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1183rd meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 2 and 3 July 1987

President: Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN

State Secretary
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT Minister for the Budget

Denmark:

Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Yannis PAPANTONIOU State Secretary for Economic
Affairs

Spain:

Mr José BORRELL State Secretary for Finance

France:

Mr Bernard BOSSON Minister attached to the
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
with responsibility for
European Affairs

Ireland:

Mrs Maire GEOGHEGAN-QUINN Minister of State for
European Affairs

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER Minister for the Budget

Netherlands:

Mr R. van der LINDEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Rui ALVAREZ CARP

State Secretary for the Budget

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter BROOKE

Minister of State to the Treasury

Commission:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Vice-President

SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET No 1/87

Further to the conclusions of the European Council on 29 and 30 June 1987, the Council drew up draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/87 on the basis of a compromise proposal from the Presidency. This draft will be forwarded to the European Parliament.

In this draft, the Council in particular revised the statement of revenue, in view of the savings to be made, and reduced, in the light of the prospects for execution of the budget, a number of compulsory appropriations not calling into question the implementation of Community policies and safeguarding the non-compulsory expenditure currently entered in the budget. In particular, the Council decided to reduce, from August and up to a limit of 400 MECU, the reimbursement to the Member States of the cost incurred by the latter in collecting traditional own resources; this reimbursement is to be deferred until the budgetary year 1988. The Council also replaced with a "p.m." and deferred until the financial year 1988 the annual instalment of the reimbursement of the advances made available by the Member States in 1984. It decided, moreover, to step up further the Community's efforts to combat budgetary fraud and irregularities.

Finally, the Council emphasized the urgency of the budgetary situation and considered it highly desirable for supplementary and amending budget No 1/87 to be adopted in July.

OTHER DECISIONS

Agricultural policy

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

Cereals and rice

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals;

- fixing, for the 1987/1988 marketing year,
 - = the prices applicable to cereals;

 - = the amount of the co-responsibility levy for cereals and the overall amount of the direct aid for small producers;

 - = the monthly price increases for cereals, wheat and rye flour and wheat groats and meal;

 - = the amount of the aid for durum wheat;

 - = the minimum price for potatoes to be paid by the starch manufacturer to the potato producer;

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2744/75 as regards products falling within subheading 23.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff;
- fixing rice prices for the 1987/1988 marketing year;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1424/76 laying down general rules for intervention on the market in rice;
- fixing the monthly price increases for paddy rice and husked rice for the 1987/1988 marketing year;
- fixing the amount of the production aid for certain varieties of rice sown in the 1987/1988 marketing year;

Sugar

- fixing, for the 1987/1988 marketing year,
 - = certain sugar prices and the standard quality of beet;
 - = the derived intervention prices for white sugar, the intervention price for raw sugar, the minimum prices for A and B beet, the threshold prices, the amount of compensation for storage costs and the prices to be applied in Spain and Portugal;

- introducing a special elimination levy in the sugar sector for the 1986/1987 marketing year;

Oils and fats/olive oil/oleaginous products

- amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats;
- fixing, for the 1987/1988 marketing year,
 - = the production target price, the production aid, the intervention price and the maximum quantity referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC for olive oil;
 - = the target prices and intervention prices for colza, rape and sunflower seed;
 - = the monthly increases in the target and intervention prices for colza and rape seed and sunflower seed;
 - = the guaranteed maximum quantities for colza, rape and sunflower seed;
 - = the maximum guaranteed quantity for soya beans;
 - = the guide price for soya beans;
 - = the minimum price for soya beans;
 - = the guide price for flax seed;

- providing for the granting of special aid for sunflower seeds produced and processed in Portugal and amending Regulation (EEC) No 476/86 laying down general rules for the mechanism for controlling the prices and the quantities of certain products in the oils and fats sector released for consumption in Portugal;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1491/85 laying down special measures in respect of soya beans;

High-protein products

- fixing, for the 1987/1988 marketing year,
 - = the activating threshold price for aid, the guide price and the minimum price for peas, field beans and sweet lupins;
 - = the monthly increases in the activating threshold price, the guide price and the minimum price for peas and field beans;
 - = the guide price for dried fodder;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2036/82 laying down special measures for peas, field beans and sweet lupins;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1117/78 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder;

Textile fibres

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 on the common organization of the market in flax and hemp;
- adjusting the system of aid for cotton introduced by Protocol No 4 annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece;
- fixing, for the 1987/1988 marketing year,
 - = the amounts of the aid for fibre flax and hemp and the amounts withheld to finance measures to promote the use of flax fibre;
 - = the guide price for unginning cotton and the quantity of cotton for which aid may be granted in full;
 - = the minimum price for unginning cotton;
- fixing the amount of aid in respect of silkworms for the 1987/1988 rearing year;

Milk and milk products

- fixing, for the 1987/1988 milk year,
 - = the target price for milk and the intervention price for butter, skimmed-milk powder and Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses;
 - = the threshold prices for certain milk products;

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 in respect of the co-responsibility levy on milk and milk products;
- establishing, for the period running from 1 April 1987 to 31 March 1988, the Community reserve for the application of the levy referred to in Article 5c of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 in the milk and milk products sector;
- amending and derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 985/68 laying down general rules for intervention on the market in butter and cream;
- on the protection of designations used in marketing of milk and milk products;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 857/84 adopting general rules for the application of the levy referred to in Article 5c of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 in the milk and milk products sector;

Beef and veal/sheepmeat and goatmeat/pigmeat

- fixing, for the 1987/1988 marketing year,
 - = the guide price and the intervention price for adult bovine animals;
 - = the basic and intervention prices for sheepmeat;

- on the recording of market prices in the beef and veal sector;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 872/84 laying down general rules for the granting of premiums to sheepmeat producers;
- fixing the basic price and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period 1 November 1987 to 31 October 1988;

Fruit/vegetables

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables;
- fixing, for the 1987/1988 marketing year, certain prices and other amounts applicable in the fruit and vegetables sector;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 426/86 on the common organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1320/85 on temporary measures for production aid to processed tomato products;

Wine

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 on the common organization of the market in wine;
- fixing the guide prices for wine for the 1987/1988 wine year;

Tobacco

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco;
- fixing, for the 1987 harvest, the norm and intervention prices and the premiums granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco, the derived intervention prices for baled tobacco, the reference qualities and the production areas and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1577/86;
- laying down special measures applicable to raw tobacco of the 1987, 1988 and 1989 harvests of certain varieties;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 326/71 laying down general rules for granting export refunds on raw tobacco and criteria for fixing the amount of such refunds;

Seeds

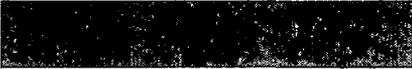
- fixing the amounts of aid granted for seeds for the 1988/1989 and 1989/1990 marketing years;

Agri-monetary

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1677/86 as regards the rules for calculating monetary compensatory amounts in agriculture;
 - amending in particular Regulation (EEC) No 1678/85 fixing the conversion rates to be applied in agriculture.
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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

7700/87 (Presse 127)

1184th Council meeting
- Economic and Financial Affairs -
Brussels, 13 July 1987

President: Mr Palle SIMONSEN
Minister for Finance
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Mark EYSKENS Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Anders ANDERSEN Minister for Economic Affairs

Mr Palle SIMONSEN Minister for Finance

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Constantin SIMITIS Minister for Economic Affairs

Spain:

Mr Guillermo de la DEHESA ROMERO State Secretary for Economy and Planning

France:

Mr François SCHEER Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Ray MAC SHARRY Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Pietro CALAMIA Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER Minister attached to the Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr P.C. NIEMAN Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Portugal:

Mr Miguel CADILHE Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter BROOKE Minister of State, Treasury

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Commission:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN Vice-President

Lord COCKFIELD Vice-President

Also attended:

Mr BØRGLUM-JENSEN Chairman of the Co-ordinating Group
for Economic and Financial Policies

Mr MILLERON Chairman of the Economic Policy
Committee

SECOND QUARTERLY EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE
COMMUNITY

In accordance with Article 3 of the "Convergence Decision" of 1974, the Council carried out the second quarterly examination of the economic situation in the Community on the basis of a Commission communication on the economic outlook for 1988 and budgetary policy in the Member States.

