Councils on General Affairs and Economic and Financial Affairs - so that the Parliaments of the Member States could ratify it as early in 1985 as possible.

The Council also considered the problems outstanding following the Budget Council on 18, 19 and 20 July concerning preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/84 and the preliminary draft budget for 1985, in particular the necessary additional budget resources proposed by the Commission to finance them.

The President of the Council recorded that the workings of the Community in 1984 and 1985 had to be financed and that additional financing would be made available. A further meeting of the Budget Council was to be called on 6 September 1984 to this end.

SOCIAL MEASURES FOR THE STEEL INDUSTRY

The Council agreed to the principle of an exceptional contribution of 62,5 MECU from the general budget of the European Communities to the ECSC budget for the financial year 1984 to cover Community financing of special temporary allowances in favour of workers in the iron and steel industry whose jobs are threatened as a result of the implementation of restructuring plans in the industry.

The Council intends to adopt this Decision definitively in September after further clarifications on the national measures to be financed have been obtained in meetings between the Commission and the Member States concerned.

ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PRODUCTION QUOTA SYSTEM IN THE COAL AND STEEL INDUSTRY

The Council gave its assent to the draft Decision amending Decision No 234/84 ECSC of 26 January 1984 extending until the end of 1985 the system of monitoring and production quotas for certain products of undertakings in the coal and steel industry to enable additional quotas to be granted to the Irish iron and steel industry.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET

The Council took note of a statement by Mr NARJES, Member of the Commission, presenting the Commission communication on consolidation of the internal market; the matter was then discussed with particular reference to the priorities to be adopted in this field. During the discussion, delegations emphasized the importance they attached to attainment of the internal market.

The Council noted that the Irish Presidency intended to hold two Internal Market Council meetings, on 9 October and 18 December, and that a work programme for the preparation of these two meetings would be submitted to the Permanent Representatives Committee on 25 July.

ELIMINATION OF TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Noting that one delegation still had reservations regarding the adoption of some of the 15 directives under discussion, the Council urged that delegation to withdraw its reservations rapidly so that the Council could adopt the 15 directives without further discussion.

RELATIONS WITH THE EFTA COUNTRIES

The Council approved the 7th annual report drawn up by the Permanent Representatives Committee on developments in co-operation with the EFTA countries.

In approving this report, the first since the ministerial meeting between the Community and its Member States and the EFTA States in Luxembourg on 9 April 1984, the Council highlighted the importance of carrying out the programme of further action agreed on in Luxembourg and noted the emphasis on this aspect in the 7th report.

The report will be sent to the EFTA countries and the European Parliament for information.

RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Council adopted a Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate a trade and economic co-operation agreement between the EEC and the People's Republic of China.

The 1978 EEC/China trade agreement, which provides the present legal framework for relations between the EEC and the People's Republic of China, has largely contributed to the development of trade between the two parties, but today the Community's relations with China go far beyond the strictly commercial field. With this in mind, the Commission has now been authorized to negotiate an agreement with China which could consist of the current provisions of the 1978 trade agreement to cover trade aspects, and a supplementary section on economic co-operation.

PREPARATION FOR UNIDO IV

On the basis of a Commission communication, the Council approved the general guidelines for the attitude of the Community and its Member States at the 4th General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to be held from 2 to 18 August 1984 in Vienna.

UNIDO IV, which is one of the main events of 1984 in North/South relations, will take the North/South dialogue into the sphere of problems in the industrialization of the developing countries and industrial co-operation.

For its part, the Community is approaching UNIDO IV in an open and constructive spirit. It hopes that all the participants will adopt a pragmatic approach enabling the Conference to achieve results acceptable to all concerned which will assist the industrialization process in the developing countries.

ACP-EEC NEGOTIATIONS

The Council noted progress made in the negotiations for the renewal of the ACP-EEC Convention since proceedings had resumed after the 4th Negotiating Conference in Luxembourg.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES: STEEL

The Council had a debate on the recent developments regarding possible relief measures for a wide range of steel products in the United States.

The Council supported fully the démarches undertaken by the Commission to the US Administration in which it recalled that the EEC/US Steel Arrangement of 1982 should continue to be fully respected, and that the decisions to be taken in September by the US Administration on the basis of the International Trade Committee's recommendations should not, in any way, prejudice its application.

In the unlikely event that the US Administration did not fully honour its commitments under the EEC/US Steel Arrangement in its decision to be taken in September on the International Trade Committee's recommendations, a very serious situation in EEC/US trade relations would be created.

The Council agreed to revert to this matter at its September session.

EXPORT CREDITS

The Council adopted a Decision on implementation of a sector understanding, negotiated in the OECD framework between the participants in the Arrangement on Guidelines for Officially Supported Export Credits, on export credits for nuclear power plants, with the proviso that the understanding must also be agreed to by the other partners in the OECD.

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EUROPEAN FOUNDATION

During a Conference of the States Signatory to the Agreement Setting up the European Foundation, two protocols on

- the privileges and
- the immunities

of the Foundation were signed.

These two protocols constitute an important step toward the entry into operation of the European Foundation, the agreement for which was signed on 29 March 1982, when the necessary ratification procedures are completed by the Member States.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on protection against dumped or subsidized imports from countries not members of the European Economic Community.

The Council also approved the authorization requested by the Commission to open negotiations on the temporary amendment of certain provisions of the Arrangements concerning cheese concluded by the Community with New Zealand and Australia in respect of imports of certain cheeses into the Community.

Finally, the Council signified the Community's agreement to the draft Decision of the EEC-Malta Association Council derogating from the provisions concerning the definition of the concept of originating products laid down in the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta in respect of intermediate frequency transformers. It also adopted the Community implementing Regulation pertaining thereto.

Agricultural Decisions

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1724/80 adopting general rules concerning special measures for soya beans;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1322/83 on the transfer of 550 000 t of common wheat of bread-making quality by French and German intervention agencies.

Customs union

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

- increasing the amount of the Community tariff quota opened by Regulation (EEC) No 3056/83 for yarn, spun entirely from waste silk other than noil, not put up for retail sale, falling within subheading 50.05 A of the Common Customs Tariff: Germany: 35 tonnes, Italy: 120 tonnes, reserve of 10 tonnes.
- increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1984 by Regulation (EEC) No 3684/83 for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff:

Increase of 70 000 tonnes in the volume of the quota

Allocation: Benelux	5 917
Denmark	275
FRG	10 660
Greece	933
France	759
Ireland	597
Italy	716
United Kingdom	38 217
Reserve	11 926

The Commission said that it would be keeping close track of market trends in this product and would if necessary make additional proposals.

- on the customs territory of the Community.

NCI III: new tranche

Following its decision of 9 July 1984 (Economic Affairs and Finance) to authorize a new tranche of 1 400 MECU under NCI III, the Council adopted the Decision implementing Decision 83/200/EEC empowering the Commission to contract loans under the New Community Instrument for the purpose of promoting investment within the Community.

Energy and ECSC

Following its earlier agreement on a total estimated requirement of 265 MECU for Community support for demonstration projects relating to energy for the years 1983 to 1985 in the form of 50 MECU under the Regulation on liquefaction and gasification and 215 MECU under the Regulation on alternative energy sources, energy-saving and the substitution of hydrocarbons, with a margin of flexibility of 2 MECU per annum between the two Regulations, the Council adopted these two Regulations in the official languages of the Communities.

