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The Council

PRESS RELEASE

The Association Council held its second meeting on Wednesday 7 April 1965 at the Palais des Congrès, Brussels, and with Mr. KFNADIT Ahmed Yussuf, Minister of National Education of the Republic of Somalia, who was also the A.A.M.S. Spokesman, in the Chair. The list of Heads of Delegations is given in Annex I.

The E.E.C. Spokesman was Mr. Raymond TRIBOULET, French Minister of Co-ordination and President in Office of the E.E.C. Council.

The Association Council began its work by taking cognisance of the Association Committee's activity report covering the period from 9 July 1964 to 2 April 1965. This report recalls the questions which, during that period, were the subject of an examination or of a decision by the Association Committee. These questions concern trade, institutional problems, actions undertaken by common agreement by the Contracting Parties and exchanges of information within the Committee on requests for association presented to the Community by certain African States with an economic structure and a production comparable with those of the Associated States.

The Association Council then dealt with the following questions:

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE E.E.C AND NIGERIA

With regard to Nigeria's request to the E.E.C. for association, the Association Council, on the basis of a note from the Community giving details on the present negotiations, proceeded with the consultations provided for in Article 58 (2) of the Convention.

After declaring themselves in favour of the principle of this association, the Associated States addressed a number of observations and remarks to the Community.

At the end of the exchange of views, the Council agreed to entrust the Association Committee with further consultations.

DEFINITION OF THE CONCEPT OF "GOODS ORIGINATING IN ..."

The Association Council examined the draft decision relating to the definition of the concept of "goods originating in ...", on the basis of preliminary work carried out by the Association Committee.

The Association Council noted that there was agreement on almost all the products under discussion.

With regard to those few products in respect of which no agreement could be reached this day, the Council invited the Association Committee to continue its work on the subject with a view to seeking a solution. It was also agreed that if no agreement were reached within the Committee before 15 July next, the Association Council would meet in extraordinary session in order to resume the examination of this question.

In addition, the Association Council invited the Commission to initiate practical measures for the putting into force of the decision in respect of those products on which agreement had already been reached, so that when an agreement on those questions remaining open had been reached, the Decision as a whole could to be applied in the shortest possible time.

THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association Council took note of the Resolution adopted on 11 December 1964 by the Parliamentary Conference of the Association at Dakar.

In addition, it examined certain problems concerning the relations between the Parliamentary Conference and the Association Council.

Finally, the Association Council decided to delegate its powers to the Association Committee for the adoption of the first annual activity report of the Council to the Parliamentary Conference of the Association.

ANNEX VIII TO THE FINAL ACT

A memorandum from the A.A.M.S. to the E.E.C. on Annex VIII to the Final Act of the Yaoundé Convention was referred to the Association Council. In this connection, several A.A.M.S. Representatives stressed the fundamental importance which the increase in the consumption and the sale of their products represents for the economy of each one of their countries. They also underlined the urgent need to draw up concrete measures with a view to encouraging the attainment of these objectives.

The community's Spokesman pointed out that this memorandum had only recently been presented and that, therefore, the Community was not in a position to make known its reactions during the present Council meeting. He stated, however, that this memorandum would be the subject of an examination within the Community, taking into account in particular the proposals which the E.E.C. Commission intended presenting in this matter.

The Council ended by instructing the Association Committee to carry out a study of these problems.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE E.E.C. AND THE EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES

The Association Council was given information by Mr. ROCHEREAU, a Member of the E.E.C. Commission, on the negotiations between the Community and the East African countries, the first stage of which took place from 1 to 8 March last.

SIMILAR AND COMPETITIVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

As regards the taking into account by the Community of the interests of the A.A.M.S. concerning certain products similar to, and competitive with, European products, in particular vegetable oils and fats and sugar, the Association Council took note of the observations expressed by the various A.A.M.S. delegations.

The Community's Spokesman made a point of recognising the importance of these problems for the economy of the countries concerned.

COURT OF ARBITRATION

The Association Council decided to appoint Mr. Charles Léon HAMMES, President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, as President of the Association's Court of Arbitration. The Council designated Mr. A.M. DONNER, member of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, as alternate member of the Court of Arbitration.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Association Council completed its Rules of Procedure by adopting, on the basis of an agreement reached within the Association Committee, the two Articles which remained in abeyance at the last meeting.

Thus, the following questions were settled:

- place of meetings :

the Association Council will meet at the usual meeting place of the E.E.C. Council, or in a city of an Associated State, should this be decided at the previous meeting

- the organisation of the Secretariat of the Association Council:

a Joint Secretariat is set up, the two Secretaries of which are appointed by the A.A.M.S. and the Community after mutual consultations.

Following this agreement, the Associated States and the Community proposed the following candidates:

Mr. Seydou N'djim SYLLA, graduate of the Institute of Social Sciences of the Paris University, Principal Private Secretary to the Minister of State responsible for Economic Planning of the Republic of Mali.

Mr. Robert SCHEIBER, Doctor of Laws, Councillor, Head of the Department of Relations with the A.A.M.S., official of the General Secretariat of the Councils of the European Communities

Both candidates took part in all the negotiations in connection with the Yaoundé Convention.

The appointment of the Secretaries will take place only after the above-mentioned consultations.