The Council shared the Commission's view that it was not necessary to change the economic policy guidelines laid down in the Annual Economic Report for 1986/1987 as approved by the Council in December 1986; furthermore, it was of the opinion that in the event of a further slow-down in growth the measures for strengthening internal growth should be more speedily implemented, taking advantage of the inter-dependence among Member States.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DISPOSAL OF BUTTER
STOCKS

The Council noted the statements by the Spanish and Portuguese delegations concerning the financial implications for their respective countries of the Council Regulation laying down the details of a programme for the disposal of butter stocks.

DEROGATION FROM THE SIXTH VAT DIRECTIVE

The Council reached agreement on a proposal for a Decision authorizing the United Kingdom to derogate from certain provisions of the sixth VAT Directive concerning the right to deduct of small and medium-sized undertakings. The authorization will be limited to three years, at the end of which period the Commission will submit a report on its implementation of this derogation. It was also agreed that this Decision would not prejudice the solution to be found to this problem in the context of the proposal for a Directive concerning special VAT arrangements for small and medium-sized undertakings.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the text of the Decision with a view to its adoption at a forthcoming Council meeting.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Customs union - trade questions

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

- concerning the arrangements for the temporary importation of containers, and
- on customs debt.

(See Press Release No 6950/87 (Presse 97) of 11 June 1987).

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning certain cheeses.

Exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission.

(See Press Release No 7120/87 (Presse 110) of 22 June 1987).

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Appointments

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr H.K. KLAMER a member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers in place of Mr G. VERHEIJ, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 27 November 1987.

On a proposal from the Commission, the Council appointed Mr Niels Lykke JENSEN a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in place of Mr Chr. Aagard HANSEN, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 December 1988.

On a proposal from the German Government, the Council then appointed:

- Mr Jost SCHRAMM (currently an alternate member) a member of the Advisory Committee on Education and Training in the field of Architecture in place of Mr Gerhard SCHWAB for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 22 March 1990;
 - Mr Heido STUMPF an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Education and Training in the field of Architecture in place of Mr Jost SCHRAMM for the remainder of the latter's term of office i.e. until 22 March 1990.
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PRESS RELEASE

Luxembourg, 13 July 1987
7697/87 (Presse 124)

1185th Council meeting
- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 13 July 1987

President: Ms Britta SCHALL HOLBERG
Minister for Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Denmark

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH

Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN

State Secretary,
Minister of Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr A. DE ZEEUW

Director-General,
Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

United Kingdom:

Mr John MCGREGOR

Minister for Agriculture

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

FINANCING OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Following the conclusions of the European Council on 29 and 30 June 1987 concerning the 1987 budget, which provided that the EAGGF Guarantee appropriation would be honoured by means of an adjustment in the system of advance payments, the Council examined a proposal to this effect.

At the end of its discussion, pending the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council noted that there was a qualified majority in favour of a common position on special rules for the financing of the common agricultural policy such as those proposed by the Commission.

This common position is based on a temporary arrangement which introduces a time-lag into the payment of advances to the Member States, due to enter into force as soon as the EAGGF/Guarantee appropriations in the 1987 budget have been used up. Member States are obliged to pre-finance expenditure chargeable to the EAGGF Guarantee Section.

Compensation is envisaged in the form of partial defrayal of interest charges by the Community budget for certain Member States (Spain, Portugal, Greece, Ireland), to take account of the difficulties experienced by them with the introduction of the system of adjustment of payments.

The temporary arrangement will remain in force pending final arrangements, adoption of which will be linked to decisions regarding the future financing of the Community.

The Council agreed to finalize the adoption of this Regulation as soon as it received the Opinion of the European Parliament.

OILSEEDS AND SOYA BEANS

Following the Council Decision of 30 June 1987 establishing the maximum reduction of the target price for colza seed, sunflower seed and soya beans, where the guaranteed maximum quantities are exceeded, at 10% for the 1987/1988 marketing year, the Council adopted the Regulations for its application, by qualified majority.

These Regulations lay down that, for each percentage point by which the guaranteed maximum quantity is exceeded, the target price of the product in question shall be reduced by 1%. As in the case of the Council Decision on the maximum reduction, this measure is only applicable during the 1987/1988 marketing year.

OTHER DECISIONS

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

- the Directive amending Directive 66/403/EEC on the marketing of seed potatoes. The purpose of this amendment is to allow Member States to continue to apply equivalence arrangements adopted at national level until expiry of the derogations authorized by the Commission for the import into the Community of seed potatoes originating in Canada;
- the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of interventions by the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF. The purpose of this amendment is to update the range of measures financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section, and in future to confer on the Commission the task of keeping the list up to date with the Community rules actually applicable;
- the Regulation introducing special measures for certain processed oil products in Spain. This Regulation provides for the refund to undertakings located in Spain, at their request, of the levy paid on the purchase of oils used in mayonnaise and other fine sauces;
- the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 fixing standard qualities for common wheat, rye, barley, maize, sorghum and durum wheat;

- the Regulation setting an additional period for use of the special import tariff quota for high-quality beef opened by Regulation (EEC) No 3495/86;
- the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1938/81 on common measures to improve public amenities in certain less-favoured agricultural areas of the Federal Republic of Germany;
- the Decision on the granting by certain Member States of aid for the short-term private storage of table wine and must.

The Council also adopted the corrigendum to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3130/86 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit. The purpose of this corrigendum is to correct a material error of legislative drafting.

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Community, the Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique on fisheries relations.

PRESS RELEASE

7831/87 (Presse 133)

1186th meeting of the Council

- General Affairs -

Brussels, 20 July 1987

President:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS	Minister for Foreign Relations
Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for European Affairs

Denmark:

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

Germany:

Mrs Irmgard ADAM-SCHWAETZER	Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Greece:

Mr Theodoras PANGALOS	Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Spain:

Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Pedro SOLBES	State Secretary for Relations with the European Communities

France:

Mr Bernard BOSSON	Minister with responsibility for European Affairs
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Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mrs Maire GEOGHEGAN-QUINN	Minister of State for European Affairs

Italy:

Mr Francesco CATTANEI	State Secretary for European Affairs
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Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Netherlands:

Mr P.R.H.M. VAN DER LINDEN	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs
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Portugal:

Mr Leonardo MATHIAS	Ambassador, Permanent Representative
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United Kingdom:

Mrs Lynda CHALKER	Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS	President
Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN	Vice-President
Mr Willy DE CLERCQ	Member

EEC-UNITED STATES RELATIONS

- COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON THE TRADE BILL

The Council,

- took note of the Commission's report on the visit to Washington in early July by Commission Vice-President Mr ANDRIESSEN and Commission Member Mr DE CLERCQ;
- drew attention to its serious concern at the potential consequences of the Trade Bill not only on bilateral trade relations between the Community and the United States but also on the overall world trade situation and the negotiations which have just begun in the Uruguay Round; in this respect, the Council drew attention to its conclusions of 16 March 1987 that if the United States took unilateral restrictive measures, the Community would have no choice but to respond in accordance with its rights under the GATT;
- invited the Commission, in close co-operation with Member States, to monitor the situation carefully and agreed to return to this issue in early Autumn.

- COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON THE EEC/UNITED STATES PASTA DISPUTE

The Council:

- noted the information given by the Commission regarding recent developments in Washington concerning the pasta dispute;
- drew attention to its conclusions of 22 June and the Community's readiness to continue negotiations with the United Nations with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution;
- asked the Commission to make every effort, in close co-operation with Member States and in accordance with the principles and mechanisms of the common agricultural policy, to reach a satisfactory settlement of this question as quickly as possible.
- underlined that the latest US request concerning the level of refunds was not an acceptable basis for agreement;
- reaffirmed that the only deadlines to be complied with were those set out in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the United States of America on Mediterranean preferences, citrus and pasta (*) (the later of (1) US congressional approval of the abovementioned agreement or (2) 1 July 1987);
- agreed that if the United States - in breach of both its commitments undertaken in the context of GATT and the EEC/United States Agreement on Mediterranean preferences, citrus and pasta - decided to take unilateral restrictive measures on imports of pasta products from the European Economic Community, the Community would have no option but to take immediate measures having an equivalent effect on imports of products originating in the United States.