The Council also adopted the Decision concerning an exceptional contribution of 60 MECU to the European Coal and Steel Community out of the general budget of the European Communities to ensure Community financing of social measures for the coal industry on the basis of the relevant Articles of the ECSC Treaty (Coal: social aspects).

The Council was also consulted, on the basis of a Commission memorandum, on the financial aids granted by the Member States to the coal industry in 1983 and the additional financial aids granted by the Member States to the coal industry in 1982.

Finally, the Council gave the assent requested by the Commission, pursuant to Article 55(2) of the ECSC Treaty, with a view to obtaining financial aid for the implementation of an iron and steel research programme.

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Regulations

- = amending for the third time Regulation (EEC) No 320/84 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks occurring in the Community's fishing zone, provisional total allowable catches for 1984, the provisional share of these catches available to the Community, the allocation of that share between Member States and the conditions under which the total allowable catches may be fished (certain alterations in the scientific advice and new information concerning herring in the Irish Sea and the Celtic Sea and plaice stocks in the Bristol Channel and off South-East Ireland);
- = amending for the third time Council Regulation (EEC) No 171/83 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources,

- the decision concluding the Agreement in the form of an exchange of notes temporarily extending (until 30 September 1984 or until the entry into force of a new Agreement) the 1977 Fisheries Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the United States of America.

Culture

The Ministers meeting within the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolutions approved by the Ministers for Cultural Affairs at their meeting on 22 June 1984 ⁽¹⁾ on:

- measures to combat audio-visual pirating;
- measures to ensure that audio-visual programmes of European origin are given an appropriate place;
- the rational distribution of films through all the audio-visual media.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release 8004/84 (Presse 112) of 22 June 1984.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Belgian Government, the Council appointed Miss Julienne SCHOLLAERT, Infirmière-Accoucheuse, Directrice de l'Institut supérieur de Nursing UCL-Woluwé as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Midwives, to replace Mrs Madeleine LEDOQUE for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 7 March 1986.

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council also appointed Mrs Inger Margrethe THOMSEN, Forstander, Danmarks Jordemoderskole, and Mrs Marianne LAURIDSEN Fuldmaegtig, Indenrigsministeriet, as alternate members of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Midwives, to replace Mrs Marit BONES and Mrs Dorte KNUDSEN for the remainder of their terms of office which expire on 7 March 1986.

Finally, on a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mrs Kirsten HOWITZ, Fuldmaegtig, Indenrigsministeriet, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Nursing Training to replace Mr Bent RASMUSSEN for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 7 October 1985.

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8948/84 (Presse 129)

947th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 3 September 1984

President :

Mr Peter BARRY,

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary,
European Affairs and Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER
Federal Minister for
Foreign Affairs

Mr Jürgen RUHFUS
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry for Foreign
Affairs

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS
Minister for European Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Mario FIORET
State Secretary,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN
State Secretary,
Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN
State Secretary,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Nikos DIMADIS
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS
Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Robert GOEBBELS,
State Secretary,
Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Malcolm RIFKIND
Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN
President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI
Vice-President

Mr E. DAVIGNON
Vice-President

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council prepared for the 21st ministerial meeting of the Conference for the accession of Portugal to the European Communities which was held on the evening of the same day. The Portuguese delegation was headed by Mr Ernani RODRIGUES LOPES, Minister for Finance and the Plan.

SPANISH ACCESSION

The Council prepared for the 23rd ministerial meeting of the Conference for the accession of Spain to the European Communities which was held on the evening of the same day. The Spanish delegation was headed by Mr Fernando MORAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Health protection

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

- amending Directive 80/836/EURATOM as regards the basic safety standards for the health protection of the general public and workers against the dangers of ionizing radiation;
- laying down basic measures for the radiation protection of persons undergoing medical examination or treatment.

Harmonization of legislation

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Directive amending Directive 70/157/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the permissible sound level and the exhaust system of motor vehicles.

Appointment

As proposed by the Belgian Government, the Council appointed Mr BELLEFROID, the person in charge of vocational training at the Association belge des Banques (Belgian Banking Association), as a Full Member of the Committee of the European Social Fund, to replace Mr R. DUSSENNE, Full Member, who had died, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 23 May 1985.

PRESS RELEASE

9049/84 (Presse 139)

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948th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 10 September 1984

President: Mr Patrick O'TOOLE

Minister for Fisheries
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE
Minister for Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Rudolf GENSKE
Director General,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Stathis YIOTAS
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Mr Walter KITTEL
Deputy Permanent Representative

France:

Mr Guy LENGAGNE
State Secretary responsible
for the Sea, attached to the
Minister for Transport

Ireland:

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

Italy:

Mr Gianuario CARTA
Minister for the Merchant Navy

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean FEYDER
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr A. PLOEG
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John MacGREGOR
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food
Lord GRAY
Minister of State at the
Scottish Office

Commission:

Mr Georges CONTOGEOURIS
Member

CONSERVATION MEASURES

The Council reached agreement on a proposal to amend the regulation on technical conservation measures as concerns an increase in the rate of by-catches of white fish during fishing for Norway pout during the period 1 October 1984 to 31 May 1985 in the Northern and central divisions of the North Sea. The Council also agreed on measures for the close monitoring of the effects of this temporary modification.

TACS AND QUOTAS

The Council agreed to modify Regulation 320/84 of 31 January 1984 (TACs and quotas) as follows:

Species	Geographical Region	ICES or NAFO division	Member State	1984 quota (tonnes)
Herring	West Scotland (Clyde stock)	VIa (Clyde stock)(3)	Belgium	3.000
			Denmark	
Germany				
Greece				
France				
Ireland				
Italy				
Luxembourg				
Netherlands				
United Kingdom				
Available for Member States				
EEC total	3.000			

The Council also reached agreement on a Regulation to modify for the North Sea stock of sprat the TACs and quotas fixed for 1984 as follows:

Species	Stock		Member State	1984 quota (tonnes)
	Geographical region	ICES or NAFO division		
Sprat	Norwegian Sea, North Sea	II a (EC zone); IV	Belgium	1 000 (1)
			Denmark	63 000 (1)
			Germany	2 500 (1)
			Greece	
			France	1 000 (1)
			Ireland	(1)
			Italy	
			Luxembourg	
			Netherlands	1 500 (1)
			United Kingdom	31 000 (1)
			Available for Member States	
EEC total	100.000 (1)			

- ⁽¹⁾ (a) Ad hoc solution for 1984
 (b) not including the quantities fished between 1 January 1984 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

RELATIONS IN FISHERIES MATTERS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMUNITY

The Council agreed in principle on a Regulation on a new EEC/US Fisheries Agreement to replace the Agreement concluded in 1977 which expires on 30 September 1984.

The Council will take a definitive decision on the proposed Regulation when it has received the opinion of the European Parliament which is expected during the September 1984 part-session.

FISHERIES RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES

The Council took note of an oral report from the representative of the Commission concerning relations between the Community and certain third countries, in particular, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea-Conakry, Cape Verde, the Gambia and Mauritania. The Council also heard a statement from the Netherlands delegation concerning relations with Norway.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Further decision on fisheries

The Council authorised the Commission to begin negotiations with a view to concluding a fisheries agreement with the Democratic Republic of Madagascar.

Consumer protection

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning misleading advertising. (Cf. Press Release 8129/84 (Presse 114) of 28/29 June 1984).

Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences

The Council took note of the fourth Commission report on the implementation of the Council Regulation of 15 May 1979 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

Commercial policy

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

- on the Community tariff quota for aubergines originating in Cyprus (1 October to 30 November 1984)
- on the Community tariff quota for certain wines having a registered designation of origin and originating in Tunisia (1 November 1984 to 31 October 1985)

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9213/84 (Presse 142)

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949th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 17 and 18 September 1984

President:

Mr Peter BARRY

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for External Relations

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Jürgen RUHFUS State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Théodoros PANGALOS State Secretary for EEC Affairs

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS Minister for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs

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

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Mario FIORET State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg

Mr Jacques F. POOS	Vice-President of the Government Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER	Minister delegated to the Department of Finance responsible for the Budget
Mr Robert GOEBBELS	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs
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United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Mr Timothy RAISON	Minister for Overseas Development
Mr Paul CHANNON	Minister of State for Trade

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN	President
Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI	Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI	Vice-President
Vicomte Etienne DAVIGNON	Vice-President
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT	Vice-President
Mr Edgard PISANI	Member

SPANISH ACCESSION

The Council prepared for the 24th ministerial meeting of the Conference on the accession of Spain to the European Communities which was held on Tuesday 18 September at the end of the afternoon. The Spanish delegation was headed by Mr Fernando MORAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council prepared for the 22nd ministerial conference on the accession of Portugal to the European Communities which was held on the afternoon of Tuesday 18 September. The Portuguese delegation was headed by Mr Ernani RODRIGUES LOPES, Minister for Finance and Planning.

ACP-EEC NEGOTIATIONS

Following a statement by Mr PISANI, Member of the Commission, the Council took stock of the negotiations for the new ACP-EEC Convention and of the work required in preparation for the restricted negotiating session to be held on 9 and 10 October in Brussels.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE FONTAINEBLEAU EUROPEAN
COUNCIL AND BUDGETARY PROBLEMS

The Council discussed a series of problems connected with the implementation of the conclusions of the Fontainebleau European Summit as regards the amendment of the Communities' own resources system and budgetary discipline and problems unresolved after the Budget Council on 6 September.

The Council took note of the state of the proceedings of the Economic Affairs/Finance Council on budgetary discipline and of that Council's work schedule whereby its next meeting was scheduled for 1 October.

After a highly detailed discussion of the problems tied to the increase in own resources and the budget problems outstanding resulting in progress in finalizing the Decision on own resources, the Council agreed to continue its discussions at its meeting on 1 and 2 October with a view to reaching an overall conclusion.

STEEL INDUSTRY: EXTERNAL ASPECT

The Council heard a statement by Vice-President DAVIGNON introducing the Commission communication on the continuation in 1985 of the arrangements for third country steel imports.

In view of the desirability of arriving at conclusions swiftly, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the Commission communication so as to enable it to take a decision at its October meeting.

At the same time, Vice-President DAVIGNON reported to the Council on his recent talks with the American authorities of the proposed steel import restrictions in the United States and on questions in connection with steel tubes.

The Council agreed to return to the subject in October.

ABOLITION OF TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

The Council adopted 15 Directives on the abolition of technical barriers to trade which had been before the Council for several years.

The adoption of these Directives will mean a major step towards the achievement of a genuine single market for all these sectors by enabling producers to take full advantage of the opportunities arising from the Community's size and by contributing towards consumer protection.

This brings the number of harmonization Directives adopted in respect of industrial products to 176.

To this figure should be added 52 Directives adopted by the Commission in accordance with the simplified procedure for adaptation to technical progress. Most of the Directives adopted by the Council on the basis of Article 100 of the EEC Treaty, i.e. unanimously, provide for such a simplified procedure whereby the Commission is able to adapt a Directive acting by a qualified majority in the context of a Committee constituted for this purpose.

The 15 Directives concern the following sectors:

Pressure vessels

- Seamless steel gas cylinders
- Seamless unalloyed aluminium and aluminium alloy gas cylinders
- Welded unalloyed steel gas cylinders

Lifting and mechanical-handling appliances

- Common provisions for lifting and mechanical-handling appliances
- Electrically operated lifts

Appliances using gaseous fuels

- Common provisions for appliances using gaseous fuels
- Appliances for the instantaneous production of hot water for sanitary purposes

Construction plant and equipment

- Common provisions for construction plant and equipment
- Permissible sound power level of compressors
- Permissible sound power level of tower cranes
- Permissible sound power level of welding generators
- Permissible sound power level of power generators
- Permissible sound power level of hand-held pneumatic concrete-breakers and picks

Lawnmowers

- Permissible sound power level of lawnmowers

Electrical equipment

- Electro-medical equipment used in human or veterinary medicine.

NEW COMMERCIAL INSTRUMENT

Following its decision of principle on 9 and 10 April, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the strengthening of the common commercial policy with regard in particular to protection against illicit commercial practices.

It should be noted that this new commercial policy instrument defines the procedures enabling the Community, subject to compliance with existing international obligations and procedures, to:

- respond to any illicit commercial practice with a view to removing the injury resulting therefrom
- ensure full exercise of the Community's rights with regard to the commercial practices of third countries.

The main features of this Regulation are, besides referral to the Commission by the Member States, the grant of a right of complaint to Community producers who consider they have suffered injury as a result of an illicit practice, a formalized examination procedure to be conducted by the Commission and decision-making machinery guaranteeing the possibility of swift reaction by the Community.

VARIOUS DECISIONS

Financial co-operation with Portugal and Spain

The Council decided to sign the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic concerning the implementation of specific financial aid amounting to 50 MECU for improving agricultural and fisheries structures in Portugal.

Following the decision of the Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank authorizing the Bank to continue its aid to Portugal and Spain worth respectively 150 and 250 MECU for the period 1 July 1984 to 31 December 1985, the Council also confirmed the extension to these operations of the aggregate EEC guarantee covering 75% of all credits opened in the context of the Bank's operations in the Mediterranean countries.

ECSC

The Council gave a consultation, in accordance with Article 61 of the ECSC Treaty on the increase in the minimum prices for certain steel products from 1 October.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Wirtschaftsvereinigung Eisen und Stahlindustrie, the Council appointed Mr Heinz KRIWET, Vorsitzender des Vorstandes, Thyssen Stahl AG, member of the ECSC Consultative Committee, in place of Mr Dieter SPETHMANN, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 2 December 1984.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the German Government, Mr Wolfgang EGELKRAUT, Deutsche Angestellten-Gewerkschaft Bundesvorstand - Ress. Wirtschaftspolitik, alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, in place of Mr G. VETTER, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 1 April 1985.



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9214/84 (Presse 143)

950th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 17 and 18 September 1984

President: Mr Austin DEASY,
Minister for Agriculture
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

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

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI
Minister for Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Paddy HEGARTY
Minister of State,
Department of Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH
Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

WINE

After hearing an introductory statement by the President stressing the importance and urgent nature of the problems concerning wine, the Council, on the basis of a report from the Commission and relevant proposals, had a detailed discussion on the situation of and prospects for the wine market in the Community and measures to be adopted accordingly.

Following its discussions, the Council, aware of the urgency of the matter, and in view particularly of its impact on the accession negotiations, instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture and a High-Level Working Party to continue their work on the matter immediately.

In this connection, the Council also agreed to bring forward the date of its next meeting to 1 October and to devote that meeting to the topic concerned.

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

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation modifying the general rules on distillation, regarding a certain number of mainly technical points and providing, in particular, that the security be raised from 110 to 120% of the aid for preventive distillation.

SUGAR

The Council held a wide-ranging discussion on proposals for Regulations aimed at:

- extending to isoglucose the production refund arrangements already laid down for sugar used in the chemical industry;
- enabling non-quota sugar and non-quota isoglucose to be used - for a trial period - in the manufacture of certain chemicals, and in the case of isoglucose, pharmaceutical and dietetical products.

At the end of its discussions, the Council asked the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine this dossier once more, on the basis of the present proposals, and to report back to it at an early date.

MILK

The Council took note of a statement by the Commission representative on the application of the super-levy system in the milk sector, six months after its introduction.

This preliminary analysis showed that, despite a certain number of technical or administrative difficulties encountered by various Member States in implementing these rules, the objective which the Council had set itself by introducing this measure could be achieved.

In this regard, it has already been noted that supplies for the period April to July 1984 have fallen by 2% (about 750 000 tonnes), whilst the production of butter for these four months has fallen by 6,5% and that of skimmed milk powder by 13%.

The Council noted these encouraging results with satisfaction, but considers nevertheless that a determined effort must be sustained in all Member States.

The Council also asked the Commission to carry out a detailed examination of the difficulties referred to above and, if necessary, to take appropriate remedial measures within the framework of the rules in force.

STRUCTURES

After hearing an oral report by the Chairman of the Working Party of Senior Officials on Agricultural Structures concerning discussions on the proposal aimed at improving the efficiency of agricultural structures, the Council took note with satisfaction of the progress made by the Working Party and asked it to continue its discussions in order to enable the Council to take an appropriate decision in October.

PRESERVATIVES AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN FOODSTUFFS

The Council agreed to ask the Permanent Representatives Committee to expedite its examination of this issue, having particular regard to the use of natamycine (E 235) and thiabendazole (E 233) in foodstuffs. In the meantime it further extended the authorization for thiabendazole until 15 March 1985 as an interim protective measure to avoid disrupting the citrus fruit and banana trade.

OTHER DECISIONS

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the European Communities, the Regulations: (*)

- fixing, by way of derogation from Regulation (EEC) No 171/83, a temporary measure on by-catches when fishing for Norway pout in the North Sea;
- amending for the fourth time Regulation (EEC) No 171/83 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources
- amending for the fifth time Regulation (EEC) No 320/84 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks occurring in the Community's fishing zone, provisional total allowable catches for 1984, the provisional share of these catches available to the Community, the allocation of that share between Member States and the conditions under which total allowable catches may be fished.

(*) See Press Release 9049/84 (Presse 139) of 10 September 1984.

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 17 September 1984

9227/84 (Presse 144)

At the end of the 951st meeting held on 15 September 1984 at Dromoland Castle, Ireland, under the chairmanship of Mr Alan DUKES, Irish Minister of Finance, the Council published the following declaration:

„In accordance with the provisions adopted in the Resolution of the European Council of 5 December 1978 on the establishment of the European Monetary System and in particular Article 2.3 thereof, which provides for a periodic re-examination of the composition of the ECU, the Council, after having reviewed the evolution of the weights of the currencies that make it up, has decided, upon a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the Monetary Committee and the Board of Governors of the European Monetary Cooperation Fund, to revise the composition of the ECU.

This revision has been carried out taking into account the underlying economic criteria, as well as the need to ensure the smooth functioning of the markets.

The Greek government has taken this opportunity to request the inclusion of the drachma in the ECU, in application of the provisions of the Treaty of Accession of the Hellenic Republic. The Council has agreed to this request. The Council notes that the Greek authorities will continue to pursue policies for stabilisation of the economy and that they have taken appropriate technical measures in the area of money and exchange markets for the smooth functioning of the markets following the inclusion of the drachma in the ECU. The Council also warmly welcomes the decision of the Greek authorities; it stresses that, for Greece, the inclusion of the drachma in the ECU fits into the framework of a medium-term policy aimed at an increased convergence of the economic evolution of this country towards that of the other countries of the Community.

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The amounts of the national currencies of the Member States in the ECU have been fixed using the following weighting coefficients:

DM	32.0
FF	19.0
UKL	15.0
LIT	10.2
HFL	10.1
FB	8.2
DKR	2.7
DR	1.3
IRL	1.2
LEF	0.3
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As a consequence, from 17 September 1984, the ECU is defined as the sum of the following amounts of the currencies of the Member States:

DM	0.719	FB	3.71
FF	1.31	DKR	0.219
UKL	0.0878	DR	1.15
LIT	1.40	IRL	0.00871
HFL	0.256	LEF	0.14

The Council stresses that this decision conforms to the provisions of the Resolution of 5 December 1978 and notably the rule that it establishes for maintaining the value of the ECU. Moreover, this revision does not affect the ECU central rates of the different currencies participating in the exchange rate mechanism, or, of course, the bilateral parities within the EMS. Similarly, this decision does not have any agri-monetary effect."

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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952nd meeting of the Council

- Economic and Financial Affairs -

Luxembourg, 1 October 1984

President: Mr Alan DUKES
Minister for Finance
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Anders ANDERSEN
Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Gerhard STOLTENBERG
Federal Minister for Finance

Greece:

Mr Gerassimos ARSENIS
Minister for Economic Affairs

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Pierre BEREGOVY
Minister for Economic Affairs,
Finance and the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Alan DUKES
Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA
Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
President of the Government,
Minister for Finance

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER
Minister attached to the
Department of Finance, with
responsibility for the Budget

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING
Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission

Mr Gaston THORN
President

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI
Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE

Following a very detailed discussion, the Council reached general agreement on the content of the provisions for implementing the principles of budgetary and financial discipline defined by the European Council at its meetings on 19 and 20 March and 25 and 26 June 1984. However, there remains a reservation on the part of two delegations and the question of the title of the act envisaged remained unresolved.

The outcome of the proceedings of the Council on Economic and Financial Affairs will be brought to the attention of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs at their meeting on 2 October. they will be asked to decide on the form of the act envisaged in the course of their discussions on the system of own resources and budgetary problems.

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953rd meeting of the Council
- Foreign Affairs -
Luxembourg, 2 and 3 October 1984
President: Mr Peter BARRY
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for External Relations
Mr Paul de KEERSKAEKER State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jürgen RUHFUS State Secretary, Federal Ministry
of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Théodoros PANGALOS State Secretary for EEC Affairs

France:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON Minister for External Relations
Mr Roland DUMAS Minister for European Affairs
Mr Jean-Michel BAYLET State Secretary attached to the
Minister for External Relations

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jim O'KEEFFE Minister of State at the
Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Mario FIORET State Secretary, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs
Mr Carlo FRACANZANI State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Timothy RAISON

Minister for Overseas Development

Mr Malcolm RIFKIND

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Vice-President

Mr Edgard PISANI

Member

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council prepared for the 23rd ministerial meeting of the Conference on the accession of Portugal to the European Communities, which was held on the afternoon of Wednesday 3 October. The Portuguese delegation was led by Mr Ernani RODRIGUES LOPES, Minister for Finance and Planning.

SPANISH ACCESSION

The Council discussed the positions to be adopted by the Community in the accession negotiations with Spain.

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET FOR 1984 AND DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1985 - BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE - INCREASING OWN RESOURCES

The Council established draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/84 and the draft general budget for 1985. These drafts will be forwarded to the European Parliament without delay for the next stage of the budget procedure.

The draft supplementary and amending budget for 1984 comprises expenditure of 1 861 MECU, including 1 833 MECU to cover additional EAGGF expenditure. To fund it, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, undertook to make available to the Community in 1984 1 003 MECU in the form of reimbursable advances, the remainder being covered by using surpluses available from 1983 and 1984 and by advance payment of 1985 sugar contributions.