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The Association Council will hold its next meeting at Tananarive (Madagascar) at the beginning of 1966.

Les Etats africains et malgache associés étaient représentés
par :

en ce qui concerne :

Le Royaume du BURUNDI

M. BARUSASIYEKO
Ambassadeur, Représentant du
Royaume du Burundi auprès de
la CEE

La République du CAMEROUN

M. TCHOUNGUÏ
Ministre de l'Education Natio-
nale

La République CENTRAFRICAINE

M. GUERILLOT
Ambassadeur, Représentant de la
République Centrafricaine auprès
de la CEE

La République du CONGO
(Brazzaville)

M. BABACKAS
Ministre des Finances, du Budget
et du Plan

La République du CONGO
(Léopoldville)

M. MBEKA
Ambassadeur, Représentant de la
République du Congo (Léopoldville)
auprès de la CEE

La République de COTE D'IVOIRE

M. AOUSSOU
Ambassadeur, Représentant de la
République de Côte d'Ivoire
auprès de la CEE

La République du DAHOMEY

M. POISSON
Ambassadeur, Représentant de la
République du Dahomey auprès de
la CEE

La République du GABON

M. ANGUILE
Ministre d'Etat

La République de HAUTE-VOLTA

M. BRESSON
Ambassadeur, Représentant de la
République de Haute-Volta auprès
de la CEE

La République de MADAGASCAR

M. RAZAFINDRABE
Ambassadeur, Représentant de la
République malgache auprès de
la CEE

La République du MALI

M. KONE
Ministre d'Etat

La République Islamique de
MAURITANIE

M. TOURE
Ambassadeur, Représentant de la
République Islamique de Mauri-
tanie auprès de la CEE

La République du NIGER

M. BARCOUGNE
Ministre des Finances et des
Affaires Economiques

La République du RWANDA

M. HARELIMANA
Ministre de l'Economie

La République du SENEGAL

M. CABOU
Ministre du Commerce, de l'In-
dustrie et de l'Artisanat

La République de SOMALIE

M. KENADIT
Ministre de l'Education Nationale

La République du TCHAD

M. LAMANA
Ministre de l'Economie et des
Transports

La République du TCGO

M. APEDO-AMAH
Ministre des Affaires Etrangères

Les Etats membres de la C.E.E. étaient représentés par :

BELGIQUE

M. Henri FAYAT
Ministre, Adjoint aux Affaires
Etrangères

ALLEMAGNE

M. Rolf LAHR
Secrétaire d'Etat

M. Fritz NEEF
Secrétaire d'Etat

FRANCE

M. Raymond TRIBOULET
Ministre de la Coopération

ITALIE

M. Amintore FANFANI
Ministre des Affaires Etran-
gères

LUXEMBOURG

M. Albert BORSCHETTE
Ambassadeur, Représentant Perma-
nent du Luxembourg auprès de la
CEE

PAYS-BAS

M. L. DE BLOCK
Secrétaire d'Etat

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La Commission de la CEE était représentée par :

M. ROCHEREAU	Membre
M. HENDUS	Directeur Général

Le Secrétariat Général du Conseil de la CEE était représenté par :

M. CALMES	Secrétaire Général
M. DE SCHACHT	Directeur Général
M. MEGRET	Directeur Général - Jurisconsulte

Le Secrétariat du Comité Intérimaire était représenté par :

M. SCHEIBER	Conseiller, Chef de service au Secrétariat Général du Conseil de la CEE
M. NIOUPIN	Conseiller à l'Ambassade de Côte d'Ivoire

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name : S C H E I B E R
Forename : Robert
Date and place of birth : 18 December 1923, Sarreguemines (Moselle)
Nationality : French

Higher Education : Doctor of Laws
Degree in Political Economy
Degree in Roman Law and Legal History

Professional Career :
1947 - 1950 : Professional journalist
1951 - 1952 : Official of the Council of Europe
(Press and Information Department)
1953 : Director at the Special Council of
Ministers of the E.C.S.C.

1958 : Councillor, Departmental Head
 at the Secretariat of the
 Councils of the European
 Communities
 (Relations with the European
 Parliament)

1961 : Councillor, Head of the
 Department of Relations
 with the Associated African
 and Malagasy States

- European Secretary of the
 Association's Interim
 Committee (since 19 November
 1963)
- Provisional European
 Secretary of the Association
 Council (since 8 July 1964)

Mr. SCHEIBER took part in all the negotiations in
 connection with the Yaoundé Convention.

Decorations :

- Officier de l'Ordre de la
 Valeur du Cameroun
- Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite
 Centrafricain

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name : Mr. SEYDOU N'DJIM SYLLA
 Date of birth : 1934

Professional career

1955 - 1957 : Director of Social Affairs for
 the Upper Volta
 1958 - 1960 : Director of the Civil Service of
 the Republic of Mali
 1960 - 1963 : Principal Private Secretary at the
 Ministry of Rural Economy and
 Economic Planning of the Republic
 of Mali
 1963 : Principal Private Secretary to the
 Minister of State responsible for
 Economic Planning

Mr. SYLLA took part in all the negotiations in connection
 with the Yaoundé Convention
 represented his country at several international
 conferences and, in particular, at U.N.O. meetings
 of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa.