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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

4276/83 (Presse 8)

819th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 17 and 18 January 1983

President: Mr Josef ERTL,
Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture
and Forestry of the Federal
Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and
Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Calogero MANNINO
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Ernest MUHLEN
Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Lakes, Rivers and
Forests

Netherlands:

Mr G. BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSAGER - Member

FIXING OF PRICES FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND RELATED MEASURES FOR THE MARKETING YEAR 1983/1984

The Council held an initial exchange of views on the Commission proposals on the fixing of agricultural prices for the marketing year 1983/1984. The discussion enabled delegations to give their initial reactions, on both policy and technical aspects.

The Council will continue its discussions at its meeting on 7 and 8 February, on the understanding that in the meantime the Special Committee on Agriculture will make a detailed examination of the specific issues raised by the various sectors concerned, in the light of the main guidelines worked out at this meeting, and will report to the Council.

ADJUSTMENT OF THE "ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE" FOR MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS (OLIVE OIL - FRUIT AND VEGETABLES)

The Council, acting on the instructions from the European Council, held in Copenhagen on 3 and 4 December 1982, to complete urgently and before March 1983 the revision of existing rules for certain Mediterranean agricultural products on the basis of Commission proposals, with a view to the enlargement of the Community, continued examining the various problems arising in the two sectors concerned.

At the close of its discussion the Council directed the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine in more detail the important problems still outstanding in connection with this dossier with the aim of clarifying all the factors which would enable it to expedite its discussions and to present an interim report at its meeting on 7 and 8 February, with a view to achieving or opening the way for solutions at its meeting on 8 and 9 March 1983.

VETERINARY SECTOR

On the basis of a report from the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council resumed its examination of three proposals for Directives relating to health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat, the importation of animals and fresh meat from third countries, and problems concerning the personnel responsible for carrying out health inspections.

At the end of its discussions, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to press ahead with its discussions on the last remaining problems in the area and to report back to it at its meeting on 7 and 8 February with a view to reaching a decision.

LAYING DOWN OF MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LAYING HENS
KEPT IN BATTERY CAGES

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on this matter on the basis of a compromise proposal from the Presidency and to report back to it at a forthcoming meeting on agricultural questions.

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER IMPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Council adopted a Regulation fixing at 7,250 tonnes the quantity of New Zealand butter which the United Kingdom is authorized to import under special conditions during February 1983.

VARIOUS STATEMENTS

The Council heard statements on the following questions:

- Commission briefing on its talks in Washington with United States representatives;
- Communication by the Greek delegation on the various reasons behind the devaluation of the drachma and the Greek Government's hope for an early readjustment of the green parity;
- Special measures for peas and field beans used in animal feeding-stuffs (differential amounts) (United Kingdom delegation);
- Extension (by two months) of the date for submitting preventive distillation contracts for wine (French delegation);
- Extension measures for grubbing-up vines in the Charentes (French delegation);
- Briefing by the Danish delegation on the foot-and-mouth outbreak in Funen and measures taken to control it.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the following Regulations extending until 31 December 1983:

- Regulation (EEC) No 3437/82 amending Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture;
- Regulation (EEC) No 652/79 on the impact of the European monetary system on the common agricultural policy;
- Regulation (EEC) No 3439/82 amending Regulation (EEC) No 947/71 on certain measures of conjunctural policy to be taken in agriculture following the temporary widening of the margins of fluctuation for the currencies of certain Member States;
- the period laid down in Article 73(1) of the 1979 Act of Accession (transition from the existing system in Greece to that consequent on the application of the common organization of the markets).

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on certain chemical fertilizers originating in the United States of America;
- the Decision terminating the anti-dumping procedure concerning imports of codeine and its salts originating in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia.

Relations with Portugal

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic regarding prepared or preserved tomatoes falling within subheading 20.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff.

Energy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending to 31 December 1985 Regulations (EEC) No 1893/79 and (EEC) No 2592/79 introducing registration for crude oil imports into the Communities.

ECSC

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

- AA. Brothers Ltd., United Kingdom
- Deutsche Bank AG, Zentrale Düsseldorf, Germany
- Barr & Stroud Ltd., United Kingdom.

Appointment

Acting on a proposal from the German Government, the Council named Dr Helmut KAUPPER, Head of Section at the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Security, as a member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers to replace Dr Winfried HAASE, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 20 September 1984.

PRESS RELEASE

4440/83 (Presse 12)

820th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 24 and 25 January 1983

President: Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER,
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

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

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Otto MØLLER State Secretary, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

GREECE:

Mr Grigoris VARFIS State Secretary for Economic
Co-ordination responsible for
relations with the EEC

FRANCE:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON Minister for External Relations
Mr André CHANDERNAGOR Minister responsible for European
Affairs to the Minister for
External Relations

IRELAND:

Mr Peter BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jim O'KEEFE Minister of State at the Department
of Foreign Affairs
Mr Frank CLUSKEY Minister for Commerce, Trade and
Tourism

ITALY:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mario FIORET State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCHE

Vice-President of the Government
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN

Minister for External Trade

United Kingdom:

Mr Francis PYM

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Douglas HURD

Minister of State,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Vice-President

Mr F.J.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Member

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Member

Mr Edgard PISANI

Member

Mr Richard BURKE

Member

BUDGET PROBLEMS

The Council held a policy discussion on the new Commission proposals concerning the solution of the United Kingdom budget problem for 1982 - namely preliminary draft Supplementary and Amending Budget No 1 to the General Budget of the European Communities for 1983 and the proposals for Regulations concerning supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom and specific measures of Community interest relating to the energy strategy.

The Council declared that it shared the objective of a Community solution to the budgetary problems set out by the Commission in its declaration ⁽¹⁾ and hoped that the necessary decisions will be taken as soon as possible by the competent Institutions of the Community.

Preliminary draft Supplementary and Amending Budget No 1 for 1983 will be examined at the meeting of the Council (Budget) on Wednesday 26 January in the light of today's Council discussions.

⁽¹⁾ contained in the explanatory memorandum to preliminary draft Supplementary and Amending Budget No 1

UNIFORM ELECTORAL PROCEDURE

The Council took stock of the progress made on the draft Act concerning a uniform electoral procedure for the European Parliament.

The Council noted that the establishment of such a uniform procedure was still causing substantial problems.

During the meeting with the Enlarged Bureau of the European Parliament, the President of the Council informed the parliamentarians of the progress of the discussions. It was agreed that talks would take place on this subject with the European Parliament before the Council drew the conclusions from its discussions.

In any event the Council agreed to resume its proceedings at its February meeting with a view to evolving in particular a solution which would make it possible for all nationals of the Member States residing in the Community to participate in the 1984 elections.

MEETING WITH THE ENLARGED BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Council prepared the meeting with the Enlarged Bureau of the European Parliament (¹), which was held on Monday evening, 24 January, and at which the following topics were discussed:

- institutional questions, in particular the parliamentary aspects of the Germano/Italian initiative. In this connection it was agreed that the President of the Council and the President of the European Parliament would hold talks with a view to defining the framework for subsequent discussions of these questions; the Council would be asked to state its position on the outcome of these talks;
- the uniform electoral procedure (see preceding item).

The President of the Council also informed the parliamentarians of the Council's discussions on the budget problems.

(¹) See attached list of participants.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

The Council examined the principal problems - and in particular the amount estimated to be necessary - raised by the Commission proposals on the granting of financial support for:

- demonstration projects relating to the exploitation of alternative energy sources, energy saving and the substitution of hydrocarbons;
- pilot industrial projects and demonstration projects relating to the liquefaction and the gasification of solid fuels.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to press ahead with its proceedings in the light of today's discussions, to enable the Council to act on these proposals at its February meeting.

GREENLAND

Following a statement by the Danish Minister, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine Denmark's proposal on the status of Greenland as soon as the Commission's opinion, which was due in the near future, had been received with a view to preparing a preliminary Council policy discussion at its February meeting.

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council prepared the 11th meeting at ministerial level of the Conference for the Accession of Portugal to the European Communities, which was held on the occasion of the present Council meeting on Tuesday morning, 25 January. The Portuguese delegation was led by Mr Joào SALGUEIRO, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Planning.

SPANISH ACCESSION

The Council continued its discussions on the definition of the Community's position in connection with the negotiations for the accession of Spain to the European Communities.

1970 EEC-SPAIN AGREEMENT

The Council heard a Commission report on the talks which the Commission had had with the Spanish authorities concerning the application of the 1970 EEC-Spain Agreement. The Council will return to this subject at its February meeting.

RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

The Council took note of an interim report by Mr HAFERKAMP, Vice-President of the Commission, on developments which had taken place in relations with Japan since the Council's discussions in December. The Council confirmed its intention of having substantive discussions on this question at its February meeting.

SOUND REPRODUCERS

The Council had an exchange of views on the recommendation for a Council Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations and consultations under the GATT concerning the amendment of the tariff concession on sound reproducers.

The Council instructed the permanent Representatives Committee to resume the examination of this question without delay.

HUNGER IN THE WORLD

Following a statement by Mr COLOMBO concerning a further ministerial meeting in Rome in connection with the fight against hunger in the world, and a contribution from Mr PISANI, Commissioner, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare the Council's discussions on this important matter.

STEEL

Internal aspects: Strengthening of the current system of crisis measures

The Council recorded its agreement on the extension of Annex I of the ECSC Treaty to cold-rolled plate.

It also reached agreement in principle on the Commission Recommendation to the Member States concerning the requirement for steel dealers to declare the quantities of steel products received and delivered. The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to draw up the detailed arrangements for these dealer statistics.

External aspects: relations with the United States

In view of the procedures initiated in the United States concerning certain Community exports of special steels, the Council noted the Commission's intention of sounding out the United States authorities on this matter.

The Council asked the Commission to keep it informed through the Permanent Representatives Committee of developments in this matter.

RELATIONS WITH CANADA

The Council heard a statement from the Italian delegation concerning certain trade measures taken by the Canadian Government. It expressed its concern at this information and asked the Commission to examine the points raised by Italy.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

Following a statement by the French delegation concerning the recent sales of United States cereals to Egypt, the Council asked the Commission to examine this question with a view to safeguarding Community interests in this area.

GREEK MEASURES

After hearing a Commission report on this matter the Council invited the Commission to keep it informed of the progress of the talks with the Greek authorities and of the decisions which it would be taking in this connection.

PREPARATION FOR UNCTAD VI

After reviewing the situation of the North/South dialogue at the beginning of 1983, the Council

- reiterated the Community's interest in the principle of global North/South negotiations and hoped that it would be possible, during the current consultations in the United Nations, to reach an agreement which would enable the General Assembly of the United Nations effectively to commence these negotiations,
- underlined the special political importance of UNCTAD VI as a major event in the North/South dialogue during 1983,
- emphasized the necessity of adequate Community preparation for the Conference in order to enable the Community, on the basis of a joint position, to play as constructive a role as possible in the preparatory work and at the Conference itself,
- instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to report back to it in time to enable it to have a thorough discussion of preparations for UNCTAD VI.

LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS

M. DANKERT,	Président
M. PFLIMLIN,	Vice-Président
Lady ELLES,	"
MM. ESTGEN	"
VANDEWIELE	"
M. FRIEDRICH B.	"
CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI,	"
MØLLER,	"
NIKOLAOU Konst.,	"
Mme DE MARCH	"
M. GLINNE,	Président du Groupe socialiste
M. BARBI,	Président du Groupe du parti populaire européen
Sir Henry PLUMB,	Président du Groupe des démocrates européens
M. FANTI,	Président du Groupe communiste et apparentés,
M. BANGEMANN,	Président du Groupe libéral et démocratique,
M. de la MALENE,	Président du Groupe des démocrates européens de Progrès,
M. SKOVMAND,	Président ff. du Groupe de Coordination technique et de Défense des groupes et des parlementaires indépendants
M. ROMUALDI	délégué par les Membres non inscrits
M. RUMOR,	Président de la commission politique
M. d'ORMESSON,	Président de la sous-commission d'application des dispositions institutionnelles des traités de la commission politique
M. BLUMENFELD,	Rapporteur de la commission politique
M. SEITLINGER,	" " "
M. CROUX,	" " "
M. ANTONIOZZI,	" " "
M. HÄNSCH,	" " "
M. VAN MIERT,	" " "

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

EEC-Yugoslavia Co-operation Agreement

At this meeting the Council adopted the Regulation concluding the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia which was signed in Belgrade on 2 April 1980. This Agreement, together with the ECSC Agreement, signed on the same day, will be published in the Official Journal and will enter into force in accordance with Articles 63 and 17 thereof, respectively, on the first day of the second month following notification of the completion of the ratification procedures.

Trade questions

The Council adopted a Regulation aimed at applying quantitative restrictions to imports of certain categories of wood into France. Following a storm on 7 November 1982 in France which caused serious damage to the forests, imports of certain conifer sawn wood from third countries are subject to a quota of 1,750,000 m³ to enable the French timber in question to be disposed of.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision authorizing the automatic renewal or continuance in force of certain friendship, trade and navigation treaties and similar agreements concluded between Member States and non-member countries.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the adaptation of the external trade statistics of the Communities to the Directives concerning the harmonization of procedures for the export of goods and for release of goods for free circulation.

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Environment

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Directive amending Directive 78/176/EEC of 20 February 1978 on waste from the titanium dioxide industry.

Appointments

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the French Government, Mr Robert PELLETIER, Director-General of the Economic Departments of the National French Employers Council (CNPF) for international relations as a member of the Economic and Social Committee in place of Mr Claude EVAÏN, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 20 September 1986.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr L. WOOD as full member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of Sir John BOYD, full member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 16 September 1983.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

4496/83 (Presse 13)

821st Council meeting

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 25 January 1983

President: Mr Josef ERTL,
Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture
and Forestry of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary,
European Affairs and
Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE
Minister for Fisheries
Mr Jørgen HERTOFT
State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS
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Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Louis le PENSEC
Minister for the Sea

Ireland:

Mr Patrick O'TOOLE
Minister for Fisheries
Mr Michael D'ARCY
Minister of State,
Ministry of Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Michele Di GIESI
Minister for Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO
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United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

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Mr George YOUNGER

Secretary of State for Scotland

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr George CONTOGEOGIS

Member

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COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

The Council adopted a series of Regulations implementing a new common fisheries policy. This policy is the result of several years of negotiations. Agreement was finally reached by clarifying in certain respects the set of measures worked out in the discussions last autumn thanks to the combined efforts of the Presidency of the Council and the Commission in order to make it possible for Denmark to join the other Member States in accepting the policy. The essential features of this new policy are as follows:

Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources

This Regulation (supplementing the provisions in Regulation (EEC) No 101/76 ⁽¹⁾) establishes a Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources by guaranteeing balanced fishing. The system provides in particular for measures to restrict fishing activities, rules for using resources, special provisions for coastal fishing and control measures.

These provisions take particular account of the new fishing conditions obtaining following the introduction of 200 nautical mile fishing zones. The Member States have accordingly agreed to maintain until 31 December 1992 the access derogation arrangements defined in the 1972 Act of Accession and to generally extend to 12 nautical miles the 6 nautical mile limit provided for in that Act while taking account of the rights of other Member States defined in the Regulation. If the Council does not decide otherwise, these arrangements will continue to apply for a further 10-year period. Moreover, in one specific fishing zone around the Shetland Islands, the Regulation provides for the introduction of a system of licenses to govern the fishing activity of vessels of more than 26 metres in length between perpendiculars.

⁽¹⁾ See Press release 88/76 (Presse 5).

In order to exploit scientific and technical data making it possible to assess the situation of marine biological resources, and the conditions necessary to ensure the conservation of stocks, the Regulation provides for the setting up at the Commission of an Advisory Scientific and Technical Committee and a Management Committee to ensure close co-operation between the Member States and the Commission.

Total allowable catches for 1982 (TACs), the share of these catches available to the Community and the allocation of this share between the Member States (Quotas)

The Council adopted a Regulation fixing a total allowable catch (TAC) per stock and group of stocks, the share of these catches available to the Community and the allocation of this share between the Member States (quotas), taking account of the commitments entered into with non-member countries. This allocation of available resources between the Member States takes special account of traditional fishing activities, the specific needs of regions which are especially dependent on fishing and related industries and the loss of fishing opportunities in the waters of non-member countries.

The Regulation further lays down provisions for by-catches of certain species.

As for fishing activities in the initial months of 1983 and until a Council Decision on the TACs and quotas for 1983, the Council agreed that such activities would be pursued in accordance with the TACs and quotas established for 1982, taking into account the usual seasonal cycles.

Technical conservation measures

The Council adopted a Regulation defining certain technical conservation measures with particular reference to mesh sizes, levels of by-catches, minimum fish sizes and the restrictions affecting fishing activities in certain zones or periods, and with certain fishing gear. This Regulation is a follow-up to Regulation No 2527/80 which the Council adopted in 1980 ⁽¹⁾ but which subsequently ceased to apply.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release 9911/80 (Presse 128) of 29.IX.80.

Structural policy

The Council adopted a Resolution to adjust capacity and improve productivity in the fisheries sector. The following table contains a summary of the financial estimates in the Resolution:

MEASURE PROPOSED	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (million ECUs)
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1. <u>Directive on adjusting capacity (3 years)</u>	
(a) Temporary withdrawal	44
(b) Permanent withdrawal	32
Sub-total:	<u>76</u>
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2. <u>Regulation on exploratory fishing and joint ventures (3 years)</u>	
(a) Exploratory fishing	11
(b) Joint ventures	7
Sub-total:	<u>18</u>
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3. <u>Regulation on a common measure for restructuring etc. (4 years)</u>	
(a) Construction and modernization of fishing vessels	118
(b) Aquaculture	34
(c) Artificial structures intended for restocking	4
Sub-total:	<u>156</u>
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TOTAL:	250
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It should be noted that at its meeting on 21 December 1982 the Council adopted the Regulation on an interim common measure for restructuring coastal fishing and fish farming for 1982.

Allocation between Member States of the catch quotas allocated in 1983
to the Community under the EEC-Canada fishing agreement

The Council adopted a Regulation allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Canadian waters as follows:

(tonnes)

Species	NAFO Zone	Quotas	Allocations	
Cod	2GH	6,500	Germany	6,000
			France	200
			United Kingdom	300
	2J3KL	9,500	Germany	7,125
			France	1,545
			United Kingdom	830
Squid (Illex)	3 + 4	7,000	Germany	2,600
			Italy	2,000
			France	2,400

External aspects

The Council also adopted the Regulations laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flags of Norway, Sweden and the Faroe Islands. These interim measures will apply until 30 April 1983.

The Council further said it was in favour of concluding the Agreement governing fishing in the Skagerrak and Kattegatt in 1983 between the Community, Norway and Sweden.

The Council also heard an oral report from the Commission on fishing relations with Spain and with Mauritania. The Council requested the Commission to continue its negotiations with these two countries with a view to reaching an agreement as soon as possible. Pending an agreement with Spain, the Council agreed to extend until 31 March 1983 the arrangements in force in 1982 for that country.

Moreover, the Council agreed in principle to the signing of the framework Agreement with Finland, although certain aspects of that Agreement were to be examined subsequently.

Finally, after hearing a Commission statement on the progress of negotiations between the Community and certain third countries in the Caribbean region, the Council requested the Commission to follow up its contacts in that region.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agricultural decisions

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1430/82 in respect of the application of restrictions on the importation of hemp seed;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2766/75 establishing the list of products for which sluice-gate prices are to be fixed and laying down the rules for fixing the sluice-gate price for pig carcasses;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2767/75 laying down general rules for the system of "pilot products and derived products" enabling additional amounts to be fixed for pigmeat.

GATT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on the extension to the least-developed countries of the Agreement on public contracts concluded by the Community.

PRESS RELEASE

4512/83 (Presse 14)

822nd meeting of the Council

- budget -

Brussels, 26 January 1983

President: Mr Hans TIETMEYER,

State Secretary
Federal Ministry of Finance
of the Federal Republic of
Germany

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 Otto MØLLER
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Panayiotis ROUMELIOTIS
State Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Laurent FABIUS
Minister attached to the Minister
for Economic Affairs and Finance
responsible for the Budget

Ireland:

Mr John SWIFT
Deputy Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr M.H.J.Ch. RUTTEN
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr Nicolas RIDLEY
Financial Secretary to
the Treasury

Commission:

Mr Etienne DAVIGNON - Vice-President
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT - Vice-President
Mr F.J.J.J. ANDRIESSEN - Member

MEETING WITH A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DELEGATION

Before entering into discussions on preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/83, the Council held a meeting with a European Parliament delegation led by the President and comprising the following members: Mr LANGE, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr NOTENBOOM, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr Robert JACKSON, Rapporteur on the 1983 budget (Commission), Mrs SCRIVENER, alternate to Mr ROSSI, Mr SABY, Rapporteur on the 1983 budget (other Institutions), Mr ANSQUER, Rapporteur on the 1983 budget (other Institutions) and Mr AIGNER, Chairman of the Budget Control Committee.

This meeting enabled both arms of the budgetary authority to clarify their respective positions on certain aspects of this preliminary draft.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET No 1/83

The Council went on to discuss the preliminary draft submitted by the Commission and wound up the discussions by noting that it was not in a position at this point to take a final decision in the matter.

It decided, therefore, to continue discussions following subsequent consultations with the European Parliament.

AGRICULTURAL DECISION

Following the devaluation of the drachma on 9 January 1983, which resulted in the introduction in Greece of monetary compensatory amounts at a level of -23.3 with effect from 13 January 1983, the Council signified its agreement to a 7% devaluation of the green rate for the drachma (1 ECU = 71.5619 Greek drachmas) with effect from 31 January 1983 in all sectors except the olive oil sector, the new rate for which will be applicable from the beginning of the 1983/1984 marketing year, i.e. from 1 November 1983.

This decision involves increasing agricultural prices expressed in drachmas by 7.527% and will enable the Commission to reduce forthwith the level of the monetary compensatory amounts applicable in Greece.

PRESS RELEASE

4585/83 (Presse 17)

823rd Council meeting

- Internal Market -

Brussels, 1 February 1983

President: Otto Graf LAMBSDORFF,
Federal Minister for Economic Affairs
of the Federal Republic of Germany

Netherlands:

Mr. W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary, Ministry for
Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr. Peter REES

Minister for Trade

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Commission:

Mr. Karl-Heinz NARJES

Member

In accordance with instructions from the European Council, meeting in December 1982, the Council examined the problems of the Community's internal market and the measures to be taken to strengthen that market and to intensify measures aimed at eliminating restrictive trade practices. To that end the Council had before it a Commission communication and certain specific proposals.

The Council concentrated on the priority measures proposed by the Commission for strengthening the internal market, namely:

COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION FOR PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN THIRD COUNTRIES

The Council held a detailed discussion of the problem of access for third-country products to Community certification.

The discussion enabled the Council to work out certain positive guidelines on the basis of which a solution might be sought. It therefore instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on the basis of these guidelines and to draw up a full draft solution for the next Council meeting, scheduled for 1 March.

SIMPLIFICATION OF TRADE FORMALITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

The Council examined three proposals on the simplification of trade formalities within the Community.

Single document

It began by examining a Commission proposal the purpose of which was to replace the administrative documents used for customs and tax purposes in intra-Community trade by a single document. This would constitute a first step towards the objective of making intra-Community movement in goods as simple as movement within a Member State.

The Council concluded its discussions by instructing the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the texts in the light of the discussions held and agreed to return to this question on 1 March on the basis of the Permanent Representatives Committee report with a view to reaching a positive conclusion.

Deferred payment of VAT payable on importation

The Council then heard an interim report on the question of deferred payment of the VAT payable on importation (14th VAT Directive). The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee actively to continue its examination of the Commission proposal in the light of the comments made at this meeting and asked it to report back to the next Council meeting.

Facilitation of formalities and inspections in respect of the carriage of goods between Member States

Finally, the Council heard an interim report on the progress of proceedings on facilitating formalities and inspections in respect of the carriage of goods between Member States. It agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee actively to continue its examination of the Commission proposal and to report back to the Council at the earliest opportunity, if possible at its meeting on 1 March.

PROCEDURE FOR THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION IN THE FIELD OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

The Council examined a proposal for a Directive laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations. This proposal makes provision for prior exchange of information in respect of national standards and technical regulations which are in the course of preparation and the establishment of procedures for the management of this information.

Having worked out positive guidelines, the Council concluded by instructing the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the draft Directive in the light of the Council's discussions and asked it to submit a full draft to the Council meeting on 1 March.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/83

The Council established draft supplementary and amending budget No 1 to the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1983 in accordance with the preliminary draft submitted by the Commission.

Food aid for Bolivia

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision providing for the supply of 10,000 tonnes of cereals to Bolivia and the Regulation on the supply of 423 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder to that same country.

The above aid is granted from the reserves under the 1982 food programme.

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of light sodium carbonate originating in Bulgaria, the German Democratic Republic, Poland, Romania and the Soviet Union.

Export credits

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision extending the period of validity of the Decision of 28 April 1981 on the application of the OECD understanding on export credits for ships.

Historical archives of the European Communities

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation concerning the opening to the public of the historical archives of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community. It gave its assent to a draft general Commission Decision on the historical archives of the European Coal and Steel Community.

These acts will enable the institutions to establish historical archives of the European Communities and open them to the public after expiry of a period of thirty years starting from the date of creation of the document or record. The historical archives will consist of that part of the Community archives which has been selected for permanent preservation, with the exception of limited categories of documents such as those which continue to be classified as secret or confidential.

The Council agreed in principle to the lodging of the originals of its archives with the European University Institute in Florence, following the example of the European Parliament and the Commission; the practical arrangements for the lodging of the archives have still to be settled. A set of microform copies of the historical archives of the institutions is to be made available to each Member State.

The processing and analysis of the historical archives of the European Communities ought not only to be of value to historical research in general but could also assist those involved in actions at Community level and thereby contribute to the attainment of all the Community's objectives.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent pursuant to Article 55 of the ECSC Treaty to a Commission memorandum on the preparation of the first Community research programme on occupational safety in the steel industry.

The Council also gave its assent pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty to a supplementary coal research programme (financial year 1982).

Appointment

Acting on a proposal from the Greek Government, the Council appointed Mrs Aikaterini GRAIKIOTOU, Director at the OAED (body for the employment of labour), a full member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) for the remainder of its term of office, which runs until 19 April 1985.

PRESS RELEASE

4761/83 (Presse 21)

824th meeting of the Council

- Economic and Financial Questions -

Brussels, 7 February 1983

President: Mr Gerhard STOLTENBERG,
Federal Minister for Finance
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Willy de CLERCQ
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN
Minister for Finance

Germany:

Mr Gerhard STOLTENBERG
Federal Minister for Finance

Greece:

Mr Gerasimos ARSENIS
Minister for National Economic
Affairs

Mr Otto SCHLECHT
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary
Federal Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Jacques DELORS
Minister for Economic Affairs
and Finance

Ireland:

Mr Maurice DOYLE
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA
Minister of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING
Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI - Vice President

NCI III

The Council reached a common position on a new decision empowering the Commission to raise loans under the New Community Instrument with a view to promoting investment in the Community (NCI III).

This common position provides for a ceiling of 3 thousand million ECU which will be drawn in several tranches. The latter will be authorized by the Council acting by a qualified majority.

The product of such borrowing will be allocated in the form of loans to the financing of investment projects designed to achieve convergence and increasing integration of the economic policies of the Member States and the strengthening of the competitiveness of the Community economy, inter alia by the dissemination of new technologies and innovations.

These projects must meet the priority objectives of the Community in the sectors of energy and infrastructure and, generally speaking, the financing of investments by SMUs in industry and the other producing sectors taking account, inter alia, of their regional impact and the need to combat unemployment.

This common position will, after finalization of the texts, be notified to the European Parliament under the conciliation procedure.

PREPARATION FOR THE IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING

In preparation for the next meeting of the IMF Interim Committee on 10 and 11 February next, the Council approved the statement to be made to that meeting by the President.

ECONOMIC SITUATION

The Council had an exchange of views on the latest economic developments in the Community.

PRESS RELEASE

4762/83 (Presse 22)

825th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 7 and 8 February 1983

President: Mr Hans-Jurgen ROHR,
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and
Forestry of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and
Agriculture

Germany:

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

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Calogero MANNINO
Minister for Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr G. BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Mr H.J. KRISTENSEN
Permanent Secretary, Agriculture

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Ernest MUHLEN
Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Lakes, Rivers and
Forests

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANNAN-SMITH
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSAGER - Member

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TRIBUTE TO MR GIOVANNI MARCORA

Opening its meeting, the Council paid tribute to the memory of Mr Giovanni MARCORA, former Minister for Agriculture of the Italian Republic, who died on 5 February 1983. The President, on behalf of the Council, and Mr DALSAGER, on behalf of the Commission, expressed their condolences to his bereaved family and to the Italian Government.