The draft budget for 1985, which the Council established within the limit of available resources and in particular the 1% VAT limit, with an overall amount of 25 944 MECU in payment appropriations and 27 873 MECU in commitment appropriations (*), was adopted together with the following declaration on the Community's 1985 budgetary requirements:

"In deciding on a budget appropriation for the 1985 EAGGF of 18 000 MECU, i.e. a reduction of 1,315 MECU with regard to the figure considered necessary by the Commission in the preliminary draft budget, the Council for its part, while emphasizing the need for rigorous market management, undertakes to meet by 1 October 1985 the additional budgetary requirements which will arise in 1985 including the obligations entered into vis-à-vis the United Kingdom as prescribed under the Fontainebleau agreement through a supplementary and amending budget, for which additional funds will be provided."

(*) See Annex.

The Council also took note of the outcome of the proceedings of the Council on Economic and Financial Affairs regarding the implementation of the conclusions of the European Council in Fontainebleau concerning budgetary discipline; it welcomed the progress made but concluded that work would have to continue on the problems still remaining at this stage so that the discussions could be brought to a successful conclusion as soon as possible.

The Council will also continue its discussions on the draft Decision increasing the Community's own resources, in accordance with the conclusions of the European Council in Fontainebleau.

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE US "OMNIBUS TRADE BILL"

The Council of the European Communities is seriously concerned by a number of trade legislation proposals pending before Congress in the Omnibus Trade Bills, on which Congress is likely to vote in the next few days. These proposals, both in the House and Senate versions, contain elements which would be contrary to US international obligations and would risk triggering a dangerous spiral of protectionism worldwide.

The Community has made repeatedly clear its deep concern about the so-called Wine Equity Act which introduces the notion of sectoral reciprocity and extends the definition of industry for purposes of countervailing and antidumping procedure. Other issues which are also of major concern are the proposed amendments designed to introduce the notions of downstream dumping, upstream subsidies and natural resource subsidies; amendments designed to make the definition of injury under the S. 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 less rigorous, the Steel quota bills, and amendments proposing tariff increases and import restrictions on a number of other products including whey proteins and ferro alloys.

The Commission has already made known to the US Administration and to Members of Congress the Community's specific objections to these Bills. The Council fully endorses this.

The Council underlines that if any such legislation were to be introduced, it would have serious trade restricting effects adversely affecting the EEC's export interests; would be inconsistent with the GATT; would encourage protectionist measures in the US and elsewhere; and would undermine the common efforts to roll back protectionism.

Any such legislation, if adopted, would be open to challenge before the GATT and retaliation.

1985 DRAFT BUDGET ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL

Fields	Commitments (ECU)	Payments (ECU)
1. GUARANTEES FOR AGRICULTURAL MARKETS EAGGF Guarantee (10 to 29)	18.000.000.000	18.000.000.000
TOTAL 1	18.000.000.000	18.000.000.000
2. STRUCTURAL POLICY EAGGF Guidance (30 to 33)	640.967.700	632.464.700
Specific agricultural measures (38)	55.427.300	53.977.300
Fisheries (40 to 46)	154.351.400	109.601.400
Regional Fund (50,51)	2.240.000.000	1.610.000.000
EMS measures (52)	0	0
Supplementary measures United Kingdom (53)	0	0
Other - regional (54,55,56,57)	87.200.000	52.200.000
Transport (58)	31.350.000	21.350.000
Social Fund (60,61)	1.940.000.000	1.358.000.000
Other - social (64,65,69)	177.869.000	177.727.000
Education and culture (63,67)	18.747.500	18.747.500
Environment and consumers (66)	14.770.000	11.420.000
TOTAL 2	5.360.682.900	4.045.487.900
3. RESEARCH, ENERGY, INDUSTRY Energy policy (70,71)	137.700.000	83.700.000
Research and investment (72,73)	788.048.400	532.247.400
Information and innovation (75)	9.685.000	8.385.000
Industry and internal market (77)	33.350.000	37.150.000
TOTAL 3	968.783.400	661.482.400
4. REPAYMENTS AND RESERVES Repayments to Member States (80)	1.047.098.000	1.047.098.000
Other repayments (82,86)	23.622.055	23.622.055
Financial mechanism (81)	0	0
Other - guarantees (79,83,84,85)	0	0
Reserve (101)	5.000.000	5.000.000
TOTAL 4	1.075.720.055	1.075.720.055
5. DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION AND THIRD COUNTRIES EDF (90,91)	0	0
Food aid (92)	570.794.800	365.461.900
Co-operation non-associated DCS (93)	252.850.000	128.750.000
Specific and exceptional measures (94,95)	53.500.000	41.500.000
Co-operation with Mediterranean countries (96)	208.400.000	248.627.700
Other - co-operation (97,98,99)	61.240.000	61.240.000
TOTAL 5	1.146.784.800	845.579.600
6. STAFF AND OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS Section III A	875.857.600	875.857.600
Section I, II, IV and V	445.251.563	445.251.563
TOTAL 6	1.321.109.163	1.321.109.163
GRAND TOTAL	27.873.080.318	25.949.379.118

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

EEC-Yemen Co-operation Agreement

The Council decided to sign the EEC-Yemen Co-operation Agreement.

EEC-ASEAN relations

The Council authorized the Commission to open negotiations for the enlargement of the Co-operation Agreement between the European Community and the member countries of ASEAN (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) to include Brunei Darussalam, which became independent on 1 January 1984 and has recently joined the Association of South-East Asian Nations.

The Agreement includes the most-favoured-nation clause, and provisions on trade co-operation, economic co-operation and development co-operation and sets up a Joint Co-operation Committee.

ACP-EEC relations

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities three texts concerning the change of status of two former OCT, St Christopher and Nevis and Brunei, which recently became independent:

- Decision amending the amounts made available to the European Development Fund (1979) for the ACP States and for the overseas countries and territories (St Christopher and Nevis);
- Decision amending Decision 80/1186/EEC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community (St Christopher and Nevis and Brunei);
- Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 435/80 as regards the list of ACP States and overseas countries and territories (St Christopher and Nevis and Brunei).

EFTA

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concluding an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters consolidating and modifying the text of Protocol No 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Iceland.

Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation temporarily and totally suspending the Common Customs Tariff duty on three products falling within sub-heading ex 85.21 D II (certain types of integrated circuit).

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands on the other hand, establishing measures for salmon fishing in North Atlantic waters. The Agreement stipulates inter alia that the Faroese authorities will restrict the total volume of salmon catches in Faroese waters to a total of 625 tonnes in fresh round weight for the season starting on 1 October 1984 and ending on 31 May 1985.

Environment

The Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities two Resolutions: concerning:

- firstly,

the link between the environment and development:

"WHEREAS in the Resolution of 7 February 1983 ⁽¹⁾ on an action programme of the European Communities on the environment (1982-1986) one of the priorities for action is co-operation with developing countries;

WHEREAS the link between the environment and development was taken into account in the previous (1977) action programme on the environment ⁽²⁾;

WHEREAS environmental problems can provide a focus for greater collaboration and solidarity with the developing countries to the benefit not only of those countries but also of the Member States;

WHEREAS the Council has already held an exchange of views on whether to draw up for Community undertakings a code of conduct towards developing countries and on whether to exercise greater control over exports of pesticides to such countries;

WHEREAS there is a need to co-ordinate both Community and other endeavours to preserve and improve the environment in the developing countries,

NOTE the Resolution of the European Parliament of 20 May 1980, notably on the World Conservation Strategy,

STATE that the inclusion of ecological criteria must be an important aspect of development policy strategies,"

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 46, 17.2.1983, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 139, 13.6.1977, p. 3.

