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PRESS RELEASE

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1204th Council meeting  
- Labour and Social Affairs -  
Brussels, 1 December 1987

President: Mr Henning DYREMOSE  
Minister for Labour  
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Michel HANSENNE	Minister for Labour and Employment
Mrs W. DEMEESTER-DE MEYER	State Secretary for Health and Policy for the Disabled, attached to the Minister for Social Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Henning DYREMOSE	Minister for Labour
Mr Henrik HASSENKAM	State Secretary, Ministry of Labour

Germany:

Mr Wolfgang VOGT	Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Labour and Social Affairs
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Greece:

Mr Gorgos YENNIMATAS	Minister for Labour
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Spain:

Mr Alvaro ESPINA	Secretary-General for Employment
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France:

Mr Adrien ZELLER	State Secretary to the Minister for Social Affairs and Employment, with responsibility for Social Security
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Ireland:

Mr Bertie AHERN	Minister for Labour
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Italy:

Mr Nino FORMICA	Minister for Employment and Social Security
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Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER

Minister for Labour

Netherlands:

Mr J. DE KONING

Minister for Employment and  
Social Security

Portugal:

Mr José Albino da SILVA PENEDA

Minister for Labour and  
Social Security

United Kingdom:

Mr John LEE

Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Employment

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Commission:

Mr Manuel MARIN

Vice-President

## COMBATING LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Further to the Commission memorandum of 25 May 1987 on combating long-term unemployment and the meeting of the Standing Committee on Employment on 5 November 1987, the Council adopted conclusions in this area.

In these conclusions, the Council:

- recognized that improved economic growth and performance are necessary prerequisites for an amelioration of the employment situation in general and a reduction in long-term unemployment in particular;
- considered that specific measures should be developed in the Member States to combat long-term unemployment and give assistance to the long-term unemployed; these measures should include regular and frequent counselling in order to identify individual problems and abilities along with training, work experience and recruitment subsidies;
- invited the Commission to present an action programme in favour of the long-term unemployed which should stimulate co-operation, improve systems for the exchange of information and experience and provide more comprehensive and comparable statistical data.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Council adopted by a simple majority a Decision concerning an action programme for the vocational training of young people and their preparation for adult and working life.

The programme, covering the years 1988 to 1992, sets out to support the efforts of the Member State which should, as called for by the European Council, do their utmost to ensure that all young people who so wish receive one year's, or if possible two or more years' vocational training in addition to their full-time compulsory education.

The programme is also intended to:

- raise the standards and quality of vocational training;
- diversify the provision of vocational training;
- enhance the capacity of vocational training systems to adapt to rapid economic, technological and social change;
- add a Community dimension to both the supply of and demand for vocational qualifications on the labour market, taking account of the need to promote comparability of these qualifications between the Member States.

The programme defines the national activities which are eligible for Community aid and the ways in which the Commission will lend its assistance.

In implementing the programme the Commission will call on the assistance of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) in Berlin.

SECOND COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE DISABLED

The Council summarized discussions on the draft second Community action programme for the disabled.

This draft covers two aspects - the disabled at work and in society - and is a follow-up to the first Community action programme for the vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons, adopted by a Council Resolution on 27 June 1974.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resolve outstanding problems quickly in order that the second programme might be adopted by the end of 1987.

PROGRAMME CONCERNING SAFETY, HYGIENE AND HEALTH AT WORK

Further to the Commission communication of 30 October 1987, the Council approved a Resolution on safety, hygiene and health at work.

In it, the Council emphasizes the need to place equal emphasis on achieving the economic and social objectives of the completion of the internal market and to co-ordinate Community and national measures to achieve these two objectives.

The Council also suggests that the Commission draw up practical work plans, preferably on an annual basis, and take note of the Commission's intention of proposing in the near future minimum Community requirements in the following areas in particular:

- the organization of the safety and health of workers at work;
- protection against risks arising from dangerous substances;
- the arrangement of the place of work.

The Council likewise emphasizes the role of the heightening of public awareness in ensuring the successful implementation of the measures recommended in the Commission's communication and suggests that a European Year be organized in this area in 1992.

Finally, the Resolution provides for the involvement of the social partners, in accordance with national laws and practice, in implementing the Council directives, concerning and implementing national policies and introducing measures in undertaking the protection of workers.

## CARCINOGENS

The Council adopted by a qualified majority a common position on the amended proposal for a Directive on the protection of workers by the banning of certain specified agents and/or certain work activities.

The Directive provides for a ban on the production and use - subject to certain exceptions and derogations - of the following carcinogens:

- 2-naphtylamine and its salts (CAS No 91-59-8),
- 4-aminobiphenyl and its salts (CAS No 92-67-1),
- benzidine and its salts (CAS No 92-87-5),
- 4-nitrodiphenyl (CAS No 92-93-3).

## BENZENE

The Council made substantial progress on the amended proposal for a Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to benzene.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to settle the final outstanding points so that a common Council position might be adopted as soon as possible.

## EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN

The Council noted with interest a communciation from the French delegation on the creation of a European Institute for Research on Women.

## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Social Affairs

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the organization of a labour force sample survey in the spring of 1988.

### ECSC

The Council gave its assents pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty in respect of:

- GD Bank - Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt a.M. (Federal Republic of Germany)
- Istituto Mobiliare Italiano (Italy)
- Thorn Ericsson Telecommunications Ltd. (United Kingdom)
- Bayerische Vereinsbank, Munich (Federal Republic of Germany).

### Appointments

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the Commission:

- Mrs Julie HARVEY, alternate member of the Governing Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, in place of Mr D. FLOWER, alternate member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 17 February 1988;
  - Mrs Marianne THYSSEN and Mr Brian BOWDEN, full members of the Governing Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, in place of Mr G. OTTENBOURGS and Mr W.H. TAYLOR, for the remainder of their terms of office, which run until 17 February 1988.
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PRESS RELEASE

10042/87 (Presse 206)

1205th meeting of the Council

- Environment -

Brussels, 3 December 1987

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

Belgium:

State Secretary for the Environment

Denmark:

Minister for the Environment and  
Minister for Nordic Affairs

State Secretary,  
Ministry of the Environment

Germany:

Federal Minister for the Environment,  
Nature Conservation and Reactor  
Safety

Greece:

Minister of Public Works, Regional  
Planning and the Environment

Spain:

Minister for the Public Works and  
Town Planning

France:

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

Ireland:

Deputy Permanent Representative

Italy:

Minister for the Environment

Luxembourg:

Mr Robert KRIEPS

Minister for the Environment

Netherlands:

Mr E.H.T.M. NIJPELS

Minister for Housing,  
Planning and the Environment

Portugal:

Mr Luis VALENTE DE OLIVEIRA

Minister for Planning and  
Territorial Administration

United Kingdom:

Lord BELSTEAD

Minister of State,  
Department of the Environment

Commission:

Mr Stanley CLINTON-DAVIS

Member

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMME TO COMBAT ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION  
BY CADMIUM

The Council (1) approved the Resolution concerning a Community action programme to combat environmental pollution by cadmium, which is attached in Annex I.

At the same time, the Council invited the Commission to submit proposals for Community rules concerning a source-oriented approach to pollution by other heavy metals, to be combined, if necessary, with action programmes on the lines of this programme.

(1) The UK has maintained a parliamentary scrutiny reserve.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR THE CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF  
POLLUTION CAUSED BY THE SPILLAGE OF HYDROCARBONS AND OTHER HARMFUL  
SUBSTANCES AT SEA

While awaiting the opinion of the European Parliament, the Council arrived at a considerable measure of agreement on the draft Decision which is intended to extend to inland waters the scope of Decision 86/85 (Community information system for the control and reduction of pollution caused by the spillage of hydrocarbons and other harmful substances at sea). This proposal constitutes a first reaction to the accidental pollution of the Rhine near Bâle in November 1976.

The Council invited the Committee of Permanent Representatives to resubmit the matter for final adoption once the European Parliament has given its opinion.

LIMIT VALUES AND QUALITY OBJECTIVES (HCCB/HCBD)

While awaiting the opinion of the European Parliament, the Council expressed a favourable position on the proposed Directive amending Annex II of Directive 86/280 on limit values and quality objectives for discharges of certain dangerous substances included in List I of the Annex to Directive 76/464.

The purpose of the proposal is to lay down limit values and quality objectives for two List I substances : hexachlorobenzene (HCB) and hexachlorobutadine (HCBD).

The Council invited the Committee of Permanent Representatives to resubmit the proposal to it with a view to the adoption of the Directive as soon as possible and in the light of the opinion of the European Parliament.

MOTOR VEHICLE POLLUTION

The Council adopted two Directives concerning measures to be taken with regard to:

- air pollution by gases from positive ignition engines of motor vehicles (private cars) (1)
- emission of gaseous pollutants from diesel engines for use in heavy goods vehicles. (1)

The Council then reached a common position, by qualified majority, to be transmitted to the European Parliament, on measures to be taken against air pollution by particulate emissions from diesel engines of private cars. The draft Directive provides for :

- First stage : (from 1.10.1989 for new types ;  
from 1.10.1990 for all new vehicles)

limit value of 1.1 g/test.

- Second stage : The Council considered that a second stage in the reduction of particulate emissions must be implemented as quickly as possible and that a level of 0.8 g/test should be achieved, taking into account the technical/economic possibilities which exist at that time.

Before the end of 1989 the Council will decide, on the basis of a proposal from the Commission, on the implementation of the second stage.

(1) For details of these measures, see Press Communication

- Environment Council - 21 July 1987 (7833/87 Presse 135).

EXPORT/IMPORT OF CERTAIN DANGEROUS CHEMICALS

The Council reached agreement (1) on the Regulation concerning export from and import into the Community of certain dangerous chemicals. This Regulation will establish a common system of notification and information covering those chemicals which are banned or severely restricted on account of their effects on human health and the environment.