(*) Cf. OJ No L 62, 5.3.1987.

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON COMMUNITY/JAPAN RELATIONS

The Council

- (1) took note of the report presented by the Commission on the state of relations between the Community and Japan;
- (2) with respect to the sectoral discussions
 - agreed
 - = that the Commission would make a progress report on motor vehicles, cosmetic products and medical equipment before the end of 1987, which should allow time in the intervening period for Japan to take the necessary decisions at political level to satisfy the Community's complementary requests and to implement at the technical level concessions already made;
 - = to invite the Commission to prepare for similar discussions on other sectors, after ensuring that the Community industries were prepared to participate actively in the preparation and pursuit of such negotiations;
 - = that, in the meanwhile, the Commission should put to the Japanese a list of objectives, inviting Japan to set specific dates for the implementation of measures already agreed upon, and inviting them to state by the end of 1987 whether or not they were in a position to act on other requests put to them on behalf of the EC;
 - underlined the importance it attached to the speedy conclusion and implementation of the dispute settlement procedure in the GATT framework concerning wine and alcoholic drinks;
- (3) asked the experts of Member States to assist the Commission in reviewing the other current dossiers, in the light of the recent high-level consultations, with a view to further recommendations on how to proceed.

RELATIONS WITH THE EFTA COUNTRIES

The Council approved the 10th annual report on co-operation with the EFTA countries (July 1986 - June 1987).

The Council welcomed the substantial progress in extending co-operation made during the period, in particular in creating - at the same time as the Community was completing its own internal market - the European Economic Area agreed on by the Luxembourg Conference in April 1984. It drew attention to the importance of creating this economic area.

The Council gave its full support to the guidelines for future co-operation agreed on at the Interlaken meeting between the Commission and EFTA Ministers (May 1987) and to the principles on which co-operation between the Community and EFTA were based.

NEGOTIATIONS UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXIV.6

The Council took note of Commissioner DE CLERCQ's comments on the progress of negotiations under GATT XXIV.6 and shared the view that the whole process should rapidly be brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

MAKING A SUCCESS OF THE SINGLE ACT

The Council agreed on the work programme for the whole of the dossier on Making a Success of the Single Act, prepared by the Presidency and based on page 12 of the conclusions published following the European Council on 29 and 30 June 1987.

AMENDMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Council adopted certain amendments to its rules of procedure as regards putting matters to the vote in Council.

It is thus stipulated in Article 5 that as well as calling vote on his own initiative, the President of the Council must call a vote at the request of a member of the Council or the Commission if a majority of members of the Council are in favour.

To this end, it is stated in Article 2 that the provisional agenda for each meeting sent to the other members of the Council and the Commission at least 14 days before the meeting must also indicate the items on which the Presidency, delegations or the Commission might request a vote.

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH

The Council noted that an agreement had been reached on the Community Framework Programme of technological research and development for the period 1987-1991.

The Council's joint position, to be forwarded to the European Parliament, as the latter has requested a conciliation procedure on the matter, will be adopted at the Budget Council meeting on 23 July.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Customs union and trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations

- amending Regulations (EEC) No 4043/86, 4022/86 and 3513/86 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for fish and fish fillets originating in Norway and Sweden;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for the processing of certain textile products as outward processing traffic in the Community.

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

PRESS RELEASE

7833/87 (Presse 135)

1187th Council meeting

- Environment -

Brussels, 21 July 1987

President: Mr Christian CHRISTENSEN
Minister for the Environment and
for Nordic Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mrs Miet SMET State Secretary for the Environment

Denmark:

Mr Christian CHRISTENSEN Minister for the Environment and for Nordic Affairs

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

Germany:

Mr Klaus TOEPFER Federal Minister for the Environment,
Nature Conservation and Reactor
Safety

Greece:

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

Spain:

Mr Javier SAENZ COSCULLUELA Minister for Public Works and
Town Planning

France:

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

Ireland:

Mr Dennis O'LEARY Deputy Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Giorgio POSTAL State Secretary for the Environment

Luxembourg:

Mr Robert KRIEPS

Minister for the Environment

Netherlands:

Mr Ch. R. van BEUGE

Deputy Permanent Representative

Portugal:

Mr Carlos PIMENTA

State Secretary for the Environment
and Natural Resources

United Kingdom:

Lord BELSTEAD

Minister of State,
Department of the Environment

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Commission:

Mr Stanley CLINTON-DAVIS

Member

EMISSIONS OF POLLUTANTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

- Gaseous emissions from private cars (Luxembourg agreement)
- Gaseous emissions from heavy commercial vehicles

The Council agreed in principle, by a qualified majority under Article 100 A, to a common position, pursuant to the new Article 149 inserted by the Single Act, on the Directives on gaseous emissions from private cars and gaseous emissions from heavy commercial vehicles. The common position will be formally established and forwarded to the European Parliament under the co-operation procedure.

It will be recalled that, for gaseous emissions from private cars, the Council's common position concerns the following standards:

Category of vehicles	Dates of implementation (new models/new cars)	Emission standards (grammes/test)
More than 2 litres	1.10.1988/1989	CO25:HC-NOx 6.5 NOx 3.5
1,4 - 2 litres	1.10.1991/1993	CO30:HC-NOx 8
Less than 1,4 litres	A. 1.10.1990/1991 B. The European standard and the date of its implementation will be decided in 1987 and the date of implementation will not be later than 1992/1993.	CO45:HC-NOx 15 NOx 6

For gaseous emissions from heavy commercial vehicles, the following standards were decided on as a first stage, to apply from 1 October 1990:

	<u>CO</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>NOx</u>
Emission standards (grammes/Kwh)	11,2	2,5	14,4

- Particulate emissions from private cars

The President concluded that considerable progress had been made and the Permanent Representatives Committee was asked to press on with discussion of the remaining problems so that the Council could act in the near future.

LEAD CONTENT OF PETROL

The Council adopted the Directive amending Directive 85/210/EEC with regard to the complete withdrawal of leaded regular petrol from national markets in those Member States which wish to speed up the introduction of unleaded petrol in order to provide greater protection for their population from emissions of lead.

CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS

The Council took note of progress in negotiations on the Protocol concerning CFC emissions into the atmosphere and agreed to determine its definitive position in the light of the outcome of the final negotiations to be held in September.

PRESS RELEASE

7965/87 (Presse 137)

1188th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 23 July 1987

President: Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN
State Secretary
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Marc LEPOIVRE Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Yannis PAPANTONIOU State Secretary for Economic
Affairs

Spain:

Mr José BORRELL State Secretary for Finance

France:

Mr Alain JUPPE Minister attached to the Minister
for Economic Affairs, Finance and
Privatization, with responsibility
for the Budget

Ireland:

Mrs Maire GEORHEGAN-QUINN Minister of State for European
Affairs

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER

Minister for the Budget

Netherlands:

Mr R. van der LINDEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Rui ALVAREZ CARP

State Secretary for the Budget

United Kingdom:

Mr PETER BROOKE

Minister of State to the Treasury

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Commission:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Vice-President

1988 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE

Before beginning its examination of the preliminary draft general budget for 1988, the Council met a delegation from the European Parliament. The delegation of the European Parliament was led by Lord PLUMB, President, and was composed as follows : Mr COT, President of the Committee on Budgets, Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS, 1st Vice President of the Committee on Budgets, Mr CORNELISSEN, 3rd Vice President of the Committee on Budgets, Mrs BARBARELLA, Rapporteur for the 1988 budget, Mr CURRY, Mr COLOM I NAVAL, Mr CHRISTODOULOU, Mrs SCRIVENER, Mr BONDE and Mr d'ORMESSON, Members of the Committee on budgets, and Mr AIGNER, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control.