WELCOME the fact that the Member States will do their utmost to incorporate appropriate ecological measures into their co-operation with developing countries,

STATE that the Community must consider environmental protection as an integral part of its development co-operation policy,

WELCOME and support the Commission's increasing efforts to give an environmental dimension to the Community's development aid policy,

NOTE with interest the establishment by the United Nations of a Special Commission (the World Commission on Environment and Development), and by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) of the Intergovernmental Intersessional Preparatory Committee on the Environmental Perspective to the year 2000 and beyond,

DECLARE their adherence to the principles of the Declaration of 1 February 1980 of Environmental Policies and Procedures relating to Economic Development, signed by UNEP and ten multilateral development financing institutions,

CONSIDER that Member States should follow the principles of this Declaration when implementing bilateral development aid programmes,

CONSIDER it desirable to continue with and to step up in an appropriate manner participation in the work of the Committee of International Development Institutions for the Environment (CIDIE), in order to implement this Declaration in accordance with the relevant guidelines laid down in the Community action programme on the environment, particularly as regards the conservation of tropical forests, the campaign against desertification, water management, the setting up of agricultural systems and energy utilization systems compatible with the environment,

REQUEST the Commission to examine the possibilities for achieving closer convergence of the Community efforts to integrate the environmental dimension in development aid and to submit any appropriate proposals to the Council as soon as possible."

- and secondly,

forms of co-operation in the sphere of water:

"WHEREAS in the Resolution of 7 February 1983 (¹) on an action programme of the European Communities on the environment (1982-1986) one of the priorities for action is co-operation with developing countries;

WHEREAS problems connected with the environment, and in particular those relating to drinking water resources, provide a focus for increased collaboration and practical solidarity with the developing countries,

CONSIDERING the efforts made in the framework of the Lomé Conventions and other co-operation agreements,

REFERRING to the objectives of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (1980-1990),

NOTE with satisfaction the appearance in certain Member States of new forms of co-operation with the developing countries which depend on voluntary local or regional initiatives, both public and private, for the implementation of specific projects on a limited scale, particularly concerning water,

CONSIDER that, according to the procedures appropriate to the administrative structures and the internal provisions of each Member State, such initiatives should be encouraged,

(¹) OJ No C 46, 17.2.1983, p. 1.

NOTE the importance for their success of the availability of satisfactory information on experience gained from operations already carried out and on action planned,

REQUEST the Commission to examine, taking into account national and international structures already established, how, as far as the Communities are concerned, existing capacity could be judiciously utilized to this end, e.g. in the form of arrangements for exchange of views and talks capable of improving the provision of information on experiments carried out and the listing and evaluation of projects,

WISH to receive a Commission report on this matter by the end of 1984."

ECSC

The Council gave the following assents

- under the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty for partial financing of an investment project of the Elektromark Company involving the conversion of three electricity generating units from natural gas to coal firing
- assent under Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty
 - = Saarländische Investitionskreditbank AG (Germany)
 - = Industriekreditbank AG Deutsche Industriebank (Germany)
 - = Rabobank Nederland (Netherlands)
 - = Société Nationale de Crédit et d'Investissement (Luxembourg)
 - = Celtic Inns Limited (United Kingdom).

Appointment

Acting on a proposal from the Commission, the Council appointed Mr Preben KRISTIANSEN, Head of Division, Training Policy Department, Danish Employers' Confederation, a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, in place of Mr TØTTRUP, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 19 April 1985.

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954th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 1 October 1984

President: Mr Austin DEASY,
Minister for Agriculture
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture
Mr Paddy HEGARTY
Minister of State,
Department of 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
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

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

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

WINE

The Council held a further detailed discussion on the proposals for Regulations on the reform of the common organization of the wine market.

Having concluded that the conditions for an agreement were not yet fulfilled, the Council agreed to resume its discussions at its meeting on 22 and 23 October.

PRESS RELEASE

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955th Council meeting

- Internal Market -

Luxembourg, 9 October 1984

President : Mr John BRUTON

Minister for Industry, Trade,
Commerce and Tourism of Ireland

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on 9 October 1984

On page 2, read:

"Ireland:

Mr John BRUTON
Minister for Industry,
Trade, Commerce and Tourism

Mr Edward COLLINS
Minister of State at
the Department of Energy and
the Department of Industry,
Trade, Commerce and Tourism"

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary,
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Ib STETTER
Minister for Industry

Germany:

Mr Martin BANGEMANN
Federal Minister for Economic
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Andréas KAZAZIS
State Secretary,
Ministry of Trade

France:

Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE
State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Economic Affairs,
Finance and the Budget,
responsible for Consumer Affairs

Ireland:

Mr John BRUTON
Minister for Industry, Trade,
Commerce and Tourism

Italy:

Mr Paulo GALLI
Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Robert GOEBBELS
State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs, External Commerce and
Co-operation

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Paul CHANNON
Minister for Trade

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES
Member

SINGLE DOCUMENT

The Council agreed in principle on the basic Regulation concerning the introduction of a single document to be used for the dispatch, transit and entry for home use of Community goods or for their entry under any other procedure in the Member States of destination. By simplifying formalities in trade between the Member States, this Regulation will have a positive impact on the further development of intra-Community trade, and in particular will provide an incentive for firms, especially small ones, to view their activity in terms of the whole of the Community's internal market.

As to the form of the single document itself, the Council noted the considerable progress made in the High Level Group and instructed it to work intensively with a view to finalizing the whole Single Document Package for the next Internal Market Council in December.

4TH "COMPANY LAW" DIRECTIVE - REVISION OF AMOUNTS EXPRESSED
IN ECU

The Council reached agreement in principle by majority vote on a proposal from the Commission concerning the amendment of the 4th Company Law Directive (Directive 78/660/EEC) concerning the annual accounts of certain types of companies (particularly public and private limited companies).

This Directive, adopted by the Council on 25 July 1978, contains certain simplifications concerning the drawing-up, the publication and the control of annual accounts of small companies (balance sheet : 1 million ECU, turnover : 2 million ECU and 50 employees), and medium-sized companies (balance sheet : 4 million ECU, turnover : 8 million ECU and 250 employees).

The 7th Company Law Directive (83/349/EEC) relating to the drawing-up and publication of consolidated accounts by groups of companies, allows Member States to totally exempt medium-sized groups which overall do not exceed the thresholds laid down in the 4th Directive.

The 4th Directive makes provision for the Council to proceed, on the basis of a proposal from the Commission, every five years to the examination, and, if necessary, to the revision of the amounts expressed in ECU in the light of economic and monetary trends in the Community.

The present Directive fixes an increase of 55% of the total balance sheet, and 60% of the turnover, as of 25 July 1983, this being 5 years after the date of the adoption of the 4th Directive. This increase is intended to maintain the scope of the exemptions foreseen in the 4th and 7th Directives.

The Council also noted the commitment of those delegations which have not yet implemented the 4th Company Law Directive to take the necessary steps to achieve this implementation as soon as possible.

The Directive will be formally adopted by the Council after legal and linguistic preparation of the texts.

COMMUNITY TRADE MARK

The Council took note of the work accomplished during the first reading of the proposed regulation of the Community trade mark, and invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work and to present a further report to it as soon as possible.

SELF-EMPLOYED COMMERCIAL AGENTS

The Council took up the examination of the proposed Directive on the co-ordination of the laws of the Member States relating to (self-employed) commercial agents which, however, remains subject to a fundamental reservation on the part of one Member State.