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ADJUSTMENT OF THE "ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE" FOR MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS -
(OLIVE OIL - FRUIT AND VEGETABLES)

The Council resumed its discussions on the adjustment of the existing rules for the fruit and vegetable and olive oil sectors in the light of the prospective enlargement of the Community. For that purpose, the Council had before it an interim report from the Special Committee on Agriculture which dealt with the technical side of the different problems or areas for discussion still open in the two Mediterranean product sectors in question.

Taking the fruit and vegetables sector, the Council looked at the problems of the strengthening of producers' organizations, the extension of rules, the serious crisis affecting wholesale markets, the restriction of intervention to products from the current marketing year, and a number of external aspects. Turning then to the olive oil sector, the Council tackled the question of the measures which could be considered for adjusting or supplementing the existing rules, and the financial and budgetary questions arising. It also discussed the specific transitional period to be provided for in the Act of Accession pending full application of the common market organizations.

At the close of the discussion, the Council asked the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue studying, in greater detail, particularly on the basis of the new documents announced by the Commission, the questions that were now better identified but still unresolved, including certain questions outstanding in the wine sector, and to submit a further report to it with a view to agreement being reached on the "acquis communautaire" dossier as a whole at its meeting on 8 and 9 March 1983, to be devoted exclusively to this matter.

FIXING OF THE PRICES FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND RELATED MEASURES

The Council continued its discussions, at the same time going into greater detail, on the agricultural prices for the 1983/1984 marketing year. It first carried out a detailed examination of the questions relating to the milk products, cereals and rice, olive oil, beef, veal and sheepmeat, fresh fruit and vegetables and sugar sectors.

At the end of its discussions the Council asked the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue - in the light of the discussions - its work on all the matters covered by the "prices and related measures" file, with a view to revealing all the points which would enable ways of solving the problems outstanding to be found, and agreed to resume its discussions on the file at its meeting on 14, 15 and 16 March.

IMPORT AND EXPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROCESSED CEREAL AND RICE-BASED PRODUCTS (ACP BRAN)

The Council signified its agreement to a Regulation aimed at affording greater protection to the industry producing certain cereal and rice-based products.

This Regulation will enable the requests of certain ACP States to facilitate imports of bran from their countries to be met, by making it possible to reduce the import charge by 6 ECU/t compared with that levied on imports from other third countries.

UNITED KINGDOM IMPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND BUTTER

The Council adopted a Regulation fixing at 7,250 tonnes the quantity of New Zealand butter which the United Kingdom is authorized to import on special conditions during March 1983.

STABILIZATION OF WORLD AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

The Council heard a statement by the Commission on the talks in progress with the United States authorities, on the major United States wheat-flour transactions and exports, and on other such operations which the United States was planning in the milk sector.

Following a detailed discussion during which delegations expressed their deep concern at these measures, the Council asked the Commission to continue its talks at both bilateral and multilateral level and to report back to it at its next meeting. Pursuing the same line of thought, the Council emphasized the need to co-ordinate discussions on stabilizing world agricultural markets, particularly within GATT and the OECD.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council heard statements on the following matters:

- Sales of French alcohol in other Member States
(United Kingdom delegation);
- Wine-market situation and measures which that situation demands
(French delegation);
- Community apple market
(Italian delegation);
- Special aid for raw tobacco in regions affected by the earthquake
(Italian delegation).

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Veterinary sector

- Health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat and imports of animals and fresh meat from third countries

The Council adopted two Directives amending the health rules applicable to intra-Community trade in fresh meat and to imports of animals and fresh meat from third countries, the purpose being to update certain technical provisions of the Directives concerned.

The general effect is to standardize the texts governing intra-Community trade and imports from third countries, taking account in particular of experience gained during the course of Community checks carried out in third countries.

More especially as regards intra-Community trade, the Directive lays down the general principles concerning sampling examinations for residues and provides for the introduction of Community inspection of establishments approved for intra-Community trade.

As regards the problems raised by health checks at intra-Community frontiers, provision is made for maintaining the possibility of carrying out non-discriminatory sampling inspections to check that the requirements of the present Directive have been met, until such time as checks at source have been harmonized. This harmonization must take place, on a proposal from the Commission, before effective implementation of the Directive.

The date set for implementation of the measures is 1 January 1985.

Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Directive amending Directive 69/73/EEC on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in respect of inward processing.

Environment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Resolution concerning the combating of water pollution (see press release 11999/82 (Presse 198) of 17/18 December 1982, pp. 10, 11 and 12).

In addition, the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Resolution on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and action programme on the environment (1982/1986) (see press release 11999/82 (Presse 198) of 17/18 December 1982, pp. 6 to 9).

Appointments

Acting on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Lord EZRA, British Iron and Steel Consumers Council, and Mr John WILSON, the Chamber of Coal Traders, members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community in place of Lord MARSH and Mr THOMAS, who have resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 2 December 1984.

Lastly, the Council adopted a Decision appointing Mr Keld BRIXTOFTE (¹) a member of the Court of Auditors in place of Mr Arne K. JOHANSEN, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 17 October 1987 inclusive.

(¹) See curriculum vitae annexed.

Curriculum VitaeKeld Brixtofte

born : 6 May 1922, Herrested.

married : 1945 with Inger Pedersen, two children.

1948 : Graduated in law at the Copenhagen University.

1958 : Called to the bar (Danish Supreme Court).

1949 : Judicial adviser, Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

1954-1958 : Auditor with the International Board of Auditors for NATO, part-time.

1960-1964 : Auditor with the International Board of Auditors for NATO, full time.

1967 : Director, Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

1974 : Assistant Comptroller and Auditor General.

1976-1980 : Member of the Board of Auditors of ECMWF, Reading, UK.

1978-1982 : Member of the Board of Auditors of EMBL, Heidelberg.

1977 : Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General.