This meeting allowed the participants to give their views on the main problems and priorities to be examined in the drawing up of the draft budget for 1988.

The Council then proceeded to a first exchange of views on the questions raised by the 1988 Draft Preliminary Budget. At the close of its deliberations, it concluded that further reflection and bilateral consultations between the Presidency and the delegations were required, and it accordingly adjourned its work until 17/18 September 1987.

OTHER DECISIONS

Customs Union

The Council adopted in the languages of the Community the regulation on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the common customs tariff. The "combined nomenclature" which replaces the common customs tariff and the Nimexe is based on the new worldwide customs and statistical nomenclature, the Harmonized System, which is due to be applied from 1 January 1988 by the Community and all of its major trading partners, and which along with the introduction of the Single Administrative Document represents a major reform for administrations and traders within the Community.

Community Framework Programme of Research and Technological Development (1987-1991)

The Council has established a common position in respect of the Community Framework Programme of Research and Technological Development (1987-1991). This common position will be transmitted to the European Parliament according to the provisions of the conciliation procedure.

The framework programme is intended to cover the period 1987-1991 and provides for the following eight activities:

- (1) Quality of Life
- (2) Towards a large Market and an Information and Communications Society
- (3) Modernization of Industrial Sectors
- (4) Exploitation and optimum use of biological resources
- (5) Energy
- (6) Science and Technology for Development
- (7) Exploitation of the seabed and use of marine resources
- (8) Improvement of European S/T Co-operation.

Without prejudice to the amount of 1084 MECU deemed necessary in respect of research programmes already decided or under way, the total amount deemed necessary for Community participation in the achievement of the scientific and technical objectives of the programme, and therefore the sum to be allocated to specific programmes to be decided on during that period, is 5396 MECU, of which no more than 4533 MECU are deemed necessary to be committed for the execution of specific programmes before the end of 1991.

Of the amount of 5396 MECU mentioned above, the amount deemed necessary for specific programmes to be decided on during 1987-1991 is provisionally, and pending the Council Decision referred to in the next paragraph, fixed at 4979 MECU.

The Council acting unanimously, will subsequently decide on the addition of the remaining amount of 417 MECU to the amount of 4979 MECU.

The breakdown of the amount deemed necessary to achieve the Communities' scientific and technological objectives is as follows:

	million ECU	
1. <u>Quality of life</u>		375
1.1. Health		80
1.2. Radiation protection		34
1.3. Environment		261
2. <u>Towards a large market and an information and communications society</u>		2 275
2.1. Information technologies		1 600
2.2. Telecommunications		550
2.3. New services of common interest (including transport)		125
3. <u>Modernization of industrial sectors</u>		845
3.1. Science and technology for manufacturing industry		400
3.2. Science and technology of advanced materials		220
3.3. Raw materials and recycling		45
3.4. Technical standards, measurement methods and reference materials		180
4. <u>Exploitation and optimum use of biological resources</u>		280
4.1. Biotechnology		120
4.2. Agro-industrial technologies		105
4.3. Competitiveness of agriculture and management of agricultural resources		55
5. <u>Energy</u>		1 173
5.1. Fission: nuclear safety		440
5.2. Controlled thermonuclear fusion		611
5.3. Non-nuclear energies and rational use of energy		122
6. <u>Science and technology for development</u>		80
7. <u>Exploitation of the seabed and use of marine resources</u>		80
7.1. Marine science and technology		50
7.2. Fisheries		30
8. <u>Improvement of European S/T co-operation</u>		288
8.1. Stimulation, enhancement and use of human resources		180
8.2. Use of major installations		30
8.3. Forecasting and assessment and other back-up measures (including statistics)		23
8.4. Dissemination and utilisation of S/T research results		55
TOTAL		5 396

Commercial policy

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

- imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on mechanical wrist watches originating in the USSR;
- terminating a review proceeding and repealing the anti-dumping measures concerning imports of urea and ammonium nitrate in liquid solution originating in the United States of America.

Agricultural policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the granting of national aid in the form of a payment on account of the premium for ewes in the sheepmeat sector in France.

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 866/84 laying down special measures concerning the exclusion of milk products from inward processing arrangements and from certain usual forms of handling;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81 laying down the general rules for the system of aid for cotton;

- amending, as regards preventive withdrawals of apples and pears, Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 483/86 on the quantitative restrictions in Spain for certain fruit and vegetables coming from the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985.

Fisheries policy

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

- establishing certain control measures for fishing activities;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1866/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the waters of the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2245/85 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fish stocks in the Antarctic.

Environment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on action by the Community relating to the environment. (See Press Communication 6572/87 (Presse 77), 21/22 May 1987).

Textiles

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the provisional application of the Agreed Minute modifying the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Thailand on trade in textile products.

Internal Market

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision amending Protocol No 18 to the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the United Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Communities. This Protocol relates to the importation of motor vehicles into Portugal.

Austria: Cheeses

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Decision on the conclusion of an Arrangement between Austria and the European Economic Community on reciprocal trade in cheese; and
- the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 as regards the application of the annual tariff quotas for certain cheeses from Austria.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mrs Susanne EBERHARDT PEDERSEN a member of Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work in place of Mr B. CHRISTENSEN, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 16 December 1988.

On a proposal from the Spanish Government, the Council appointed:

- Francisco Javier SANCHO CUESTA
- M. Inaki LAKA
- M. Fernando GONCER COCA

as members of the (Administrative Board of the) European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, until 17 February 1987.

On a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Dr J.K. WRIGHT as a member of the Scientific and Technical Committee to replace Mr. J.G. COLLIER who is retiring, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 31 March 1988.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty concerning:

- Nationale Investeringsbank (NIB) (Netherlands)
- Westfalenbank AG (Federal Republic of Germany)
- Algemene Bank Nederland (Netherlands).

Court of Auditors

On a proposal from the Belgian delegation and in accordance with Article 206(4) of the EEC Treaty the Council decided to consult the European Parliament on the appointment of Mr HEBETTE as member of the Court of Auditors.

PRESS RELEASE

8362/87 (Presse 151)

1188th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 17/18 September 1987

President: Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

M. Guy VERHOFSTADT Minister of Budget

Denmark:

Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Yannis PAPANTONIOU State Secretary for Economic
Affairs

Spain:

Mr José BORRELL State Secretary for Finance

France:

Mr Alain JUPPE Minister attached to the Minister
for Economic Affairs, Finance and
Privatization, with responsibility
for the Budget

Ireland:

Mrs Maire GEOGHEGAN-QUINN Minister of State for European
Affairs

Italy:

Mr Tarcisio GITTI State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER

Minister for the Budget

Netherlands:

Mr R. van der LINDEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Rui ALVAREZ CARP

State Secretary for the Budget

United Kingdom:

Mr PETER BROOKE

Minister of State to the Treasury

Commission:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Vice-President

1988 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE

The Council proceeded to an extended debat on the adoption of the draft 1988 Budget. At the term of the debate the Presidency concluded that no agreement was obtainable today and that it would urgently reflect on the steps to be taken to pursue the procedure in accordance with the Treaties.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agriculture

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2194/85 adopting general rules concerning special measures for soya beans.

This Regulation extends, for the 1987/1988 marketing year, the possibility of using, for the purposes of the aid system, measures, determined by Member States, for the analysis of oil seed, pending the application of Community methods.

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the People's Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola.

Anti-dumping

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation extending by two months from 21 september 1987, the provisional anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of ferro-silico-calcium/calcium silicide originating in Brazil.

Maritime transport

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision relating to maritime transport between Italy and Algeria.

PRESS RELEASE

8591/87 (Presse 159)

1188th meeting of the Council

(continued)

- Budget -

Luxembourg, 1 October 1987

President: Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

M. Guy VERHOFSTADT Minister of Budget

Denmark:

Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr George KANDALEPAS Exective Secretary,
Ministry of the National Economy

Spain:

Mr José BORRELL State Secretary for Finance

France:

Mr Jean CADET Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mrs Maire GEOGHEGAN-QUINN Minister of State for European
Affairs

Italy:

Mr Tarcisio GITTI State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER

Minister for the Budget

Netherlands:

Mr R. van der LINDEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Rui ALVAREZ CARP

State Secretary for the Budget

United Kingdom:

Mr PETER BROOKE

Paymaster General

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Commission:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Vice-President

1988 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE

The Council resumed its discussion, which it adjourned on 18 September, of the preparation of the draft budget for 1988. It had particularly in mind the Presidency's reminder that under the EEC Treaty the Council is required to present its draft budget to the European Parliament by 5 October.

Although the Council came close to the required qualified majority, the discussion revealed continued divergences which prevented the Council from adopting a draft budget for 1988.

The President of the Budget Council announced with the utmost concern that he will now consult with the President of the General Affairs Council who will be seeing the EC Foreign Ministers at the Informal Meeting at Hesselet, Nyborg (Denmark) on 3-4 October 1987.



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

8309/87 (Presse 144)

1189th Council meeting

- General Affairs -

Brussels, 14 September 1987

President: Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS	Minister for Foreign Relations
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for European Affairs

Denmark:

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

Germany:

Mrs Irmgard ADAM-SCHWAETZER	Minister of State, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs
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Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS	Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES	State Secretary for Relations with the European Communities
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France:

Mr Bernard BOSSON	Minister with responsibility for European Affairs
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Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Luigi FRANZA State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. VAN DEN BROEK Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr P.R.H.M. VAN DER LINDEN State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Joao de DEUS PINHEIRO Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Victor MARTINS State Secretary for European Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Mrs Lynda CHALKER Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS President

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN Vice-President

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ Member

Mr Stanley CLINTON DAVIS Member

MAKING A SUCCESS OF THE SINGLE ACT - A NEW FRONTIER FOR EUROPE

The Council heard an introductory statement by the President of the Commission, Mr DELORS, concerning the documents which the Community had forwarded to the Council at the end of July on the subjects of budgetary discipline, the system of own resources, amendment of the Financial Regulation, control of agricultural markets and the prospects for the common agricultural policy, and reform of the structural funds.

The policy debate which followed enabled delegations to outline the main aspects of their approach to the different questions. It was evident from the discussions that there was no conflict of views over the suggestions put forward by the Commission and the Presidency as to how the work should be organized, with due regard to the importance and urgency of the matter.

The debate closed with an urgent appeal by the President of the Council to his colleagues for each delegation to be given sufficient margin for manoeuvre and flexibility during the preparatory discussions to enable the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare the ground effectively for the first full substantive debate on the issue which the Council was to hold at its meeting on 19 October, in preparation for the discussions of the European Council in Copenhagen on this matter of vital importance to the future of the Community.

SETTING OF MAXIMUM PERMITTED RADIOACTIVITY LEVELS

Pending receipt of the European Parliament's Opinion, the Council held a policy debate on the key problems (scope and method of operation) arising from the Commission's proposal for a Regulation to lay down maximum permitted radioactivity levels for foodstuffs, feedingstuffs and drinking water in cases of abnormal levels of radioactivity or of a nuclear accident.

The Council stressed the importance it attached to this matter and emphasized that a decision was required urgently as the arrangements established after Chernobyl were due to expire on 31 October 1987. It agreed that, in the light of its present discussion, intensive efforts should be made to reach a solution within the desired period and to that end it instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to proceed promptly with preparations for the Council debate on 19 October 1987.

GATT: URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS - TROPICAL PRODUCTS

In connection with the Uruguay Round negotiations, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the draft negotiating directives for the Community in respect of tropical products and to submit the draft for approval by the Council as soon as possible.

RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA

In preparation for the talks to be held in October between the Commission and the South Korean authorities, the Council discussed the problems arising from the discriminatory treatment of European companies in South Korea as regards intellectual property.

The Council expressed its concern over this question and gave its full support to the Commission's plan to obtain the same favourable treatment for European undertakings as was granted to US companies.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES - TRADE LEGISLATION

After being informed of the latest developments in US trade legislation, the Council reaffirmed the Community's concern as expressed in its conclusions earlier in the year, particularly in March and July.

Textiles

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decisions on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Guatemala, the Republic of Haiti and the United States of Mexico on trade in textiles products.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent:

- pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty:
 - = to the co-financing of the construction by STEAG Aktiengesellschaft, Essen, of a generating unit fired with low-grade coal at Herne power station;
 - = to partial financing of an investment project of the Stadtwerke München, involving construction of the No 2 coal-fired generating unit at the München-Nord/Unterföhring combined heat and power plant; and
- pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty:
 - = to a draft Commission decision on the granting of financial aid for steel research projects.

Appointments

The Council appointed as members of the Economic and Social Committee:

- on a proposal by the Netherlands Government, Mr H. van EEKERT to replace Mr J.M.W. van GREUNSVEN for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 20 September 1990;
- on a proposal by the United Kingdom Government, Mrs Shreela FLATHER to replace Mrs Emily BLATCH for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 20 September 1990.

On a proposal by the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr J.B. SHAW as a full member of the European Social Fund Committee, to replace Mr L.W. LEWIS, full member who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 11 December 1987.

In addition, on a proposal by the Belgian Government, the Council also appointed:

- Mr A. LEHOUCQ as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, to replace Mr J.M. DE GREVE, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 16 December 1988; and
- Mr J.M. DE GREVE as a full member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health protection at Work, to replace Mr L. DENONNE, full member who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 16 December 1988.

Finally, the Council adopted the Decision on the appointment of the following as members of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency for the period 29 March 1987 to 28 March 1989:

BELGIUM (3 seats)

Mr Pierre GOLDSCHMIDT
Mr Jean MORELLE
Mr Martin RENIERS

DENMARK (2 seats)

Mr Anton BECK
Mr Terkel NIELSEN

GERMANY (6 seats)

Mr Klaus JOHANNSEN
Dr Horst KEESE
Mr Peter MUERMANN
Reg.-Dir. Dr Rolf-Peter RANDL
Dipl.-Ing. Wolfgang SCHOBER
Reg.-Dir. Klaus F. UNGER

SPAIN (5 seats)

Mr Luis DEL VAL HERNANDEZ
Mr José Antonio RUIZ LÓPEZ-RUA
Mr Fernando PASTOR RIDRUEJO
Mr Alvaro RENGIFO ABAD
Mr Javier PINEDO CABEZUDO

FRANCE (6 seats)

Mr Jean-Claude BERAULT
Mr Jean-Marc CHAROUD
Mr Michel CHEVET
Mr Louis-Francois DURRET
Ms Colette LEWINER
Mr André PETIT

ITALY (6 seats)

Mr Paolo VENDITTI
Mr Mariano CUZZANITI
Mr Giovanni CUTTICA
Mr Marcello PALANDRI
Mr Nunzio SECOLO
Mr Piergiovanni di LORENZO

NETHERLANDS (3 seats)

Mr J.J. DE JONG
Mr C.J. JOSEPH
Mr G.J.L. ZIJL

GREECE (3 seats)

Mr Ioannis BARTZIS
Mr Constantinos MITSIONAS
Mr Georges HADZIYANNIS

PORTUGAL (3 seats)

Mr José FOGAÇA MONIZ BETTENCOURT
Mr Joaquim ROCHA CABRAL
Mr Henrique JOÃO CARREIRA PICH

UNITED KINGDOM (6 seats) (x)

Mr P.H. AGRELL
Mr D. ASTON
Mr P.C.F. CROWSON
Mr M. TOWNSEND
Mr R.D. MARSH

IRELAND (1 seat)

Mr Patrick J. MURPHY

(x) A sixth United Kingdom Government representative will be appointed as soon as possible.

PRESS RELEASE

8447/87 (Presse 152)

1190th Council meeting

- Industry -

Brussels, 21 September 1987

President: Mr Nils WILHJELM
Minister for Industry
Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Philippe MAYSTADT Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Nils WILHJELM Minister for Industry

Germany:

Mr Martin BANGEMANN Federal Minister for Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Giorgos PETSOS State Secretary for Industry, Energy and Technology

Spain:

Mr Luis Carlos CROISSIER BATTISTA Minister for Industry and Energy

France:

Mr Alain MADELIN Minister for Industry

Ireland:

Mr Sean McCARTHY Minister of State, Department of Industry and Commerce

Italy:

Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA Minister for Industry, Trade and Commerce

Mr Luigi GRANELLI Minister for State Holdings

Luxembourg:

Mr Johny LAHURE

State Secretary for Economic
Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr R.W. DE KORTE

Minister for Economic Affairs

Portugal:

Mr A.J. FERNANDES DE SOUSA

State Secretary for Industry

United Kingdom:

Mr Kenneth CLARKE

Secretary of State for Trade
and Industry

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Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

Member

STEEL POLICY AFTER 1987 - CONCLUSIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council, having examined the Communication from the Commission concerning the steel policy and having heard its report on the contacts it has pursued with EUROFER, the steel firms and the governments affected and having reaffirmed its support for the current Aids Code rules:

- noted that the Commission's proposals provide for a new quota regime to enter into force for a period of 3 years from 1 January 1988, whose introduction and continuation would be conditional on adequate restructuring being offered by the steel industry;
- agreed that adequate guarantees for the achievement of the restructuring needed to ensure the future viability of the Community steel industry are an absolute precondition for the continuation of a production quota regime beyond the end of 1987;
- noted the views of Delegations on the adequate funding of financial incentives, including possible national aid to promote closure, in order to make the restructuration possible;
- noted in this context that a system of buying and selling quotas could provide substantial sums, that the Commission's proposal to introduce a levy under Article 58(2) of the Treaty would provide revenue for restructuration purposes, that the resources of the ECSC should be optimally used and that, if necessary, transfers from the EC budget might be considered for social and regional purposes;

- agreed to invite the Commission to appoint a group of three Wise Persons to advise the Council and the Commission on how adequate commitments to reduction of production capacity can be obtained, under the hypothesis of continuing a quota system for a limited period and the creation of appropriate financial incentives;
- invited the three Wise Persons to report by mid November;
- agreed to seek agreement on the steel regime after 1 January 1988 at its next meeting scheduled to take place 8 December 1987.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Environment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision authorizing the Commission to participate on behalf of the Community in the negotiations for the adoption of measures concerning mercury and cadmium discharges and the status of organosilicon compounds under the Convention on the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention).

Relations with the Mediterranean countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation opening and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for aubergines falling within subheading 07.01 T II of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Cyprus (1987) (300 tonnes at a quota duty of 6,4%).

The Council also approved the proposals for decisions, to be adopted by the EEC-Israel, EEC-Malta and EEC-Cyprus Co-operation and Association Councils, amending once again Articles 6 and 17 of the Protocol on the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation.

Appointments

Acting on a proposal from the Spanish Government, the Council appointed Mr Joaquin Cores URIA a full member of the Advisory Committee on Education and Training in the field of Architecture in place of Mrs Amparo PRECIOSO DE MURGA, full member who has resigned, for the remainder of her term of office, i.e. until 22 March 1990.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, Mrs W. SUURLAND an alternate member of the Advisory committee on Training in Nursing in place of Mrs C. BAUMANN, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 11 May 1989.



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

8448/87 (Presse 153)

1191st Council meeting
- Agriculture -
Brussels, 22 September 1987

President: Mr Laurits TOERNAES
Minister for Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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 Laurits TOERNAES Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KJECHLE Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walter KITTEL State Secretary,
Federal Ministry for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS Minister for Agriculture

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

France:

Mr François GUILLAUME Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI Minister for Agriculture

Mr Natale CARLOTTO State Secretary for Health

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH

Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

United Kingdom:

Mr John MCGREGOR

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Mr John GUMMER

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

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Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

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REVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN TO CONTROL THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETS AND OUTLOOK
FOR THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

The Council noted with interest the Commission communication, which was introduced by the Commission's Vice-President. This contained a review of the adjustments made to the common agricultural policy and outlined the additional measures which were needed to complete the reform of the policy and to ensure that budgetary discipline was observed.

It then held an initial discussion on the communication pending receipt of specific proposals on the various measures envisaged.

During the discussion the Council emphasized the considerable efforts which had already been made in recent years to bring about changes in the common agricultural policy by amending legislation or through better market management, as a result of which it had already been possible to make considerable savings in relation to estimated costs. But the Council also recognized the need to continue along this path in order to exercise greater control over agricultural production and give it prospects for the future. Stress was also laid on the efforts that had to be made to open up new, non-food outlets for agricultural products. It was observed, too, that changes to the common agricultural policy would have to be consistent with the action to be taken in the context of GATT to bring about a better equilibrium in world markets.

After the discussion, the Council instructed the High-Level Working Party and the Special Committee on Agriculture to press ahead with the examination of the Commission's proposals and to report back at its meeting on 19 and 20 October so that it could submit its conclusions in good time before the European Council meeting in Copenhagen.

FINANCING OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

At its meeting on 13 July 1987 the Council had established a common position - by a qualified majority - on the special rules for the financing of the Common Agricultural Policy, which involved an adjustment of the system of advance payments to enable the EAGGF-Guarantee appropriation to be adhered to in 1987, in accordance with the conclusions of the European Council.

The Council noted the fact that the European Parliament had not yet delivered its Opinion and, pending such time as it did so, confirmed the common position established on 13 July.

HOPS

The Council adopted - by a qualified majority - a Regulation laying down the amount of aid to hop producers for the 1986 harvest and providing for special measures for certain regions of production.

Aid for the 1986 harvest was fixed as follows:

- 310 ECU/ha for aromatic varieties
- 390 ECU/ha for bitter varieties
- 390 ECU/ha for other varieties.

The special measures involve conversions to different varieties in order to modify production structures, thus implementing the agreement reached by the Council on 30 June 1987 during the fixing of 1987/1988 prices and related measures.

The special aid paid by the Community for conversion from bitter varieties to aromatic varieties or to "super-alpha"-type varieties was set at 2 500 ECU/ha. Member States may contribute to the financing of this measure. However, combined contributions (Community and Member State concerned) may not exceed 50% of the actual costs of the conversion plan submitted by the producers' group. This figure may rise to 75% of the costs in the Community's less-favoured regions as defined in Directive 75/268/EEC.

The special conversion aid would be paid in respect of a maximum of 800 hectares per Member State.

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

Acting unanimously (*), the Council formally adopted a Directive amending Directive 80/215/EEC on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products (African swine fever). Under this amendment, meat products prepared from meat coming from regions affected by the African swine fever virus (Spain and Portugal) will be subject to certain treatment conditions to ensure that there is no longer any significant risk of the virus surviving. Products thus treated may be admitted for intra-Community trade.

(*) Two delegations abstained; another gave its agreement subject to confirmation.

CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER

Following the agreement of principle reached at its meeting in June (see Press Release 7019/87 Presse 104), the Council formally adopted, by a qualified majority, three Directives and a Decision whereby - for a further period of four years - the measures to control classical swine fever will be continued.

APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DIRECTIVE ON HORMONES

The Council noted an oral statement from the Commission to the effect that the Directive on hormones, banning the use of hormones for anabolic purposes as from 1 January 1988, was being challenged by the United States under the rules of the GATT.

The Council heard the delegations' comments and took the view, in agreement with the Commission, that the Directive was in accordance with GATT rules.

In conclusion, the Council asked the Commission to continue the dialogue with the United States authorities.

MISCELLANEOUS AGRICULTURAL DECISIONS

On a recommendation from the Commission, the Council authorized that Institution to negotiate an agreement on the guaranteed prices to apply to cane sugar from the ACP States between the European Economic Community and the ACP States listed in Protocol No 7 annexed to the third ACP-EEC Convention, on the one hand, and on the other, an agreement on the guaranteed prices to apply to cane sugar from India between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India, for the 1987/1988 delivery period.