The question will be examined further with the delegation unable to agree to the proposal and a report will be made to the Council at its December meeting.

TOURIST ASSISTANCE

The Council resolved the major outstanding problem relating to the Directive on tourist assistance. It will be adopted shortly, as soon as certain Member States have completed the necessary administrative procedures.

This Directive, which amends the first Directive in the field of non-life insurance adopted in 1973, aims at harmonizing the conditions for the taking-up and pursuit of the activity of tourist assistance and will therefore guarantee adequate safeguards for the public. This harmonization will also have the effect of eliminating barriers to the right of establishment in this field.

RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT IN THE FIELD OF PHARMACY

The Council took note of progress made in the field of right of establishment and mutual recognition of diplomas in the field of pharmacy, and invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to pursue its work with a view to final adoption by a forthcoming Council as soon as possible.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

The Council continued its examination of the proposed Directive on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning liability for defective products. The Council concentrated its work on the question of setting a financial limit for the producer's liability. The Council invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to pursue its work on this matter with a view to bringing delegations' positions closer together and to report back to a meeting of the Council in December.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET

The Council discussed the future programme for the consolidation of the internal market. In this context it also took note of a joint declaration by the Benelux countries.

MISCELLANEOUS DECLARATION

The Council took note of a declaration from the German delegation concerning the introduction of pollution-free automobiles.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Environment

The Council adopted in the languages of the Communities the Directive laying down limit values for discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane together with quality objectives for HCH discharges in the aquatic environment. (Cf. Press Release 8129/84 (Presse 114) dated 28 June 1984).

ECSC

The Council gave assent under Article 56, paragraph 2 a) of the ECSC Treaty

= Mediocredito dell'Umbria (Italy)

= National Westminster Bank, PLC (United Kingdom)

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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956th Council meeting

- Industry -

Luxembourg, 15 October 1984

President: Mr John BRUTON
Minister for Industry, Trade,
Commerce and Tourism
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul NOTERDAEME
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Ib STETTER
Minister for Industry

Germany:

Mr Martin BANGEMANN
Federal Minister for Economic
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Constantine VAITSOS
State Secretary,
Ministry of Economic Affairs

France:

Mr Martin MALVY
State Secretary attached to
the Minister for Industrial
Redeployment and Foreign Trade,
responsible for Energy

Ireland:

Mr John BRUTON
Minister for Industry, Trade,
Commerce and Tourism
Mr Edward COLLINS
Minister of State at the Department
of Energy and at the Department of
Industry, Trade, Commerce and
Tourism

Italy:

Mr Renato ALTISSIMO
Minister for Industry

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS
Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
External Commerce and Co-operation
Mr Johny LAHURE
State Secretary for Economy

Netherlands:

Mr G.M.V. van AARDENNE
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr David ELLIOTT
Deputy Permanent Representative

Commission:

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON
Vice-President
Mr Frans ANDRIESEN
Member

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Council reached agreement on two recommendations in the field of telecommunications. These recommendations underline the key role of the telecommunications sector in strengthening the Community's industrial base and making its undertakings more competitive.

By the terms of the first recommendation which concerns the implementation of harmonization in the field of telecommunications, the Council recommends that the Governments of the Member States ensure that:

- the telecommunications administrations
 - = consult each other, preferably in the framework of CEPT, before they introduce any new service, notably between Member States, with a view to establishing common guidelines so that the necessary innovation takes place under conditions compatible with harmonization;
 - = ensure that all new services that are introduced from 1985 onwards are introduced on the basis of a common harmonized approach, notably with regard to services between Member States, so that compatible services are offered throughout Europe, taking into account the progress of work in CEPT, CEN/CENELEC, CCITT and ISO;
 - = from 1986 onwards, when they order digital transmission and switching systems that are designed for progressive integration of services, do so taking full account of recognized standards in the Community;
- the Commission is regularly informed of the progress of work, which it will examine periodically with the Senior Officials Group on Telecommunications set up by the Council on 4 November 1983.

By the terms of the second recommendation which concerns the first phase of opening up access to public telecommunications contracts, the Council recommends:

- that the Governments of the Member States ensure that telecommunications administrations provide opportunities for undertakings established in the other Community countries, following their usual procedures and on a non-discriminatory basis, to tender for:
 - = all new telematic terminals and all conventional terminals for which there are common type-approval specifications;
 - = their switching and transmission equipment and conventional terminal apparatus for which there are no common type-approval specifications for at least 10% in value of their annual orders;

- that the Governments of the Member States report to the Commission at the end of each six-month period, starting at the end of 1984, on the measures taken by the telecommunications administrations to implement this policy, their practical effects, the problems encountered and any further action needed; these data will be examined with the Senior Officials Group on Telecommunications set up by the Council on 4 November 1983.

DATA-PROCESSING

The Council reached agreement on a Council Decision as regards general measures in the field of data-processing. This Decision will extend the resources and the duration of the first part of the 1979 - 1983 multi-annual data-processing programme which consists of measures to create or strengthen conditions favouring the development of the data-processing industry in the Community.

With regard to the duration of the programme, a period of two years has been agreed for the various measures, with the exception of certain standardisation activities. These will be completed by 31 December 1985, it being understood that similar activities will be included in a specific policy on standardisation in information technology.

With regard to the appropriations needed for carrying out the programme, an amount of 11 mio ECU is envisaged.

STEEL

The Council, after hearing brief reports from Vice-President DAVIGNON and Commissioner ANDRIESSEN, decided to include on the agenda of the next Steel Council in November the questions of the restructuring of the steel industry and the application of the Aids Code, and certain technical questions concerning scrap and coated sheets.

SHIPBUILDING

The Council took stock of the current situation as regards the proposed extension of the 5th Directive on Aid to Shipbuilding due to expire at the end of this year. In particular, the Council heard a statement from the United Kingdom delegation together with reactions from other delegations and the Commission.

In conclusion, the Council, given the urgency of reaching a decision in this matter agreed to come back to it in November.

EXPLORATION PROGRAMME FOR NON-ENERGY MINERAL RAW MATERIALS

The Council made considerable progress on the proposed Regulation on loans for projects covered by an exploration programme for non-energy mineral raw materials within the territories of the Member States. The Council concentrated its discussions on the major outstanding questions, and in particular on the decision-making procedure, the question of recipients of Community financial assistance and the question of the repayment of loans granted.

At the conclusion of its discussions, the Council invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to pursue its work with a view to reaching early final agreement on this Regulation.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain Trade Agreements concluded between Member States and third countries (3rd instalment 1984).

Consumer protection

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to ceramic articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.

This Directive sets out maximum limits for the possible migration of lead and cadmium from ceramic articles which are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs. It also lays down common methods for testing and analysing the presence of these metals.

It is also foreseen in the Directive that after a period of 3 years the Commission shall, on the basis of toxicological and technological data, re-examine the limits laid down, and, if appropriate, submit proposals for amendments to them.

ECSC

The Council gave assent under Article 54, paragraph 2 of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a global loan to Barclays Bank, PLC (United Kingdom).

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957th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 22 and 23 October 1984

President: Mr Peter BARRY

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jurgen RUHFUS State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS State Secretary for EEC Affairs

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS Minister for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jim O'KEEFE Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mario FIORET State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Paul CHANNON

Secretary of State for Trade

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Vice-President

Mr Edgard PISANI

Member

ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

The Council finalized the Community position on several major negotiating topics, namely vegetable oils and fats, social affairs, sugar (Portugal) and tariff dismantling in the industrial sector (Spain). The ministerial negotiators of the two applicant countries were informed of these positions. The Council also held a detailed discussion on fisheries (Spain and Portugal) and on certain aspects of agriculture (Spain).