PRESS RELEASE

4764/83 (Presse 23)

826th Meeting of the Council

- Research -

Brussels, 8 February 1983

President: Mr Heinz RIESENHUBER,
Federal Minister for Research and
Technology of the
Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Philippe MAYSTADT
Minister for Scientific Policy

Denmark:

Mr Bertel HAARDER
Minister for Education

Germany:

Mr Heinz RIESENHUBER
Federal Minister for Research
and Technology

Greece:

Mr George LIANIS
Minister for Research and
Technology

Mr H-H. HAUNSCHILD
State Secretary, Federal
Ministry for Research and
Technology

France:

Mr Jean-Pierre CHEVENEMENT
Minister of State
Ministry of Research and
Industry

Ireland:

Mr Eddie COLLINS
Minister of State
Ministry of Industry and
Energy

Italy:

Mr Pier Luigi ROMITA
Minister for Scientific
Research

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

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

United Kingdom:

Mr John MacGREGOR
Parliamentary Secretary
of State,
Department of Industry

Mr R.B. NICHOLSON
Government Chief Scientist
in the Cabinet Office

For the Commission:

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON - Vice-President
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES - Member

REVISION OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE JRC - THE SUPER SARA PROJECT

The Council proceeded to a full debate on the JRC and the future of the Super-SARA project. As a result of this the Council:

- confirmed that the JRC should continue to play a central role in the Community's research strategy, and that it should execute work over the period 1984-1987 of common interest on the basis of current resource levels;
- without at this stage reaching unanimity regarding either the continuation of the Super-SARA project or alternative programmes, requested the Commission to prepare detailed proposals for possible alternative activities at the Centre based on the broad lines indicated in the Commission's working document and including measures to improve the mobility of staff;
- agreed that the decision-making processes for the preparation, adoption and implementation of the JRC's programmes should be improved in order to ensure maximum efficiency and stability, and requested the Commission to make proposals on this point;
- agreed to meet again on 10 March 1983 at 10.00 a.m. and to reach definitive conclusions on the principal issues dealt with in its debate on the basis of the documentation already available and the proposals to be submitted by the Commission. The Commission undertook to submit these proposals by the end of February.

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME 1984-1987

The Council held a full policy debate on the 1984-1987 framework programme submitted by the Commission in its communication of 21 December 1982 on a European scientific and technical strategy.

The Council gave a favourable reception to this initiative by the Commission, which is proposing for the first time a strategic framework programme designed to optimize the contribution by the European research and technology towards taking up the socio-economic challenges which the Community has to face.

The debate enabled Council members to comment on all major problems raised by the proposed framework programme. It revealed that the Council shares the Commission's fundamental aim, which is to encourage the Community's research and development efforts as a whole - at both national and Community levels - and to concentrate on achieving common aims to be decided on under an overall strategy.

The Council evolved certain guidelines for future work on the subject with a view to enabling it to take a decision on this first framework programme during the first half of 1983.

FAST II PROGRAMME

The Council held an initial policy debate on the Commission proposal for a second research programme on forecasting and assessment in science and technology 1983-1987 (FAST II).

The debate revealed that Member States considered the experience gained with FAST I programme to be generally positive. It also enabled certain guidelines to be evolved for conduct of the work with a view to the adoption of a decision on FAST II later in the year.

ACID RAIN

Having heard a statement by the German delegation on the problem of the effects of air pollution - acid rain - on forests, the Council took note that the Commission intended to organize a symposium this year in order to take stock of research work in progress at Community level and in the Member States.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Atomic question

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision adopting directives for the negotiation by the Commission with the Government of Canada of appropriate adjustments to the Euratom-Canada Agreement.

PRESS RELEASE

5106/83 (Presse 28)

827th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 21 and 22 February 1983

President: Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER,
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Federal Republic of Germany

and

Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER,
State Secretary, Federal Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of the Federal
Republic of Germany

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

Belgium

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

Denmark

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Otto MØLLER State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece

Mr Grigoris VARFIS State Secretary for Economic Co-ordination responsible for relations with the European Communities

France

Mr Michel JOBERT Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Trade
Mr Claude CHEYSSON Minister for Foreign Relations
Mr André CHANDERNAGOR Minister attached to the Minister for Foreign Relations, responsible for European Affairs

Ireland

Mr Peter BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr James O'KEEFE Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs
Mr Frank CLUSKEY Minister for Trade, Commerce and Tourism

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Italy:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mario FIORET	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCH	Vice-President of the Government, Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Netherlands

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN	Minister for External Trade
Mr W.F. van EEKELEN	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord COCKFIELD	Secretary of State for Trade
Mr Douglas HURD	Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN	President
Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP	Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI	Vice-President
Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON	Vice-President
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT	Vice-President
Mr Poul DALSGER	Member
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES	Member
Mr Richard BURKE	Member

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SPANISH ACCESSION

The Council made preparation for the 14th Ministerial meeting of the Conference for the Accession of Spain to the European Communities, which was held on the occasion of the present Council meeting on the morning of Tuesday 22 February. The Spanish delegation was led by Mr Fernando MORAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1984 ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Council agreed to consult the European Parliament about holding the next elections for members of the European Parliament over the period 17 to 20 May 1984.

On the question of voting rights for nationals resident in the territory of other Member States, the Council introduced the Ministers' representatives, with a view to the 1984 elections, to hold an ad hoc meeting to agree on measures to enable the maximum number of such nationals to take part in the elections:

The President of the Council will contact the European Parliament before the Council adopts a final position; however, the Council agreed to continue work forthwith on a uniform electoral procedure to apply to the 1989 elections.

GREENLAND

In the light of the Commission's opinion of 3 February 1983, the Council held an initial policy debate on the Danish Government's proposal of 19 May 1982.

The members of the Council made their comments on the fundamental problems raised by this proposal, under which Greenland would withdraw from the EEC and come under the arrangements for the association of Overseas Countries and Territories.

The Council agreed to continue its discussion at its March meeting and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to make preparation accordingly. It also indicated that - provided it could obtain Parliament's Opinion on the matter without delay - it intended to reach a conclusion on this issue as soon as possible.