The approval of this instrument constitutes an important additional measure at Community level for the protection especially of developing countries.

At the same time the Council agreed on the text of a Resolution inviting the Commission to examine in greater detail, and if appropriate, to make proposals concerning the system of "prior informed consent" of the country importing the dangerous chemicals. This system is currently operated in certain Member States.

(1) The UK has maintained a parliamentary scrutiny reserve.

### LARGE COMBUSTION PLANTS

The Council held further detailed discussion on the draft Directive on the limitation of emissions of pollutants into the air from large combustion plants. The basis of the Council's debate were draft guidelines for further work drawn up by the Presidency, guidelines which broadly cover targets and dates for reducing overall pollution from SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, as well as standards for new plant.

At the end of its discussion, the Council invited the Committee of Permanent Representatives to pursue work on this basis with a view to reaching final agreement in the coming months.

### PROGRAMME ON EMPLOYMENT CREATION IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD

The Council held a first discussion on the draft Decision for a 5-year Community programme of demonstration projects illustrating how actions in the environmental field can also contribute to employment creation.

The Council noted that a majority of delegations were generally favourably disposed to the proposal, but that others continued to express concerns about it. Finally, the Committee of Permanent Representatives was invited to pursue its work with a view to finding an acceptable solution which would enable action in this area to be implemented.

## CHROMIUM

The Council examined the draft Directive on water quality for chromium. This is the first proposal submitted by the Commission on a List II (less dangerous) substance in the framework of Directive 76/464 on pollution caused by certain dangerous substances discharged into the aquatic environment.

The debate allowed progress to be made, and the Committee of Permanent Representatives was asked to deal with the remaining questions as a matter of priority in order to allow early agreement on the proposal.

The Council also noted that the Commission is preparing a revised proposal on this subject in the light of the opinion of the European Parliament.

## DUMPING OF WASTE AT SEA

The Council had an exchange of views on the environmental problems created by dumping and incineration of waste at sea. In the course of this exchange of views, the Council welcomed especially the significant progress made at the Conference on the protection of the North Sea in London on 24 and 25 November 1987.

In this connection, the Council recalled the priority accorded by the Community and the Member States (1) to the need to combat fresh water and marine pollution from specific or diffused sources.

The Council expects to pursue Community action in this field on the basis of appropriate proposals of the Commission, noting that certain proposals have already been submitted to the Council. Unnecessary duplication of work with international organisations will be avoided.

(1) Resolution of 19 October 1987 on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and action programme on the Environment (1987/1992).

## OTHER DECISIONS

### General Preferences - Textiles

The Council adopted the 1988 Generalized Preferences Scheme (GSP) for textile products.

For products covered by the MFA, the new scheme represents a major change to the earlier scheme, which had kept the structure agreed in 1980 and was based on 1977 trade patterns.

The Council has altered the method of calculating the preferential offer, which will henceforward be fixed at 0,2% of 1985 Community imports in the case of dominant countries or State-trading countries (South Korea, Macao, Hong Kong, China and Rumania) and at 1% in the case of the other beneficiaries: in so doing, the Community widens the preferential opportunities for medium and small exporters.

The Council also decided to institute in the textiles sector a pronounced differentiation with regard to highly competitive suppliers, in parallel with the approach already adopted in the industrial sector. This will involve certain countries which have reached a certain overall level of development and attained at least 10% of Community imports in a specific category averaged over 3 years (1983, 1984, 1985). This will affect several categories of textile and clothing products from Brazil, Korea, Hong Kong, Macao, Rumania and China in 1988. However, the exclusion arrangements have been relaxed in the case of China and Macao.

To soften their impact, the substantial changes introduced under the new scheme will be spread over two years for all beneficiaries and not fully implemented until 1989.

The texts adopted by the Council as well as those texts on industrial, agricultural and steel products, already adopted on 17 November last, will be published in the Official Journal as soon as possible in December.

Anti-dumping

The Council adopted, in the languages of the Communities, the Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty of 59 ECU/tonne on imports of ferro-silicon falling within subheading 73.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff, corresponding to NIMEXE code 73.02-30, originating in Brazil.

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN ACTION PROGRAMME TO COMBAT  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION BY CADMIUM

THE COUNCIL,

CONSIDERS that, without prejudice and in addition to national and Community action already taken in this field, new action should be taken at Community level to combat and reduce cadmium pollution, in order to increase the protection of human health and the environment,

CONSIDERS that it may be necessary in certain areas further to intensify efforts to measure and monitor the presence of cadmium in the environment, for example in the soil,

INVITES the Commission, in consultation with Member States, to continue its examination, in the light of scientific and technical studies, of the extent and relative importance of the sources of human and environmental contamination from cadmium and to submit to the Council a report thereon,

WELCOMES the initiative of the Commission proposing an action programme as an additional step forward to control environmental pollution by cadmium and agrees that such control should be pursued through an integrated approach taking into account all the various sources of cadmium pollution, including diffuse sources,

INVITES the Commission to pursue without delay the development of specific measures of the kind identified in the action programme, taking into account relevant Community provisions,

STRESSES that, in the light of the result of scientific and technical studies, the major elements of the strategy for cadmium control in the interests of the protection of human health and the environment should be the following :

- limitation of the uses of cadmium to cases where suitable alternatives do not exist,
  - stimulation of research and development :
    - = of substitutes and technological derivatives, in particular, encouragement to the development of further alternatives to the use of cadmium in pigments, stabilisers and plating ;
    - = related to the cadmium content of the raw materials used for the production of phosphate fertilizers ;
    - = of varieties of tobacco and food plants with a lower cadmium content,
  - collection and recycling of products containing cadmium, for example batteries,
  - development of a strategy designed to reduce cadmium input in soil, for example by appropriate control measures for the cadmium content of phosphate fertilizers based on suitable technology not entailing excessive costs, taking into account environmental conditions in the different regions of the Community,
  - combating significant sources of airborne and water pollution.
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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

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1206th meeting of the Council

- Transport -

Brussels, 7 December 1987

President : M. F.Nør CHRISTENSEN

Minister for Transport  
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Herman de CROO	Minister for Transport and Foreign Trade
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Denmark:

Mr F.Nør CHRISTENSEN	Minister for Transport
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Germany:

Mr Jürgen WARNKE	Federal Minister for Transport
Mr Wilhelm KNITTEL	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Defence

Greece:

Mr Costas BADOUVAS	Minister for Transport and Communications
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Spain:

Mr Abel Ramon CABALLERO ALVAREZ	Minister for Transport, Tourism and Communications
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France:

Mr Jacques DOUFFIAGUES	Minister attached to the Minister for Infrastructure, Housing, Town and Country Planning and Transport with responsibility for Transport
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Ireland:

Mr John WILSON	Minister for Tourism and Transport
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Italy:

Mr Calogero MANINO	Minister for Transport
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Luxembourg:

Mr Marcel SCHLECHTER

Minister for Transport, Public  
Works and Energy

Netherlands:

Mrs N. SMIT-KROES

Minister for Transport and  
Public Works

Portugal:

Mr Oliveira MARTINS

Minister for Public Works,  
Transport and Communications

Mr Carlos COSTA

State Secretary for Transport

United Kingdom:

Mr Paul CHANNON

Minister for Transport

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For the Commission :

Mr Stanley CLINTON DAVIS

Member

Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

Member

## AIR TRANSPORT

The Council reached final agreement on a series of measures, which will come into effect on 1.1.1988, in the air transport sector. The Council will decide on the revision of these measures by 30.6.1990. The main features of the agreement are as follows:

### I. Fares

The Directive provides for a Community system for approving the fares on scheduled air services between Member States.

Fares will be subject to approval by the authorities of the Member States concerned. This approval will be mandatory if the fares comply with certain criteria. Consultation and arbitration procedures are laid down for cases where disagreement on a given proposal nonetheless remains; arbitration decisions will be binding if confirmed by the Commission.

Air carriers will obtain automatic approval for offering discount and deep-discount fares in certain circumstances. Discount fares may be set at a level between 65% and 90% of the normal "economy class" fare; the deep-discount zone extends from 45% to 65% of the reference fare.

Member States wishing to maintain or conclude more flexible arrangements are free to do so.

## II. Capacity and market access

### - Capacity

The Decision stipulates that automatic approval will be given for capacity increases in all bilateral relationships provided that the resulting shares of capacity do not exceed the 55%/45% limit in the first two years and the 60%/40% limit in the third year. Nevertheless, a Member State whose air carriers have suffered serious financial damage arising from the implementation of these arrangements may request a re-examination of the provisions for the third year. A decision will then be taken as to whether or not these provisions should be applied in their entirety.

Capacity increases for one season will also be approved automatically in certain specified circumstances and on condition that the resulting shares of capacity do not exceed the above limits.

### - Market access

The Decision lays down provisions on access for Community air carriers to routes between Member States .

- = Community air carriers will be authorized to establish third and fourth freedom scheduled air services between hub airports on the territory of a Member State and regional airports on the territory of another Member State. In order to prevent any major disturbance of existing air traffic systems and to give the Member States concerned the necessary time to adjust, a limited number of airports will however be temporarily excluded from the scope of this provision;
- = Member States may designate two or more of their air carriers to operate scheduled air services to each of the other Member States. They may not however designate more than one air carrier on a given route unless the volume of traffic on the route exceeds certain defined levels;
- = third and fourth freedom air carriers may combine services to or from two or more points in another Member State or States provided that no traffic rights are exercised between the combined points.

Services provided in accordance with these provisions will be subject to controls on the capacity shares referred to above except where they are operated on routes between hub airports and regional airports using aircraft with not more than 70 seats.

The decision gives Community air carriers the right ("fifth freedom rights") to provide scheduled air services between Member States other than their own state of registration.

### III. Application of the rules on competition to air transport

Two Regulations concern application of the rules on competition to the air transport sector.

The first lays down detailed procedures for the application of Articles 85 and 86 to international air transport between Community airports.

The Second lays down that the Commission may grant block exemptions with regard to the application of Article 85(1) to certain categories of agreements and concerted practices.

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The formal adoption of these texts will take place at the Council meeting of 14/15 December next.

### NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA

The Council adopted the Decision regarding the opening of the first stage of negotiations aimed at facilitating the flow of Community transit traffic through Austria, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. The negotiations will be conducted by the Commission, in consultation with the Member States. The Commission will submit a report to the Council on the first stage of negotiations in principle before 1 June 1988. If it is not possible to submit a final report by that date, it will be submitted before 30 September 1988 together with a proposal concerning negotiating directives and timetables for subsequent stages.

### MARKET ACCESS FOR ROAD TRANSPORT

The Council continued its examination of the draft Regulation on access to the market for the carriage of goods by road between Member States. This proposal covers both the definitive arrangements to be applied after 1.1.1992, and the arrangements for the transitional period from 1987 to 1991.

After exhaustive discussion, the Presidency noted that there was a large measure of support in favour of the Chair's compromise. However, in order to make further progress possible, the meeting was adjourned until 16 December. On that occasion the remaining points of the agenda will also be discussed.

Summertime arrangements

The Council adopted a common position, to be communicated to the European Parliament in the context of the cooperation procedure laid down in the Single Act, on the fourth Directive on summertime arrangements.

This Directive provides that all Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that in each Member State the summertime period for 1989 begins at 1 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time on Sunday 26 March 1989 and that all Member States, apart from Ireland and the United Kingdom, shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the summertime period for 1989 ends at 1 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time, on Sunday 24 September 1989.

Ireland and the United Kingdom will ensure that the summertime period for 1989 ends at 1 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time, on Sunday 29 October 1989.

Furthermore, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, will adopt by 1 January 1989 the arrangements to apply from 1990 onwards.

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the languages of the Communities, the Decision authorizing the Portuguese Republic to extend, until the implementation of a fisheries agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco, the sea fisheries agreement concluded with the Kingdom of Morocco.

This Decision allows Portugal to extend from 4 January 1988 until the date on which a fisheries agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco is implemented, or until 3 January 1989 whichever is the earlier, the sea fisheries agreement with the Kingdom of Morocco which entered into force on 4 January 1978.

Agriculture

The Council adopted, in the languages of the Communities, the Decision amending Decision 81/518/EEC on the restructuring of the system for agricultural surveys in Italy.

This modification concerns the extension of the Decision for 2 years.

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PRESS RELEASE

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1207th Council meeting  
- Economic and Financial Affairs -  
Brussels, 7 December 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 Palle SIMONSEN Minister for Finance

Mr Knud ENGBAARD Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Gerhard STOLTENBERG Minister for Finance

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Panayotis ROUMELIOTIS Minister for Trade

Spain:

Mr Carlos SOLCHAGA CATALAN Minister for Economic Affairs and Finance

Mr Guillermo DE LA DEHESA ROMERO State Secretary for Economic Affairs

France:

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

Ireland:

Mr Noel TREACY Minister of State at the Department of Finance

Italy:

Mr Giuliano AMATO Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER	Prime Minister, Minister of State and Minister for Finance
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Netherlands:

Mr O. C. R. RUDING	Minister for Finance
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Portugal:

Mr Manuel CARVALHO FERNANDES	State Secretary to the Treasury
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United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON	Chancellor of the Exchequer
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Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS	President
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Lord COCKFIELD	Vice-President
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Mr Peter M. SCHMIDHUBER	Member
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Also attended:

Mr Joern BOERGLUM-JENSEN	Chairman of the Co-ordinating Group for Economic and Financial Policies
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Sir Geoffrey LITTLER	Chairman of the Monetary Committee
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Mr J. C. MILLERON	Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee
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ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT - 1988

In accordance with the 1974 "convergence" decision, the Council approved the annual economic report and the guidelines to be followed by the Member States in their economic policies for 1988.

The report, which was prepared on the basis of the Commission proposal, confirmed that it was essential to pursue the strategy of co-operation on growth and employment to which the Council had already subscribed for the previous two years.

In order to take into account the fact that the report had been prepared before the recent monetary and stock exchange events, the Council supplemented its report with a preamble submitted by the Commission, indicating in particular that, in the light of uncertainties in the world economy which could seriously affect the behaviour of investors and consumers, it was all the more necessary for the Community and its Member States to be willing to adapt their economic policies to the necessities of economic developments.

On the subject of those monetary and financial events, the President gave a reminder of the Council's conclusions of 16 November, which remained totally valid.

ABOLITION OF FISCAL FRONTIERS

After hearing an interim report from the Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee on progress in that Committee's work on the macro-economic aspects of the Commission proposals on the abolition of fiscal frontiers, the Council called on it to submit to the Council a comprehensive final report within three months, so that the Council could hold a detailed policy debate on the matter.

PROPOSAL FOR AN 18TH VAT DIRECTIVE

The Council recorded that, although the Member States' positions were closer on the basis of a Presidency compromise, it was not yet able to reach a decision on the 18th VAT Directive, which is aimed at eliminating certain derogations in the field of the application of VAT.

PROSPECTUS TO BE PUBLISHED WHEN TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ARE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC

After noting the efforts made during the Danish Presidency to secure substantive Council discussion on this issue, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to organize its proceedings on the matter in such a way as to ensure that the Council can take a decision on the Commission proposal as soon as possible. To that end, the President called on the delegations to provide their representatives at the various levels in the preparatory work with more flexible instructions.

## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Food aid

The Council adopted a common position on the framework Regulation on food-aid policy and food-aid management with a view to its submission to the European Parliament in the context of the conciliation procedure.

### Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council approved, as regards the Community, draft Decisions No 4/87 of the EEC-EFTA Joint Committees supplementing and amending Protocol No 3 on the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation (adaptation of the rules of origin to the Harmonized System).

### Appointment

On a proposal from the German Government, the Council appointed Dr Jörg HOPPE as an alternate member, in the category of expert from the practising profession, of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training in place of Dr Heinz-Peter BRAUER, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 11 May 1989.

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PRESS RELEASE

10185/87 (Presse 211)

1208th Council meeting

- Industry -

Brussels, 8 December 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 Costas PAPANAYOTOU Deputy Minister 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 Séamus BRENNAN 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 Jacques F. POOS  
Mr Johnny LAHURE

Minister for Economic Affairs  
State Secretary for Economic  
Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr R.W. DE KORTE

Minister for Economic Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Luis Fernando de MIRO AMARAL

Minister for Industry

United Kingdom:

Mr Kenneth CLARKE

Secretary of State for Trade  
and Industry

Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

Member

Mr Peter M. SCHMIDHUBER

Member

STEEL POLICY

- Extension of the quota system for certain categories of products

After an extensive discussion of the Commission's communication of 26 November amending, in the light of the Three Wise Men's findings, its original communication concerning the steel policy after 1987, the Council reached the following conclusions :

- "(a) The Council will take a decision on the basis of a Commission proposal on 22 December 1987 on whether the quota system should be continued beyond 31 December 1987. It will take its decision in the light of the efforts that each Member State concerned has undertaken to make in the meantime concerning reduction of excess capacity in each of the categories Ia and Ib, II and III. To that end the Commission will arrange for appropriate consultations of Member States before 22 December 1987, with a view to producing clear and credible indications by 22 December 1987 of the willingness of Governments, after consultation with their industries, to undertake a sufficient reduction of capacity in both state and private sector undertakings by means of closures.
- (b) On 22 December the Council and the Commission will consider whether the result of the efforts referred to in a) is satisfactory. Before 22 December 1987, the Commission will consider the situation of category I in the light of the comments of Ministers. If the results have been satisfactory the Council will consider the Commission's proposals for the extension of the quota system for categories I, II and III until 30 June 1988.

- (c) Before 10 June 1988, all Member States concerned should produce specific and binding undertakings by Government and industries as to the share of their state owned and private sector industries in the reduction of the surplus.
- (d) The references of the quota system should be updated and simplified in the context of the decision to be taken before the end of June on the extension of the quota system.

The extension covering categories II and III should run until 31 December 1990, provided the necessary undertakings on reduction of production capacity mentioned under (c) is achieved. As regards category I the Commission will make proposals in the light of the situation in this category and of the undertakings of the industry concerning closures and in the perspective of parallel treatment of this category with categories II and III.

- (e) Should the abovementioned procedure fail to produce the undertakings mentioned under (c), the quota system expires automatically by the end of June 1988."

- Regional and social measures

The Council approves the fact that the accompanying social and regional measures constitute an essential element of the future process of restructuring.

The Council approves in principle the objectives of the RESIDER programme.

The Council instructs the Committee of Permanent Representatives to complete the work on questions which remain open, in particular the definition of criteria concerning beneficiary regions, so that the Council can finally approve the RESIDER programme at its meeting on 22 December.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Steel: external aspects for 1988

The Council adopted negotiating directives to the Commission for the renewal for 1988 of the arrangements on imports of ECSC iron and steel products into the Community with Brazil (cast iron, pig iron and steel), South Korea, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Venezuela and the exchanges of letters with Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

United States: steel

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Regulation No 60/85 on the restrictions on exports of steel pipes and tubes to the United States (adjustments to the breakdown of the Community quota between Member States to take account of the special situation of firms with subsidiaries in the United States).

Renewal of the ECSC Consultative Committee - Stage 1

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision designating the representative organizations of producers and workers required to draw up lists of candidates for the representation of producers and workers on the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community.

Commercial policy and customs union

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of industrial products (for which production is at present inadequate or non-existent within the Community and producers are thus unable to meet the needs of user industries in the Community).

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation increasing the Community tariff quota opened for the second half of 1987 for certain ferrophosphorous falling within subheading ex 28.55 A of the Common Customs Tariff (the quota is raised from 13 000 to 37 000 tonnes: - first tranche: 19 200 tonnes divided between:  
Benelux: 19 035 tonnes  
Spain : 165 tonnes;  
- second tranche: 4 800 tonnes, raising the reserve from 2 570 to 7 370 tonnes).

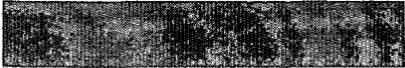
The Council then adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of mercury originating in the USSR and definitively collecting the provisional anti-dumping duty imposed on such products. (The amount of duty is 70 ECU per flask of a net capacity of 34,5 kg (standard weight) or 2,03 ECU per kg net of mercury. The amounts secured by way of provisional anti-dumping duty are collected definitively).

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, adopted the Decisions on the opening of zero-duty tariff quotas for flat-rolled products of silicon electrical steel in favour of:

- Spain (800 tonnes);
- Benelux (400 tonnes);
- The Federal Republic of Germany (1 000 tonnes),

for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1988.

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PRESS RELEASE

10267/87 (Presse 215)

1209th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 9 December 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:

Mr Marc LEPOIVRE Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIEPMEYER 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. Jean CADET Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mrs Maire GOGHEGAN-QUINN Minister of State for European  
Affairs

Italy:

Mr Enrico PIETROMARCHI Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Thierry STOLL

Deputy Permanent Representative

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

BUDGETARY PROCEDURE FOR 1988

The Council examined the situation of the 1988 budgetary procedure following the absence of success at the European Council in Copenhagen. It concluded that it was unable to draw up a draft budget at this stage.

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# **COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

1210th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 10 December 1987

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

The official press release was unavailable. A summary of the meeting has been reproduced from the Bulletin of the European Communities, No. 12-1987

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
1210th Brussels 10 December	Agriculture	Mr Tørnæs	Mr Andriessen	Swine fever: adoption of decision <sup>7</sup> Trade in certain animals and their meat as referred to in Article 7 of hormones Directive Pesticide residues Beef/veal: Community tariff quotas <sup>7</sup> Rice Structures Free food operation: adopted <sup>7</sup>

## Council

2.1.201. The Council met on 10 December under the presidency of Mr Tørnæs, the Danish Minister for Agriculture. This meeting was devoted solely to routine business and did not deal with the current major issue of 'agricultural stabilizers',<sup>5</sup> since this remains the responsibility of the Heads of State or Government following the Copenhagen Summit.

On 7 December the Commission had officially announced that it was withdrawing the compromise suggestions put forward in Copenhagen so as to assist the Danish Presidency and that it was sticking for the present to its initial proposals, while reserving the right to amend them in certain respects.

## Free food

2.1.202. The Council unanimously adopted<sup>6</sup> the scheme proposed by the Commission for the distribution of free food.<sup>7</sup>

This Decision introduces a permanent scheme whereby food can be supplied from intervention stocks to assist the most deprived persons in the Community. The scheme is optional, each of the Member States being free to decide whether it wishes to operate it, though the Commission will distribute the products on the basis of information provided by Member States. For 1988, 100 million ECU will be allocated to the programme. Thereafter, the annual amount will be determined in the budget procedure.

<sup>5</sup> Bull. EC 9-1987, point 1.5.1.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 352, 15.1.1987.

<sup>7</sup> OJ C 298, 7.11.1987; Bull. EC 10-1987, point 1.2.1 *et seq.*; OJ C 5, 9.1.1988.

## Milk and milk products

2.1.219. On 10 December the Council adopted a Regulation fixing for the 1988/89 milk year the guideline figure for the fat content of standardized whole milk imported into Ireland and the United Kingdom.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 352, 15.12.1987.

## Processed fruit and vegetables

2.1.227. On 10 December the Council adopted a Regulation setting for the 1987/88 marketing year the percentages in connection with aid for products processed from tomatoes.<sup>2</sup>

2.1.231. On 10 December the Council adopted a Decision recognizing certain parts of the territory of three Member States as being officially swine fever free or swine fever free.<sup>3</sup> The regions concerned in France, Greece and the Netherlands fulfil the requirements for being recognized as officially free or free from swine fever: no case of swine fever has been detected there for more than one year, vaccination against swine fever has not been authorized for at least the last 12 months and the holdings there contain no pigs which have been vaccinated against swine fever. This recognition is intended to remove the obstacles to intra-Community trade in pigs and pigmeat between these regions and Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 177, 1.7.1981.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 352, 15.12.1987.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 18, 23.1.1988; COM(87) 658 final.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 348, 23.12.1987; COM(87) 591 final.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 341, 3.12.1987.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 355, 17.12.1987.

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 353, 16.12.1987.

2.1.232. The Council invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examination of the proposal for a Directive on trade in certain animals and their meat where such animals have been treated with hormones for therapeutic or zootechnical purposes.<sup>1</sup> Most delegations stressed the need to ensure that the proposed measure did not result in the ban on the use of hormones for fattening purposes being evaded. The additional period granted for further examination does not give rise to any problems, since the Council Decision of 18 November on the use of hormones for fattening purposes<sup>2</sup> means that the Member States will maintain the status quo as regards trade in meat for a further 12 months.

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<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1987, point 2.1.220.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 339, 1.12.1987, Bull. EC 11-1987, point 2.1.209.

# **COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

1211th meeting of the Council

- General Affairs -

Brussels, 14 December 1987

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

The official press release was unavailable. A summary of the meeting has been reproduced from the Bulletin of the European Communities, No. 12-1987

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
1211th Brussels 14 December	General affairs	Mr Ellemann-Jensen Mr Tygesen	Mr Delors Mr Narjes Mr Clinton Davis Mr De Clercq	Radioactivity <sup>8</sup> Follow-up to Copenhagen European Council Preparation for sixth meeting of EEC-Yugoslavia Cooperation Council Uruguay Round Community programme in telecommunications technologies (RACE): adopted <sup>9</sup>

2.1.292. On 14 December the Council adopted,<sup>2</sup> on a proposal from the Commission,<sup>3</sup> a Decision concerning Community arrangements for the early exchange of information in the event of a radiological emergency. The Decision specifies, among other things, that whenever a Member State takes or considers taking emergency measures to protect the general public following the detection of abnormally high radioactivity levels, it must notify forthwith the Commission and those Member States which are, or are likely to be, affected of the said measures and of the reasons for taking them.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 371, 30.12.1987.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 160, 18.6.1987; Bull. EC 4-1987, point 2.1.148.

## RACE

2.1.71. After considering the amended Commission proposal<sup>8</sup> under the cooperation procedure, the Council adopted on 14 December a Decision on the Community programme in the field of advanced telecommunications technologies (RACE).<sup>9</sup>

550 million ECU of Community funds has been allocated to this five-year programme. It is designed, in conjunction with public and private action — both national and international — in the field of telecommunications technologies, 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

<sup>8</sup> Bull. EC 11-1987, point 2.1.67; OJ C 304, 28.11.1986; Bull. EC 10-1986, point 2.1.44.

<sup>9</sup> OJ L 16, 21.1.1988.

# **COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

1212th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 14-16 December 1987

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

The official press release was unavailable. A summary of the meeting has been reproduced from the Bulletin of the European Communities, No. 12-1987

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
1212th Brussels 14 to 16 December	Fisheries	Mr Gammelgaard	Mr Cardoso e Cunha	1988 guide prices for fishery products: adopted <sup>10</sup> TACs and quotas for 1988: adopted <sup>10</sup> Norway, Faeroes <sup>10</sup> French Guiana waters <sup>10</sup> Greenland waters <sup>10</sup> NAFO <sup>10</sup> Technical conservation measures <sup>10</sup> Negotiations for EEC-Morocco fisheries agreement: oral report from Commission <sup>10</sup> Relations with Mauritania <sup>10</sup> Fisheries relations with certain international organizations and non-member countries

2.1.238. The Council, meeting on 14 to 16 December, adopted by a qualified majority the Regulation fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches (TACs and quotas) for 1988 and the conditions under which they may be fished (→ point 2.1.239).

It also adopted:

- (i) guide prices for fishery sector products for 1988 (→ point 2.1.258);
- (ii) Regulations covering the Community's 1988 fisheries relations with Norway (→ point 2.1.252), Sweden (→ point 2.1.253), Greenland (→ point 2.1.255) and the Faeroe Islands (→ point 2.1.251);
- (iii) a Regulation laying down for 1988 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200-nautical-mile

zone off the coast of French Guiana (→ point 2.1.250);

- (iv) a Regulation fixing for 1988 autonomous quotas for the Regulatory Area defined in the NAFO Convention (→ point 2.1.257);

- (v) a Regulation concerning the conclusion of the agreement between the Community and Mauritania (→ point 2.1.256).

The Council took note of oral reports from the Commission on the progress of the current negotiations on a fisheries agreement between the Community and Morocco and on the Community's relations with certain international organizations and certain countries.

### *TACs and quotas for 1988*

2.1.239. On 21 December the Council, acting on a Commission proposal,<sup>1</sup> adopted a Regulation fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1988 and certain conditions under which they may be fished.<sup>2</sup>

### *French Guiana*

2.1.250. On 15 December the Council, acting on a Commission proposal,<sup>2</sup> adopted a Regulation laying down for 1988 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flags of certain non-member countries in the 200-nautical-mile zone off the coast of French Guiana.<sup>3</sup>

### *Faeroe Islands*

2.1.251. On 15 December the Council, acting on a Commission proposal<sup>4</sup> adopted two Regulations,<sup>3</sup> one allocating catch quotas among Member States for vessels fishing in Faeroese waters and the other laying down for 1988 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faeroe Islands.

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 13, 18.1.1988.

<sup>2</sup> COM(87) 678 final.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 375, 31.12.1987.

<sup>4</sup> COM(87) 676 final.

<sup>5</sup> COM(87) 684 final.

<sup>6</sup> COM(87) 679 final.

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 357, 19.12.1987.

<sup>8</sup> OJ C 269, 8.10.1987; Bull. EC 9-1987, point 2.1.174.

<sup>9</sup> OJ L 388, 31.12.1987.

## Norway

2.1.252. On 15 December the Council, acting on a Commission proposal,<sup>5</sup> adopted two Regulations,<sup>3</sup> one laying down for 1988 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway and the other allocating certain quotas among Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian economic zone and in the fishing zone around Jan Mayen.

## Sweden

2.1.253. On 15 December the Council, acting on a Commission proposal,<sup>6</sup> adopted two Regulations,<sup>7</sup> one laying down for 1988 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden and the other allocating catch quotas among Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish waters.

## Norway and Sweden

2.1.254. In December the Council set total allowable catches for stocks in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat and allocated them among the Member States.

## Greenland

2.1.255. On 15 December the Council adopted a Regulation allocating the 1988 Community catch quotas in Greenland waters.<sup>3</sup>

## Mauritania

2.1.256. On 14 December the Council, acting on a Commission proposal,<sup>8</sup> adopted a Regulation concluding the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on fishing off the coast of Mauritania and adopting provisions for its application.<sup>9</sup>

## Multilateral relations

2.1.257. On 15 December the Council adopted a Regulation<sup>3</sup> fixing catch possibilities for 1988 for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area as defined in the NAFO Convention and amending its Regulation of 19 October establishing an interim autonomous scheme of control in respect of Community vessels operating in the Regulatory Area.

## Markets

2.1.258. On 14 December the Council, acting on a Commission proposal,<sup>2</sup> adopted three Regulations<sup>3</sup> fixing, for the 1988 fishing year (1 January to 31 December), guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex I(A), (D) and (E) and in Annex II to the Regulation of 29 December 1981<sup>4</sup> and producer prices for tuna for the canning industry.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 314, 4.11.1987; Bull. EC 10-1987, point 2.1.193.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 11-1987, point 2.1.236.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 355, 17.12.1987.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 379, 31.12.1981; Bull. EC 12-1981, point 2.1.140.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 386, 31.12.1987.

<sup>6</sup> OJ C 13, 18.1.1988.

<sup>7</sup> OJ C 145, 3.6.1987; Bull. EC 4-1987, point 2.1.139.

<sup>8</sup> OJ L 172, 22.7.1968.

<sup>9</sup> OJ L 356, 18.12.1987.

<sup>10</sup> OJ L 376, 31.12.1986; Bull. EC 12-1986, point 2.1.285.

<sup>11</sup> OJ L 4, 7.1.1988.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

10582/87 (Presse 228)

1213th meeting of the Council

- Internal Market -

Brussels, 18 December 1987

President:

Mr Nils WILHJELM  
Minister for Industry  
of the Kingdom of Denmark

18.XII.87

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 Nils WILHJELM                              Minister for Industry

Mr Hans DUBORG                                State Secretary for the  
Ministry of Industry

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT                              State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr N. AKRITIDIS                                Minister of Trade

Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES MIRA                         State Secretary for the  
European Communities

France:

Mr Bernard BOSSON                             Minister with responsibility  
for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Seamus BRENNAN                             Minister of State,  
Department of Industry and Commerce

Italy:

Mr Antonio LA PERGOLA                         Minister for Community Affairs

Mr Paolo BABBINI                               State Secretary for Industry  
and Commerce

18.XII.87

Luxembourg:

Mr Thierry STOLL

Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr P.R.H.M. van der LINDEN

State Secretary for Foreign  
Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Victor MARTINS

State Secretary for  
European Integration

United Kingdom:

Mr Francis MAUDE

Parliamentary Under-Secretary  
of State, Department of Trade  
and Industry

Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

#### DANGEROUS PREPARATIONS

The Council reached a common position by qualified majority to be communicated to the European Parliament in the context of the cooperation procedure laid down in the Single Act on the amended draft Directive on the harmonization of national law concerning the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations.

#### GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICES

The Council reached a common position to be communicated to the European Parliament in the context of the cooperation procedure laid down in the single Act on the draft Directive on the inspection and verification of the organizational processes and conditions under which laboratory studies are planned, performed, recorded and reported for the non-clinical testing of chemicals.

#### TRADE MARKS

The Council pursued its examination of the draft Directive concerning the approximation of Member States laws relating to trade marks.

At the conclusion of the debate, the President was able to note a large measure of agreement on the content of this draft and concluded that this matter would be taken up again once progress has been made on the draft Regulation on the Community trade mark.

DIRECTIVE NON-LIFE INSURANCE

The Council reached agreement, by a very large majority, on the major outstanding problems with regard to the draft 2nd Directive on the harmonization of national laws concerning direct non-life insurance and the freedom to provide services in this area. The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to solve the remaining technical problems and to re-submit the texts to enable a common position to be drawn up as soon as possible.

The overall compromise proposal on which agreement has been reached foresees in particular a more flexible regime for the provision of services for large risks. These risks are transport risks, credit and suretyship risks with a qualitative condition applying to the policyholder and other risks where the policyholder satisfies certain quantitative criteria which will become lower from 1 January 1993.

The more flexible regime for large risks involves, as far as access to the provision of services is concerned, a simple notification procedure and, as far as financial supervision is concerned, the application of the principle of the "home country" control to which the Commission attaches great importance for the achievement of the Internal Market. The enlargement of this principle to the supervision of the whole activity of an insurance company should be made possible by further harmonization of the technical reserves.

In order to avoid any distortion of competition, the Council has decided, as far as the fiscal question is concerned, that any insurance contract concluded by way of provision of services shall be exclusively subject to the fiscal provisions of the Member State of the risk.

Greece, Portugal, Spain and Ireland have been granted certain transitional arrangements which take account of the specific difficulties of their markets.

INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED WHEN A MAJOR HOLDING IN A  
LIMITED COMPANY IS ACQUIRED OR DISPOSED OF

The Council examined the draft Directive on the information to be published when a major holding in a limited company is acquired or disposed of (voting rights). At the conclusion of the debate, the Council noted that it was unable to reach a common position at this stage. The Council consequently invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to pursue work actively in order to enable a common position to be reached early in the New Year.

## OTHER DECISIONS

### Other Internal Market Decision

The Council adopted a common position on the text of the Council Directive amending Directive 75/106/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making-up by volume of certain prepackaged liquids.

### Relations with South Korea

The Council adopted, in the languages of the Communities, the Regulation suspending the generalized tariff preferences for 1988 for products originating in the Republic of Korea.

This Decision is the Community reaction to the fact that Korea does not treat the Community on an equal footing with other trade partners and that it has taken discriminatory measures in respect of the Community in the sphere of the protection of intellectual property. It is therefore considered inappropriate that the Republic of Korea should benefit from the scheme of generalized tariff preferences as long as this situation continues.

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1988. It shall not apply to goods in respect of which proof is furnished that they were dispatched to the Community before 14 December 1987.

Customs union

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

- certain types of fruit and fruit juices;
- onions falling within code 0712 200 00 of the Combined Nomenclature (1988);
- certain plywoods of coniferous species (1988);
- ferro-silicon, falling within codes 7202 21 10, 7202 21 90 and 7202 29 00 of the Combined Nomenclature;
- ferro-silico-manganese (1988);
- ferro-chromium containing not more than 0,10% by weight of carbon and more than 30% but not more than 90% by weight of chromium (super refined ferro-chromium) (1988);
- certain handwoven fabrics, pile and chenille (1988);
- silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) falling within code Nos ex 0302 69 65, ex 0303 78 10, ex 0304 10 99 and ex 0304 90 47 of the Combined Nomenclature;
- frozen cod (*Gadus morhua*) fillets falling within code ex 0304 20-29 of the Combined Nomenclature (1988);

The Council, and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, adopted, in the languages of the Communities, the Decision on the nomenclature and rates of conventional duty for certain products and the general rules for interpreting and applying the said nomenclature and duties.

### Agriculture

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice;
- on the production aid for certain varieties of rice.

On 10 December 1987 the Agriculture Council agreed in principle to the above Regulations (see Press Release 10268/87 (Presse 216)).

### International Sugar Agreement 1987

The Council adopted, in the languages of the Communities, the Decision on the signing and conclusion of the International Sugar Agreement 1987. It is expected that this Agreement will be signed by the Commission representative in New York on behalf of the Community in the next few days.

### International Rubber Agreement 1987

The Council adopted, in the languages of the Communities, the Decision on the signing of the International Rubber Agreement 1987. This Agreement is also expected to be signed in New York on behalf of the Community in the next few days.

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PRESS RELEASE

10583/86 (Presse 229)

1214th meeting of the Council  
- Consumer protection and information -

Brussels, 18 December 1987

President:

Mr Nils WILHJELM  
Minister for Industry  
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 Nils WILHJELM Minister for Industry

Mr Hans DUBORG State Secretary for the  
Ministry of Industry

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr E. LYMBEROPOULOS Deputy Permanent Representative

Spain:

Mr Julian GARCIA VARGAS Minister for Health and  
Consumer Affairs

France:

Mr Jean CADET Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Seamus BRENNAN Minister of State,  
Department of Industry and Commerce

Italy:

Mr Enrico PIETROMARCHI Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Thierry STOLL

Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr Ch.R. van BEUGE

Deputy Permanent Representative

Portugal:

Mr Pedro José RIBEIRO  
DE MENESES

Deputy Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr Francis MAUDE

Parliamentary Under-Secretary  
of State, Department of Trade  
and Industry

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Commission:

Mr Grigoris VARFIS

Member

SAFETY OF TOYS

The Council adopted a common position, to be communicated to the European Parliament within the framework of the co-operation procedure provided for by the Single Act, on a proposal for a Directive concerning the safety of toys.

This proposal for a Directive is in the context of the achievement of greater consumer safety in relation to consumer goods, and particularly greater safety for the 63,4 million children aged between 0 and 14 in the Community.

This proposal for a Directive is also important in the context of the completion of the internal market in 1992 since it constitutes the first instance of application to consumer goods of the new approach towards standardization adopted by the Council in its Resolution of 7 May 1985 which provides for recourse to harmonized European voluntary standards.

European toy production, which is concentrated in the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, France, the United Kingdom and Spain, represents a turnover of more than 3.480 million ECU a year. It takes place in some 2.700 firms employing about 94.000 persons (1984 figures).

It should be noted, however, that although 70% of the toys sold in the EEC are manufactured in the Community, the latter imports twice as many toys than it exports, particularly from South-East Asia.

The proposal for a Directive, which lays down common safety requirements for all toys, and refers to harmonized European standards, should enable intra-Community barriers to be removed, provide protection against unfair intra- and extra-Community competition and enable European undertakings to acquire optimal dimensions both in manufacturing sectors involving mass production and in specific and artisanal sectors, which mainly involve small and medium-sized undertakings.

For consumers, this would represent an enormous advantage both from the point of view of their safety, because of the quality of the goods sold, and from the economic point of view, by opening up the market and increasing competitiveness.

The proposal for a Directive on which the Council adopted a common position today lays down essential safety requirements for all toys in the fields of physical and mechanical properties, flammability, chemical and electrical properties, hygiene and radioactivity. It provides for the presumption of compliance with these essential safety requirements for all toys bearing an EC mark of conformity by means of which the manufacturer or his authorized representative established in the Community confirms that their toys comply with the harmonized European standards or with a model examined by an approved body.

A posteriori sample checks are also provided for. These checks may include access to the place of manufacture or to the undertaking, the supply of information by the manufacturer, his authorized representative in the Community or the person responsible for marketing the toy, and the taking of samples.

The date of application of the Directive is set at 1 January 1990.

### UNIT PRICING

The Council reached a broad measure of agreement on two draft directives concerning the indication of prices for non-food products, and for foodstuffs. The Council will return to this matter in the near future in order to formally adopt the common position on this proposal to be forwarded to the European Parliament.

### CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT IN STANDARDIZATION

#### INTEGRATION OF CONSUMER POLICY WITH OTHER COMMON POLICIES

The Council took note of a communication from the Commission on consumer involvement in standardization, as well as of a first report on integration of consumer policies with other common policies.

It was agreed that the communication and the report would serve as a basis for future work in these areas.

### CHILD SAFETY

The Council heard an oral report from the Commission on a Community information and awareness campaign on child safety.

It was agreed that the Commission should continue to work closely with Member States in order to establish what action should be taken in this area.

CONSUMER SAFETY IN CONNECTION WITH COMMUNITY CONSUMER PRODUCTS

The Council heard a report from the Commission concerning progress in the area of consumer safety in connection with Community consumer products. It noted that the Commission would be forwarding specific proposals in this area in the coming months.

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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

10584/87 (Presse 230)

1215th meeting of the Council

- Research -

Brussels, 21 December 1987

President: Mr Bertel HAARDER

Minister for Education and Research  
of the Kingdom of Denmark

21.XII.87

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

Belgium:

Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT	Minister for Science Policy and Planning
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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
Mr Gerhard ZILLER	State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Research and Technology

Greece:

Mr E. ECONOMOU	Secretary-General, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Technology
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Spain:

Mr Juan Manuel ROJO ALAMINOS	State Secretary for the Universities and Research
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France:

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

Mr Sean McCARTHY	Minister of State at the Department of Industry and Commerce
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Italy:

Mr Antonio RUBERTI	Minister for Research and Universities
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Luxembourg:

Mr Fernand BODEN

Minister for Education

Netherlands:

Mr P.C. NIEMAN

Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Portugal:

Mr Eduardo de ARANTES E OLIVEIRA

State Secretary for Science and  
Technology

United Kingdom:

Mr Kenneth CLARKE

Minister for Trade and Industry

Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

## SECOND PHASE OF THE ESPRIT PROGRAMME

The Council adopted a common position, which will be forwarded to the European Parliament in the framework of the co-operation procedure introduced by the Single Act, on the second phase of the European strategic programme for research and development in information technologies - ESPRIT II.

This programme, which will be established for a period of five years beginning on 1 December 1987 with a Community contribution to funding amounting to 1 600 MECU <sup>(1)</sup>, is designed to:

- provide the European IT industry with the basic technologies to meet the competitive requirements of the nineties;
- promote European industrial co-operation in precompetitive R & D in Information Technology;
- pave the way for internationally-accepted standards.

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<sup>(1)</sup> corresponding to line 2.1 of the framework programme - see too indicative internal allocation of these funds given in Annex I.

The first phase of the programme was decided on at the beginning of 1984 and the first assessments made indicated that the programme had been successfully established and should meet its original objectives, that it was even progressing faster than expected and that trans-European co-operation had developed at all levels, especially where small and medium-sized companies were concerned.

That assessment also concluded by recommending that, for the future development of ESPRIT, emphasis should continue to be on precompetitive research and development.

The programme would consequently comprise precompetitive research and development projects, actions in basic research aimed at complementing the precompetitive R & D effort and accompanying measures.

These projects - and actions - are to be carried out by means of contracts, to be concluded by the Commission with companies, including small and medium-sized undertakings, universities and other bodies established in the Community.

The projects and actions will be submitted by the interested parties in reply to a public call for proposals published in the Official Journal of the European Communities. The projects - and actions - must involve the participation of at least two independent industrial partners - two universities or research institutions for actions - not established in the same Member State.

Up to a maximum of 30% of the Community's total contribution to new projects launched under this programme may for each year be allocated to new projects which fall below the 5 MECU threshold.

Each contractor will be expected to bring a significant contribution to projects and actions and the contractors will be expected to bear a substantial proportion of the costs, 50% of which will normally be borne by the Community.

Alternatively, in respect of universities and research institutes carrying out projects or actions, the Community may bear up to 100% of the additional expenditure involved.

Derogations are laid down for exceptional cases as regards the public call for proposals, the participation of at least two partners established in different Member States, the rate of the Community's financial participation and the percentage figure concerning new "small projects".

Where framework agreements for scientific and technical co-operation have been concluded with other European countries, particularly EFTA countries, the participation of partners established in these countries will be possible. The Commission will also be able to negotiate agreements with the countries participating in COST with a view to ensuring concerted action between the Community activities relating to co-operation in the field of basic research and accompanying measures.

In general terms, the Commission will ensure that the programme is properly performed and take the appropriate implementation measures.

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

Specifically, the Commission will establish for each year, and update as required, a work programme defining the detailed objectives, the type of projects to be undertaken and the corresponding financial plans. The Commission will establish calls for proposals for projects on the basis of the annual work programmes.

The Commission will forward a report to the Council and to the European Parliament after 30 months on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report will be accompanied by suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results.

After completion of the programme, the Commission will send Member States and the European Parliament a report on the performance and results of the programme.

REVISION OF THE RESEARCH PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF RADIATION  
PROTECTION

The Council adopted a Decision revising the multiannual research and training programme for the European Atomic Energy Community in the field of radiation protection (1985-1989).

The original 1985 Decision made provision for the possibility of a revision of the programme. In specific terms, the revision takes account of the fact that, in view of the severe radiation consequences of the Chernobyl reactor accident, it is in the Community's interest to carry out research on the effects of this accident, to carry out an evaluation of its hazards and to develop methods to control and reduce adverse consequences of radiation to the general public, workers and the environment.

The revision Decision increases the programme funding from 58 to 68 MECU; the increase will be used to conclude research contracts in the new field and for operational expenditure;

The supplementary research to be undertaken is defined in an Annex.

## REVISION OF THE BRITE PROGRAMME

The Council adopted a common position to be forwarded to the European Parliament under the co-operation procedure provided for by the Single Act regarding the revision of the multiannual research and development programme in the field of basic technological research and application of new technologies - BRITE - 1985-1988.

The original Decision adopted in the spring of 1985 makes provision for a review of the BRITE programme in 1986. The resulting revision is designed:

- firstly, to step up the Community's financial contribution to BRITE, in view of the interest the programme has aroused, by increasing it from 125 MECU to 185 MECU for the period 1985 to 1988;
- secondly, to allow the EFTA States to take part by stipulating that organizations and enterprises established in other European countries may participate in BRITE projects where framework agreements for scientific and technical co-operation have been concluded with those countries. The new text also asks the Commission to set up procedures to allow for appropriate co-operation with COST activities related to the areas of research covered by the programme.

JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

The Council took note of the draft conclusions presented by the Presidency with respect to the JRC and considered this draft to be a useful basis for further discussion within the Council:

"The Council held a first exchange of views on the Commission communication entitled "A new outlook for the Joint Research Centre" which embodies proposals in respect of the new multi-annual research programme (1988-1991) for the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and contains three proposals for Council Decisions in respect of non-nuclear research, nuclear research and a supplementary programme to be implemented by the JRC.

Pending receipt of the Opinions of the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee on each of the three proposals, and the opinion of the Scientific and Technical Research Committee (CREST), the Council concentrated its discussions at this first stage on general questions of principle underlying the Commission's proposal.

The Council notes that the Commission's document is a first step towards meeting the need for certain major changes in the JRC identified during previous discussions in the Council and other bodies, including in particular the Panel of Senior Industrialists <sup>(1)</sup>.

The Council reaffirmed the Community character of the JRC, considering it vital for the future success of the Centre that it should play as full a part as possible in achieving the Community's aim of strengthening the scientific and technological basis of European industry and encouraging it to become more competitive at international level, as well as contributing to environmental and safety policies.

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(<sup>1</sup>) "An Industrial View of the JRC"

The Council agreed in principle with the Commission proposal that the customer/contractor principle should be the basis on which the Centre conducted research both for the Commission's own services and third parties, but considered that the application of this principle, including the contributions to be expected from third parties, required further clarification.

The Council considered that the JRC should strengthen its links with research institutes in Member States and invited the Commission to explore the various ways in which increased co-operation and staff mobility could be achieved.

The Council considered that the short and medium-term financial targets and the financial resources foreseen by the Commission for the different modalities of research activity as well as the relationship of these activities with the Community R&D Framework Programme required a more detailed analysis than had been possible in the limited time available and agreed to return to these questions.

The Council acknowledged the need for a reorganization of the JRC's internal management, consultative structure and staff policy. Whilst recognizing that these matters fell mainly within the Commission's competence, the Council agreed to return to them at its meeting on 11 April 1988. The Council took note of the Commission's willingness to inform it of its conceptual approach to the new role envisaged for the Board of Governors. The Council would wish this approach to include provisions for a strengthened role for the Board of Governors in respect of the organizational structure, personnel and financial management and the implementation of programmes within the JRC. The Council invites the Commission to put forward details of this approach by mid-February.

In conclusion, the Council reaffirmed the importance it attached to seeing the Joint Research Centre transformed in such a way as to enable it to play an effective part in the achievement of the Community's objectives in the area of research and development and invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue work with a view to the adoption of the relevant Decisions with the least possible delay."

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other Decision in the research sphere

The Council noted the Commission's intention of extending the co-operation agreement for exchange of information in the field of management of radioactive wastes between the United States Department of Energy and the EAEC.

Own resources

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation introducing a temporary derogation from Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2891/77 implementing the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Communities' own resources.

Since the shortfall in traditional own resources in 1987 cannot be offset by own resources accruing from VAT, this Regulation makes provision for the refunds in respect of own resources established in June, July, August, September and October 1987 up to a limit of 400 MECU, to be made at the beginning of the financial year 1988.

### Agriculture

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

- the Decision on the level of the rates of investment aid provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 to be applied in Greece, Ireland and Italy;
- the Regulation concerning the extension of certain provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 applicable in the pig production sector.

In both cases application of the arrangements currently in force under the aforesaid Regulation on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures is extended until 31 March 1988 (see Press Release 10268/87 Presse 216).

### Fisheries

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

- the Regulation fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, total allowable catches for 1988 and certain conditions under which they may be fished;
- the Regulation amending for the third time Regulation (EEC) No 3094/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources.

(See Press Release 10336/87 (Presse 221), page 5.)

EEC/EFTA relations

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations on the application of Decisions No 2/87 of the EEC-EFTA Joint Committees supplementing and amending Protocol No 3 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation with a view to simplifying the documentation relating to evidence of origin.

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

- opening Community tariff quotas for:
  - = unroasted malt falling within subheading 1107 10 99 of the Combined Nomenclature and originating in and coming from Finland;
  - = table cherries, excluding Morello cherries, falling within code 0809 20 10 or 0809 20 90 of the Combined Nomenclature and originating in Switzerland (1988);
  - = certain oils and fats of marine animals falling within codes ex 1504 20 10, ex 1504 30 19 and ex 1516 10 90 of the Combined Nomenclature and originating in Norway (1988);
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for
  - = frozen peas falling within code 0710 21 00 or ex 0710 29 00 of the Combined Nomenclature and originating in Sweden (1988);
  - = fillets of certain cod and fish of the species *Boreogadus saïda* falling within code 0305 30 19 of the Combined Nomenclature and originating in Norway (1988);
  - = certain fishery products originating in Sweden (1988);
  - = certain prepared or preserved fish falling within codes ex 1604 13 90, ex 1604 15 90, ex 1604 19 99 and ex 1604 20 90 of the Combined Nomenclature (1988) and originating in Norway.

Relations with the Mediterranean countries

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

- the Decision on the conclusion of the
  - = Additional Protocols to Association and Co-operation Agreements between the EEC and Cyprus and with Yugoslavia (Economic Protocol);
  - = Financial Protocols to Co-operation Agreements between the EEC and Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia and Yugoslavia;
- the Regulations on the implementation of the Decisions of the EEC-Cyprus, EEC-Israel and EEC-Malta Co-operation Councils again amending Articles 6 and 17 of the Protocol on the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation;
- the Regulations again amending Articles 6 and 17 of the Protocol on the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation in the Co-operation Agreements between the EEC and Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Yugoslavia.

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

- the Regulation fixing conditions for the application of preferential customs duties on imports of certain flowers originating in Cyprus, Israel and Jordan;

- the Regulations and the Decision on the preferential arrangements to be granted to the Mediterranean countries - tariff quotas, ceilings and import arrangements:

Country	Products	Commission proposal	Legal-Linguistic Experts reference
1. <u>Turkey</u>	(a) hazelnuts (b) ceilings for petroleum products (c) GSP measures	10217/87 NT 27 10218/87 NT 28 10219/87 NT 29	10217/1/87 NT 27 REV 1 10218/1/87 NT 28 REV 1 10219/1/87 NT 29 REV 1
2. <u>Malta</u>	(a) textile ceilings (b) GSP measures	10226/87 M 2 10227/87 M 3	10226/1/87 M 2 REV 1 10227/1/87 M 3 REV 1
3. <u>Cyprus</u>	(a) dried grapes (b) - sweet ) peppers ) - sugar beet ) (c) - wine of fresh ) grapes ) - dessert wine ) (d) cut flowers	10135/87 CY 17 10133/87 CY 15 - 10220/87 CY 18 10134/87 CY 16	10135/1/87 CY 17 REV 1 10544/87 CY 20 10545/87 CY 21 10546/87 CY 22 10547/87 CY 23 10134/1/87 CY 16 REV 1
4. <u>Tunisia</u>	(a) sardines (b) apricot pulp	9877/87 TU 28 10138/87 TU 29	9877/1/87 TU 28 REV 1 10138/1/87 TU 29 REV 1
5. <u>Algeria</u>	wine of designated origin	9876/87 AL 19	9876/1/87 AL 19 REV 1
6. <u>Egypt</u>	onions	10221/87 ET 12	10221/1/87 ET 12 REV 1
7. <u>Jordan</u>	cut flowers	9878/87 ISR 11 RHJ 12	10550/87 RHJ 14
8. <u>Yugoslavia</u>	(a) wine of fresh grapes (b) industrial ceilings (c) - tobacco ) - Sljivovica ) (d) ECSC Decision (e) - sweet peppers ) - frozen peas ) - garlic )	10137/87 YU 29 10136/87 YU 28 10222/87 YU 31 10223/87 YU 32 10224/87 YU 33	10137/1/87 YU 29 REV 1 10136/1/87 YU 28 REV 1 10548/87 YU 40 10549/87 YU 41 10223/1/87 YU 32 REV 1 10224/1/87 YU 33 REV 1
9. <u>Israel</u>	apricot pulp	9304/87 ISR 9 (version B, of 10)	9304/1/87 ISR 9 REV 1

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations laying down the arrangements for Spain's and Portugal's trade with Yugoslavia and Israel and amending Regulations (EEC) No 449/86 and No 2573/87.

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decisions laying down the arrangements for Spain's and Portugal's trade with Yugoslavia and Israel as regards products covered by the ECSC Treaty, and amending Decisions 86/69/ECSC and 87/456/ECSC.

The Council approved, on behalf of the Community, the draft Decisions of the EEC-Algeria, EEC-Cyprus, EEC-Egypt, EEC-Israel, EEC-Jordan, EEC-Lebanon, EEC-Malta, EEC-Morocco, EEC-Syria, EEC-Tunisia and EEC-Yugoslavia Co-operation Councils amending, as a consequence of the introduction of the Harmonized System, the Protocol on the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation.

#### Textiles

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision amending Decision 87/60/EEC on the import quotas to be opened by Member States in respect of State-trading countries in 1987.

#### Trade relations

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation on export arrangements for certain types of non-ferrous metal waste and scrap.

Social affairs

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Resolution on safety, hygiene and health at work.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty, with respect to the Banco de Fomento Nacional (Portugal).

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INDICATIVE INTERNAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

	<u>MECU</u>
I. <u>R&amp;D Sectors</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>1490</u>
Microelectronics and Peripheral Technologies	475
Information Processing Systems	475
IT Application Technologies	548
II. <u>Staff and Administrative costs</u>	<u>110</u>
Staff costs	64
Administrative costs	38
Total	<u>1600</u>

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<sup>(1)</sup> These figures include approximately 65 MECU for actions in basic research and 80 MECU for accompanying measures related to the three R&D sectors mentioned above.

PRESS RELEASE

10585/87 (Presse 231)

1216th Council meeting

- Industry -

Brussels, 22 December 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 Costas PAPANAYOTOU                      Deputy Minister 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

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Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS

Minister for Economic Affairs

Mr Johnny LAHURE

State Secretary for Economic Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr R.W. DE KORTE

Minister for Economic Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Luis Fernando de MIRO AMARAL

Minister for Industry and Energy

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

Mr Peter M. SCHMIDHUBER

Member

STEEL POLICY

- Extension of the quota system for certain categories of products

The Council gave its assent, in accordance with Article 58 ECSC to the Commissions proposals relating to the extension of the steel quota regime beyond 1 January 1988, as follows:

- with regard to categories I a) and b), the production quota regime will come to an end on 30 June 1988.
- with regard to categories II and III, the production quota regime will continue until 30 June 1988 and should be extended until the end of 1990 if, by 10 June 1988, the Commission has received guaranteed undertakings to reduce production capacity by means of closure by at least 75% of the surplus the Commission deems to exist. In the case of these conditions not being fulfilled for one of these categories, quotas will end for that category on 30 June 1988.
- the Commission will allocate to firms quotas for the second quarter of 1988 some 2% higher than would correspond to a market assessment to prepare for the return to the free market.

The Council notes that there is agreement in the Council to accept a Commission proposal extending the quotas for category I products beyond 30 June 1988 on condition that guaranteed undertakings on reduction of capacity in category I a) by means of closure of at least 7,5 million tons are obtained before 10 June 1988.

The Council notes that the Commission is ready to reconsider its present position on category I products provided the conditions of the Treaty are fulfilled and the commitments set out above are obtained.

Community programme to assist the conversion of steel areas - RESIDER

The Council approved the substance of the RESIDER programme aimed at assisting the conversion of certain declining industrial regions in the Community affected by the restructuring of the steel industry; the programme will be formally adopted as soon as the amendments adopted by the Council at this meeting have been incorporated.

Concurrently with the social measures, action under the RESIDER programme should accompany the efforts to restructure the steel industry by contributing to the development of new economic activities. The measures provided for in this programme are focussed on the development of the indigenous potential of the regions and zones concerned. It involves a series of measures combining improvements in infrastructure and the physical and social environment of the areas and the growth of small and medium-sized undertakings (SMU), particularly by means of business advisory services, improvements in management, development of common services, promotion of innovation, access to risk capital, the preparation of sectoral studies and aid to investment.

All or part of the investment aid may be in the form of a capital grant.

The programme involves areas which meet the following criteria:

- (a) minimum number of jobs in the steel industry: about 3 500;
- (b) industrial employment dependent in large measure on the steel industry - in principle equal to or higher than 10%;

- (c) major job losses in the steel sector - of the order of 1 500;
- (d) socio-economic situation in the region in which the area concerned is located characterized by particularly marked employment difficulties.

The programme will apply, subject to a decision by the Commission, to areas which satisfy the abovementioned criteria and in which the restructuring of the steel industry carried out within the framework of the Community's general objectives for steel between 1 January 1986 and the end of 1989 entails major job losses in the steel sector.

The programme is financed jointly by the Member State and the Community. Assistance from the Fund, which may not as a rule exceed 55% of the total public expenditure taken into account in the programme, will be provided from the appropriations entered for this purpose in the general budget of the European Communities.

#### Social aspects

The Council has asked the Commission to spend an extra 50 million ECU on social aid in 1988 and is working on the assumption that the funds intended for the 1988 payments will be taken from ECSC reserves. The Council is prepared to re-examine the funding of social measures in future years in the light of requirements and bearing in mind the possibility of a transfer of ECSC customs duties to the Community.

## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Other decisions in the steel sector

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decisions:

- on certain measures to be applied, in respect of State-trading countries, to trade in iron and steel products covered by the ECSC Treaty;
- determining the conditions under which certain ECSC products are eligible upon importation for a favourable tariff arrangement by reason of their end-use.

### Problems relating to radioactivity

In line with the political approach developed at the meeting of the General Affairs Council on 14 December 1987, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations:

- on the conditions governing imports of agricultural products originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station (this Regulation will enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal).
- laying down maximum permitted levels for radioactive contamination of foodstuffs and feedingstuffs following a nuclear accident or in the event of any other radiological emergency.

(See Press Release 10335/87 Presse 220, 14.12.1987)

Customs union

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

- concerning the basic duties to be adopted in the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985 for the purpose of calculating the successive reductions provided for in the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal further to the entry into force of the Combined Nomenclature;
- opening and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for sweet, clear-fleshed cherries, marinated in alcohol, falling within code ex 2008 60 39 of the Combined Nomenclature and intended for the manufacture of chocolate products (1988);
- opening and providing for the administration of a tariff quota for a certain quality of polyether falling within codes ex 3907 20 19 and ex 3907 20 90 of the Combined Nomenclature;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for:
  - = certain hand-made products (1988)
  - = raw silk (not thrown), falling within code 5002 00 00 of the Combined Nomenclature

- = yarn, entirely of silk, not put up for retail sale, falling within codes ex 5004 00 10 and ex 5004 00 90 of the Combined Nomenclature
- = yarn spun entirely from waste silk other than noil, not put up for retail sale, falling within codes ex 5005 00 10 and ex 5005 00 90 of the Combined Nomenclature
- = coffee, unroasted and not freed of caffeine, and cocoa beans, whole or broken, falling within codes 0901 11 00 and 1801 00 00 of the Combined Nomenclature (1988)
- = ferro-chromium containing by weight more than 6% of carbon and falling within code 7202 41 90 of the Combined Nomenclature
- = ferro-phosphorus falling within code ex 7202 99 19 of the Combined Nomenclature
- = a certain form of polyvinylpyrrolidone falling within code ex 3905 90 00 of the Combined Nomenclature
- = certain grades of magnesium falling within code ex 8104 11 00 of the Combined Nomenclature
- = certain flat-rolled products falling within code ex 7226 10 91 of the Combined Nomenclature
- = newsprint falling within code 4801 00 10 of the Combined Nomenclature (1988) and extending this quota to include certain other types of paper

- = rosin falling within code ex 3806 10 90 of the Combined Nomenclature (1988)
- = certain types of manufactured tobacco processed in the Canary Islands (1988)
- = certain petroleum products refined in Spain, falling within chapter 27 of the Combined Nomenclature (1988)
- = certain woven fabrics of cotton originating in Spain (1988)
- = certain cod and fish of the species *Boreogadus saida*, dried, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces (1988)
- = boysenberries, preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar, intended for any form of processing, except for the manufacture of jam entirely from boysenberries, falling within code ex 0811 90 90 of the Combined Nomenclature (1988)
- = importation into Spain of certain fisheries products originating in the Canary Islands or Ceuta and Melilla (1988)
- = certain fisheries products originating in the Canary Islands (1988)
- = certain kinds of prepared and preserved fish from Portugal (1988).

Agriculture

The Council took note of the 1984/1986 triennial Commission report to the European Parliament and to the Council adopting joint research programmes and programmes for co-ordinating agricultural research.

The Council took note of the twelfth Commission communication to the Council concerning the programme for the utilization of co-responsibility levy funds in the milk sector for the 1988/1989 milk year.

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

- amending Regulation No 1981/82 drawing up the list of Community regions in which production aid for hops is granted only to recognized producer groups. In this case the region "Belgium" is added to the list. This rule will apply as from the 1987 harvest.
- amending for the tenth time Regulation No 351/79 concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector.
- amending Regulation No 3034/80 fixing the quantities of basic products considered to have been used in the manufacture of goods covered by Regulation No 3033/80. The aim of this amendment is to make the necessary changes to the codes and definitions of the harmonized system (Combined Nomenclature). These amendments will enable the variable components and the "monetary" and "accession" compensatory amounts to be calculated accurately.

- extending (until 31 December 1988 for Spain and until 31 December 1990 for Portugal) the period provided for in Articles 90(1) and 257(1) of the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal. This Regulation will enable the transitional measures taken under the above Articles to be maintained so as to avoid specific problems which have occurred or might occur during the process of integration of these two countries.
- fixing, for 1987, the quota applicable for imports into Portugal of certain wines from the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985.
- extending Regulation No 3310/75 on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

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

- No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products;
- No 805/68 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal;
- No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables;

- No 2759/75 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat and No 2766 establishing the list of products for which sluice-gate prices are to be fixed and laying down the rules for fixing the sluice-gate prices for pig carcasses;
- No 2777/75 on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat;
- No 1837/80 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat;
- No 426/86 on the common organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables;
- No 827/68 on the common organization of the market in certain products listed in Annex II to the Treaty.

These exclusively technical amendments proved to be necessary so as to avoid classification problems when the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System is introduced.

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for:
  - = grapes originating in Spain (1988)
  - = dried figs originating in Spain (1988)

- fixing, for 1988, the quotas applicable for imports into Portugal of:

= eggs and poultrymeat from the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985

= pigmeat from the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985

= oil cake from third countries.

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

- new potatoes,
- fresh flowers,
- certain live plants,
- tomatoes, cucumbers and aubergines,
- beans of the Phaseolus species, onions and sweet peppers,

originating in the Canary Islands (1988).

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### Relations with Morocco

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations on Community tariff quotas for Morocco concerning:

- apricot pulp
- sardines

### Economic and financial affairs

Following the approval of the substance during the Ecofin Council meeting on 7 December 1987, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision adopting the annual report on the economic situation in the Community and establishing economic policy guidelines for 1988.

### Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the grant of financial support to transport infrastructure projects. This Regulation provides that within the limits of the budget appropriations remaining from the 1986 budget and those available under the 1987 budget, i.e. 53 MECU in all, the Community will provide financial support for transport infrastructure projects by contributing to the cost of the following projects:

- studies preparatory to construction work
- projects on major transit routes including those to assist transit through non-member countries

- links to the Iberian Peninsula
- integration of peripheral regions.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Fourth Directive on summertime arrangements (see press release 10182/87 Presse 208, 7.12.1987).

#### Social Affairs

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting in the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution extending the application of the Resolution of 21 December 1981 concerning the social integration of handicapped persons until a decision is taken on the proposals submitted by the Commission within the framework of its communication on a second Community action programme for disabled people.

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