The Council will hold a special meeting on 12 and 13 November 1984 to continue finalizing the Community position. In agreement with the two applicant countries, it was decided that the negotiations on the main problems still outstanding would be taken as far as possible at the negotiating sessions scheduled for 27 and 28 November 1984. These negotiating sessions would be preceded by talks between the Presidency and the Commission and the two applicant countries to clarify the facts at issue, and by a further Council meeting on 26 November 1984.

During the meetings that took place the Community, Spain and Portugal were able to note the irreversibility of the process of Community enlargement which would become a fact on 1 January 1986. In the case of Portugal, the Council and Portugal adopted a joint policy statement to that effect.

ACCELERATION OF TOKYO ROUND TARIFF REDUCTIONS: COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

In the light of its earlier declarations of 19 December 1983 and 14 May 1984 on the subject of acceleration of Tokyo Round tariff reductions, the Council decided as follows:

- that the tariff reductions due to be made on 1 January 1986 should be advanced to 1 July 1985 on the understanding that major trading partners, including the United States, take similar actions according to the agreement reached in OECD;
- that in the meantime tariff reductions due on 1 January 1986 should be advanced to 1 January 1985 for certain products of particular interest and benefit to developing countries.
The list of these products is to be drawn up by the Commission in consultation with the Article 113 Committee with a view to completing the appropriate Council procedures by 30 October.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING AT FONTAINEBLEAU

After discussing progress on budgetary discipline, the Council agreed that work on this subject would continue with a view to early completion.

JORDAN

The Council prepared for the 1st meeting of the EEC-Jordan Co-operation Council at ministerial level which was held towards the end of the morning on 23 October 1984 (see joint press release CEE-RHJ 3305/84 of 23.X.84).

RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN

The Council adopted directives enabling the Commission to negotiate a commercial and economic co-operation agreement with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

ACP-EEC NEGOTIATIONS

The Council was informed of the outcome of the meeting of the Restricted Ministerial Group on the ACP-EEC negotiations for a new Lomé Convention which was held in Brussels from 9 to 13 October 1984. It noted the arrangements agreed between the two co-Chairmen at the close of the meeting as regards finalization of the negotiations, and agreed, for its part, on the appropriate arrangements for preparing the Community position.

IRON AND STEEL: EXTERNAL ASPECTS 1985

The Council approved guidelines to enable the Commission to conclude the 1985 arrangements with third countries exporting steel to the Community.

IRON AND STEEL: SOCIAL ASPECTS

Following the latest technical clarifications concerning the programmes to be financed in the context of social measures for the iron and steel industry, the Council adopted a Decision relating to a contribution to the ECSC from the general budget of the Communities.

This contribution of 62,5 MECU is intended to cover Community financing of special temporary allowances for workers in iron and steel undertakings and iron-ore mines in the Community whose jobs are directly or indirectly abolished or threatened as a result of a restructuring plan adopted by an undertaking, group of undertakings, or the public authorities in accordance with the general objectives for steel.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

EFTA

The Council approved the Community position on draft Decision No 1/84 of the EEC-Switzerland and EEC-Austria Joint Committees - Community transit - amending the Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit.

Customs union: newsprint

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation increasing by 65 000 tonnes (from 570 000 to 635 000 tonnes) the volume of the Community tariff quota opened for 1984 for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff, allocated as follows:

Germany	10 390 tonnes
Greece	650 "
Italy	1 000 "
United Kingdom	38 960 "
Reserve	14 000 "

Export credits

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision amending the Decision of 4 April 1978 on the application of certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits (extending the Decision until 15 April 1985).

Taxation

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision authorizing France to apply in respect of automatic gaming machines a measure derogating from Article 18 of the 6th VAT Directive.

Environment

The Council took note of a communication from the Commission on the negotiations for a global framework convention for the protection of the ozone layer.

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958th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 22 and 23 October 1984

President: Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Paddy HEGARTY
Minister of State,
Department of Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Giulio SANTARELLI
State Secretary,
Ministry of 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
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

WINE

The Council held a further wide-ranging discussion on the proposals for Regulations on the reform of the common organization of the wine market.

It was agreed that the discussion would be continued at the Council's next meeting.

MILK SECTOR

The Council examined the application of the quota system in the milk sector in the different Member States. It noted positive results in the overall fall in production and also identified various problems remaining in certain Member States connected with the administration of the new system. It asked the Commission to examine these specific problems in detail and, if necessary, to submit appropriate proposals to remedy them.

STRUCTURES POLICY

The Council continued its examination of the proposal for a Regulation on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures, on the basis of a report from the Working Party of Senior Officials on Agricultural Structures.

The Council concluded from its discussion that the technical aspects of this dossier required further examination prior to a global decision being taken before the end of the year. The Presidency, working with the Commission, is to draw up a compromise document in time for the next Council meeting.

In the meantime, the Council decided to extend the validity of the existing directives and decisions on the matter for the period from 1 July 1984 to 31 December 1984.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

In order to enable the Commission to adopt measures to reduce further the price of butter purchased for direct consumption for the end of year holidays (Christmas butter) in those Member States where intervention stocks are available, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation on the granting of aid for the consumption of butter in two Member States where there are very low or non-existent public and private stocks on the market, namely Italy and Greece. The aid was set at 160 ECU/100 kg.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2692/83 derogating from the application of certain provisions relating to the adjustment of free-at-frontier values of certain cheeses.

Lastly, the Council took note of communications from the Commission:

- concerning the final estimates of supply in the 1982/1983 wine year;
- on the programme for the Commission's planned measures to promote olive oil consumption in the Community during the 1985/1986 marketing year (3rd programme);

and a report from the Commission on the system of aid for beekeeping.

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959th meeting of the Council
- Budget -

Strasbourg, 24 October 1984

President: Mr Jim O'KEEFFE
Minister of State at the
Department of Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Iaul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGENSEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Panayotis ROUMELIOTIS
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Economy

France:

Mr Henri EMMANUELLI
State Secretary responsible for
the Budget

Ireland:

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

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI
Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean FEYDER
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. VAN EEKELLEN
State Secretary for
Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Ian STEWART
Economic Secretary
to the Treasury

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET N° 1/84

The Council discussed the draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/84 in the light of the first reading by the European Parliament on 23 October 1984.

In this connection, the Council had a meeting with a European Parliament delegation led by its President, Mr PFLIMLIN, and consisting of the following Members: Mr COT, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets; Mrs BARBARELLA, Mr RYAN and Mr CURRY, Vice-Chairmen of the Committee on Budgets; Mrs SCRIVENER, Rapporteur for the 1984 Budget; Mr DANKERT, Chairman of the Working Party on Budgetary Discipline; Mr AIGNER, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control; Lord DOURO, Mr PASTY and Mr BONDE, members of the Committee on Budgets.

During this meeting the Council was able to hear and discuss the reasons which led the European Parliament to propose amendments and modifications to the draft supplementary budget No 1/84.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was confirmed that the views expressed by the Parliament delegation would be taken fully into account by the Council during its following deliberations.

The Council subsequently took decisions on the proposed amendments and modifications and agreed to transmit the texts of the results of its deliberations to the Parliament as rapidly as possible in accordance with the Parliament's wishes.