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

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1192nd meeting of the Council

- Research -

Brussels, 28 September 1987

President: Mr Bertel HAARDER

Minister for Education and Research
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr L. BRIL State Secretary for Science Policy

Denmark:

Mr Bertel HAARDER Minister for Education and Research
Mr Flemming WOLDBYE State Secretary for Education

Germany:

Mr Heinz RIESENHUBER Federal Minister for Research and Technology

Greece:

Mr Anastassios PEONIS Minister for Industry, Energy and Technology

Spain:

Mr José Maria MARAVALL
HERRERO Minister for Education and Science
Mr Juan Manuel ROJO ALAMINOS State Secretary for the Universities and Research

France:

Mr Jacques VALADE Minister attached to the Minister for Education, with responsibility for Research and Higher Education

Ireland:

Mr Sean McCARTHY Minister of State,
Department of Industry and Trade

Italy:

Mr Antonio RUBERTI Minister for Research and Universities

Luxembourg:

Mr Fernand BODEN

Minister for Education

Netherlands:

Mr P.R.H.M. VAN DER LINDEN

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Eduardo de ARANTES E OLIVEIRA

State Secretary for Science and
Technology

United Kingdom:

Mr Kenneth CLARKE

Minister for Trade and Industry

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Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

ADOPTION OF THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT 1987-1991

Before adopting the Framework Programme the Council had a meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament at which Mr PONIATOWSKI, on behalf of the President of the European Parliament, the Lord PLUMB, who was unable to attend because of illness, and in his own capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, explained the main points of the European Parliament's position on the Framework Programme and its implementation via specific programmes. The Council noted the parliamentary delegation's comments.

Following the meeting with the delegation from the European Parliament, the Council formally adopted the Framework Programme of Community activities in the field research and technological development (1987-1991) as agreed on following its discussions on 23 and 24 February and 24 and 25 March and as embodied in the common position established on 23 July 1987.

Adoption of the Framework Programme will enable the Community to implement its research policy by adopting specific programmes tailored to the measures planned, on the basis of proposals which the Commission will submit as and when appropriate and in accordance with the new procedure for co-operation between the institutions established by the Single Act. For example, at this meeting, the Council adopted common positions on the RACE, Medicine and Health and Research for Development programmes. These common positions will be communicated to the European Parliament under the abovementioned procedure.

The Framework Programme, which covers the period 1987-1991, comprises the following eight activities:

- (1) Quality of life
- (2) Towards a large Market and an Information and Communications Society
- (3) Modernization of Industrial Sectors
- (4) Exploitation and optimum use of biological resources
- (5) Energy
- (6) Science and Technology for Development
- (7) Exploitation of the seabed and use of marine resources
- (8) Improvement of European S/T Co-operation.

Without prejudice to the amount of 1 084 MECU deemed necessary in respect of research programmes already decided on or under way, the total amount deemed necessary for Community participation in the achievement of the scientific and technical objectives of the programme, and therefore the sum to be allocated to specific programmes to be decided on during that period, is set at 5 396 MECU, of which no more than 4 533 MECU are deemed necessary to be committed for the execution of specific programmes before the end of 1991.

Of the abovementioned amount of 5 396 MECU, the amount deemed necessary for specific programmes to be decided on during 1987-1991 is provisionally, and pending the Council decision referred to below, fixed at 4 979 MECU.

The Council, acting unanimously, will subsequently decide on the addition of the remaining amount of 417 MECU to the amount of 4 979 MECU.

The breakdown of the amount deemed necessary to achieve the Communities' scientific and technological objectives is as follows:

	million ECU	
1. <u>Quality of life</u>		375
1.1. Health	80	
1.2. Radiation protection	34	
1.3. Environment	261	
2. <u>Towards a large market and an information and communications society</u>		2 275
2.1. Information technologies	1 600	
2.2. Telecommunications	550	
2.3. New services of common interest (including transport)	125	
3. <u>Modernization of industrial sectors</u>		845
3.1. Science and technology for manufacturing industry	400	
3.2. Science and technology of advanced materials	220	
3.3. Raw materials and recycling	45	
3.4. Technical standards, measurement methods and reference materials	180	
4. <u>Exploitation and optimum use of biological resources</u>		280
4.1. Biotechnology	120	
4.2. Agro-industrial technologies	105	
4.3. Competitiveness of agriculture and management of agricultural resources	55	
5. <u>Energy</u>		1 173
5.1. Fission: nuclear safety	440	
5.2. Controlled thermonuclear fusion	611	
5.3. Non-nuclear energies and rational use of energy	122	
6. <u>Science and technology for development</u>	80	80
7. <u>Exploitation of the seabed and use of marine resources</u>		80
7.1. Marine science and technology	50	
7.2. Fisheries	30	
8. <u>Improvement of European S/T co-operation</u>		288
8.1. Stimulation, enhancement and use of human resources	180	
8.2. Use of major installations	30	
8.3. Forecasting and assessment and other back-up measures (including statistics)	23	
8.4. Dissemination and utilization of S/T research results	55	

TOTAL

5 396

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES
(RACE PROGRAMME)

The Council adopted a common position on the Community programme in the field of telecommunications R & D in advanced communications technologies in Europe (RACE programme).

The common position will be forwarded to the European Parliament under the co-operation procedure provided for in the Single Act.

The programme will cover an initial period of five years commencing 1 June 1987. It is designed, in concertation with public and private actions in the field of telecommunications technologies, undertaken at national and international level, to promote the competitiveness of the Community's telecommunications industry, operators and service providers in order to make available to the final users, at minimum cost and with minimum delay, the services which will sustain the competitiveness of the European economy over the coming decades and contribute to maintaining and creating employment in the Community.

The programme summary and objectives consist of three parts:

- Part I: IBC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES will comprise work required for the development of functional specifications, systems and operations research towards the definition of proposals for Open Systems-conforming ⁽¹⁾ standards, concepts and conventions and analytical work serving the objective of establishing interoperability for IBC ⁽²⁾ equipment and services. This work is to be carried out by appropriate organizations, groups and other bodies including, where required, contract work;
- Part II: IBC TECHNOLOGIES will comprise R & D co-operation in IBC Technologies at the precompetitive stage;
- Part III: PRENORMATIVE FUNCTIONAL INTEGRATION will comprise prenormative and precompetitive R & D relating to co-operation in the realisation of an "open verification environment" designed to assess functions, operational concepts and experimental equipment with respect to functional specifications and standardization proposals arising from the work in Part I.

Projects relating to the Programme will be executed, where required, by means of shared-cost contracts. Contractors will be expected to bear a substantial proportion of the costs, which should normally be at least 50% of the total expenditure.

The proposals for projects will, as a rule, be submitted in reply to an open invitation to tender and involve the participation of at least two independent industrial partners not all established in the same Member State. The invitation to tender will be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ Open Systems-conformity stands for an international standardization effort to make equipment and services from different suppliers, operators and service providers inter-operable.

⁽²⁾ IBC - Integrated Broadband Communication, which stands for advanced telecommunications services relying on high performance infrastructure.

The funds estimated as necessary for the Community contribution to the implementation of the programme amount to 550 MECU over five years.
(For the breakdown, see Annex I).

The Commission will ensure that the programme is properly performed and establish the appropriate implementation measures.

It will ensure that procedures are set up to allow for appropriate co-operation with COST activities related to the areas of research covered by the programme, by ensuring regular exchanges of information with the relevant COST Management Committees.

It will also establish for each year and update as required a workplan defining the detailed objectives, the type of projects and actions to be undertaken and the corresponding financial plans.

The Commission will be assisted in the performance of its tasks by a Management Committee consisting of two representatives of each Member State.

Where framework scientific and technical co-operation agreements have been concluded between European countries which are not members of the Community and the European Communities, organizations and enterprises established in those countries may participate in projects undertaken under the programme.

The programme will be reviewed after 30 months on the basis of an evaluation of the results achieved in relation to the precise objectives set out in Annex II to the decision. The Commission will inform the Council and European Parliament of the results of this review.

After the completion of the first five-year period of the programme, the Commission, after consulting the Committee, will send to the Member States and the European Parliament a report on the performance and results of the programme.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATION PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF
MEDICAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH

The Council adopted a common position concerning a research and development programme of the EEC in the field of medical and health research (1987-1991).

This common position will be forwarded to the European Parliament under the co-operation procedure provided for by the Single Act.

The programme consists of the co-ordination at Community level, within research areas, of those activities which form part of the research programmes of the Member States.

The funds estimated as necessary for the Community contribution to this co-ordination amount to 65 million ECU. (For the breakdown, see Annex II).

The Commission is responsible for the execution of the programme. It will be assisted in its tasks by the Management and Co-ordination Advisory Committee (CGC) on Medical and Health Research.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (1987-1991)

The Council adopted a common position concerning a research and development programme in the field of science and technology for development (1987-1991).

This common position will be forwarded to the European Parliament under the co-operation procedure provided for by the Single Act.

The programme is to support and reinforce scientific activities in the field of science and technology for development for the benefit of developing countries for a period of five years from 1 January 1987.

Within the scope of the programme, competent institutions established in the Community or in developing countries may submit their research and development proposals. Proposals for joint financing of research activities undertaken by other competent international organizations may also be submitted.

The cost of the programme is estimated at 80 million ECU, comprising, as an indication, 55 MECU for the tropical and subtropical agriculture subprogramme, and 25 MECU for the medicine, health and nutrition in tropical and subtropical areas subprogramme.

Projects relating to the programme will be implemented mainly on the basis of cost-sharing contracts. Contracting parties will be required to meet a substantial proportion of the costs, which should normally correspond to at least 50% of total expenditure.

The Commission is responsible for carrying out the programme. It will be assisted by the Management and Co-ordination Advisory Committee (CGC) for Development-linked Research.

ESPRIT PROGRAMME

The Council heard a statement by Vice-President NARJES in introduction to the Commission proposal of 5 August concerning the second phase of the ESPRIT programme, and went on to hold a constructive initial exchange of views on the programme, during which all the delegations, given the encouraging results obtained during the first phase, emphasized the strategic importance of the ESPRIT programme within the Community's total scientific research effort.

When the Council has received the Opinion of the European Parliament - the first step in the new co-operation procedure - it will in its turn attempt to work out a common position on this major programme, at its next meeting on research, on 30 November. To this end the Permanent Representatives Committee was requested to expedite preparations for the Council's discussions.

NEW JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE PROGRAMME (1988-1991)

The Council took note of information from Vice-President NARJES on the discussions being held at the Commission on preparation of the new Joint Research Centre (JRC) multiannual research and development programme (1988-1991); it also noted that the Commission would be submitting its proposal for the JRC programme during October.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONSAdditional Protocols to Mediterranean Agreements

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Decisions on the conclusion of Additional Protocols to the Co-operation Agreements between the European Economic Community and Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Tunisia respectively.

Anti-dumping measures

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1826/84 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of vinyl acetate monomer originating in Canada.

Trade policy

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

International Coffee Agreement

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- a Decision concerning the conclusion on behalf of the Community of the International Coffee Agreement 1983;
- a Regulation on the application of the system of certificates of origin provided for under the International Coffee Agreement 1983 when quotas are in effect.

RACE PROGRAMMEINDICATIVE INTERNAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

	<u>MECU</u>
PART I : <u>IBC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES</u>	60
I.1. IBC Strategies	14
I.2. IBC Realisation (System Analysis and Functional Specification)	28
I.3. IBC Usage	10
I.4. Common operational environment	8
PART II : <u>IBC TECHNOLOGIES</u>	332
II.1. Techniques for IBC Systems Functions	94
II.2. IBC Programming Infrastructure	49
II.3. Usability Engineering	12
II.4. Technologies Enabling Network Evolution	177
PART III: <u>PRENORMATIVE FUNCTIONAL INTEGRATION</u>	113
III.1. Verification Tools	63
III.2. Development of IBC Application Pilot Schemes	50
Personnel costs	25
Administrative costs	20
<u>TOTAL</u>	550

INDICATIVE INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS
(1987-1991)

SUBPROGRAMME I: MAJOR HEALTH PROBLEMS

	<u>million</u>	
	<u>ECU</u>	<u>%</u>
Target I.1. CANCER	18.0	27.5
Target I.2. AIDS	14.0(1)	21.5
Target I.3. AGE-RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS	9.0	14.0
Target I.4. ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE-STYLE RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS	5.5	8.5

SUBPROGRAMME II: HEALTH RESOURCES

	<u>million</u>	
	<u>ECU</u>	<u>%</u>
Target II.1. MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	11.5	17.5
Target II.2. HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH	7.0	11.0
TOTAL	65.0	100%

(1) including support to "centralized facilities" for primates.

PRESS RELEASE

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1193rd meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 29 September 1987

President : Mr Lars P. GAMMELGAARD,
 Minister for Fisheries
 of the Kingdom of Denmark

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 Lars P. GAMMELGAARD Minister for Fisheries
Mr Thomas LAURITSEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTAKIS Ministre de l'Agriculture

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

France:

Mr Ambroise GUELLEC State Secretary for the Sea

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DALY Minister for Fisheries, Forestry
and Tourism

Mr Pat GALLAGHER Minister of State

Italy:

Mr Giovanni PRANDINI Minister for Merchant Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Jim CLOOS

Embassy Secretary

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Portugal:

Mr José Manuel
OLIVEIRA GODINHO

State Secretary for Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John GUMMER

Minister of State, Ministry of
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Lord SANDERSON

Minister of State,
Scottish Office

Commission:

Mr Antonio José Baptista CARDOSO E CUNHA
Member

COMMON ORGANIZATION OF THE MARKET IN THE FISHERY PRODUCTS

The Council held a first exchange of views on proposals concerning changes in the common organization of the market in fishery products. The aim of these proposals is to adapt the common organization of the market in the light of the new situation following accession of two new Member States to the Community, and the changes which are occurring in the market for tuna.

The Council expressed its intention to reach agreement at its next meeting in November by which time the opinion of the European Parliament is expected. It therefore instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare such an agreement in the light of the political guidelines given at this meeting.

RESEARCH POLICY IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR

The Council reached agreement on the Regulation on the coordination and promotion of research in the fisheries sector, as well as on the Decision adopting Community research and coordination programmes in the fisheries sector.

The research programmes, estimated at 30 Mecus for the period 1988-1992, cover the following fields :

- fisheries management ;
- fishing methods ;
- aquaculture ;
- upgrading of fishery products.

The formal adoption of the Regulation and the Decision will take place after legal and linguistic finalization of the texts.

TECHNICAL MEASURES FOR CONSERVATION

The Council adopted the regulation amending for the second time Regulation 3094/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources.

This Regulation contains two elements :

1. an increase from 1st July 1989 in the minimum mesh size in the Skaggerak/Kattegat to 90 mm for all target species and to 35 mm for shrimps.
2. an increase from 1st July 1989 in the minimum mesh size in the Channel from 75 to 80 mm for all target species, irrespective of the type of net used.

AUTONOMOUS SCHEME OF CONTROL IN THE NAFO AREA

The Council reached agreement on a Regulation establishing an interim scheme of control in respect of Community vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of the North-West Atlantic.

This agreement follows the Decision by the Council in June 1986 to denounce the mutual inspection programme by which it was bound in the framework of the Convention covering fisheries in this area, and provides control over Community fisheries in the interest of the conservation of resources.

The Regulation will be formally adopted after legal and linguistic finalization of the texts.

EEL FISHERY IN THE GERMAN BIGHT

The Council agreed in principle to a Commission proposal regarding a derogation for eel fishery from the rules regarding mesh sizes to be used in the German Bight.

TAC FOR COD IN THE CHANNEL

The Council agreed in principle to a Commission proposal to increase the 1987 TAC for cod in the Channel to a total of 19.000 t.

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THIRD COUNTRIES

The Commission made statements to the Council on recent developments with international organizations of which the Community is a member, in particular with NAFO, and the progress of negotiations with third countries. In particular relations with the following countries were mentioned : United States, Canada, Morocco, Angola, Mauritania, Sao Tome and Principe, Gabon, Somalia, the Comores Islands, Kenya, Tanzania, Dominica, and State Trading countries bordering on the Baltic Sea.