BAN ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN BABY SEAL SKINS

After noting the Commission communication of 15 February 1983 concerning the prohibition of imports into the Community of certain baby seal skins and derived products - drawn up following, inter alia, talks with the Canadian and Norwegian authorities - the Council emphasized the political importance it attached to public concern over the hunting of baby seals.

PREPARATION FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council reviewed the state of preparation of the various subjects to be discussed at the next European Council on 21 and 22 March in Brussels in accordance with the Copenhagen conclusions.

It agreed to finalize preparations for the European Council at its meeting on 14 and 15 March 1983.

FUTURE FINANCING OF THE COMMUNITY

Vice-President TUGENDHAT gave the Council an introduction to the Commission's communication (green paper) of 4 February on the future financing of the Community.

The Council agreed to discuss this matter in depth at its meeting on 14 and 15 March 1983, and directed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare its discussion.

NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT

Following contributions from the French delegation and the Commission, the Council held a short discussion on certain fundamental aspects of a negotiating brief for a new International Sugar Agreement.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to expedite work on the Commission communication on this subject and to report back to it at its meeting in March when it would discuss the matter in depth.

EEC/JAPAN RELATIONS

The Council

- took note of the report presented by the Commission and the progress in relations between the Community and Japan;
- invited the Commission to pursue vigourously the further opening of the Japanese market;
- stressed the need to monitor closely the implementation of the assurances given by the Japanese side;
- agreed with the Commission that industrial co-operation with Japan should be strengthened;
- invited the Commission to evaluate - in collaboration with the Member States - the state of EEC/Japan trade relations by July 1983 and to present to the Council, if necessary, suggestions for possible further action.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

After hearing from the Commission about its talks with the United States on agriculture, the Council expressed concern at recent developments in this field.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

The Council discussed in depth the financial aspects of the proposals for Regulations on the granting of financial support for:

- demonstration projects relating to the exploitation of alternative energy sources, energy saving and the substitution of hydrocarbons;
- pilot industrial projects and demonstration projects relating to the liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels,

which are to replace provisions due to expire shortly.

Noting that the financial aspect was the only outstanding problem on this very important item, the Council agreed to expedite its work in order to reach a conclusion as soon as possible.

RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMAS

The Council discussed the progress of work on the mutual recognition of diplomas by the Member States. The Council emphasized the importance of making progress in this field, which was of direct concern to Community citizens.

STEEL: GUIDE PRICES

The Council noted various points of information provided by Vice-President DAVIGNON on guide prices in the steel sector; it was agreed to hold a thorough-going debate on this matter in due course.

1970 EEC/SPAIN AGREEMENT

In a statement by Vice-President NATALI the Council was told of the fresh talks between the Commission and the Spanish authorities on the application of the 1970 Agreement between the EEC and Spain; the Commission intended to continue these talks in coming weeks.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on trade in coir products.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the Community position to be adopted in discussions on the development of international accounting and reporting standards within the United Nations Organization.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3439/80 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain polyester yarn originating in the United States of America.

In addition the Council approved increases in certain OPT textiles objectives requested by the Benelux delegations.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending, with respect to products falling within subheading 23.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff, Regulation (EEC) No 2744/75 on the import and export system for products processed from cereals and from rice.

It will be remembered that this Regulation is intended in particular to meet the requests from certain ACP States for the facilitation of imports of bran from their countries by making it possible to reduce the import levy by 6 ECU/t compared with the levy on imports from other third countries.

Common fisheries policy

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 180/83 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Islands;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 179/83 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden.

ECSC

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision adding cold-rolled plate in coil and in strips of a thickness of 3 mm or more to the list in Annex I to the ECSC Treaty.

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

- Saar-Auto-Service-Mosolf GmbH, Federal Republic of Germany
- Westdeutsche Genossenschafts-Zentralbank e.G. (WGZ-Bank) Münster, Federal Republic of Germany
- Mediocredito Piemontese, TURIN, Italy

Food aid

Pending introduction of the procedure provided for in the food aid Framework Regulation, the Council extended the validity of the procedure to be followed for emergency food aid in the form of "various products" until 30 April 1983.

Law of the Sea

The Council and the representatives of the Governments of the Member States approved the terms of reference to be given to the Working Party of Senior Officials on the Law of the Sea so that that Working Party could take part in further Community co-ordination and political co-operation on the Convention of the Law of the Sea, particularly in the framework of the Preparatory Commission for the Interantional Sea-bed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea whose first meeting is to begin in Kingston (Jamaica) on 15 March 1983, and prepare for their respective discussions.

Social policy

The Council noted a report on the Commission communication to the Council concerning participation by the Community in the United Nations World Conference in Nairobi (scheduled for 1985) to review and appraise the achievements of the UN Decade for Women, and in preparations for the Conference.

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Appointment

On a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr R. MILLS, of the Department of Health and Social Security, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers to replace Mr W.J. SLOANE, resigning alternate member, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 20 September 1984.

PRESS RELEASE

5159/83 (Presse 29)

PROVISIONAL VERSION

828th meeting of the Council

- Transport -

Brussels, 23 February 1983

President: Mr Werner DOLLINGER,
Federal Minister for Transport
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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 for Posts and
Telecommunications

Denmark:

Mr Arne MELCHIOR
Minister for Public Works

Germany:

Mr Werner DOLLINGER
Federal Minister for Transport

Greece:

Mr Nicholas AKRITIDIS
Minister for Communications

France:

Mr Charles FITERMAN
Minister of State,
Ministry of Transport

Ireland:

Mr D.B. FITZPATRICK
Deputy Director-General
Department of Transport

Italy:

Mr Nicolo GRASSI-BERTAZZI
State Secretary,
Ministry of Transport

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mrs N. SMIT-KROES
Minister for Transport
and Public Works

United Kingdom:

Mr David HOWELL
Secretary of State
Ministry of Transport

Commission:

Mr Georges CONTOGEOGIS
Member

COMMON TRANSPORT POLICY

In the first instance the Council heard a report by the President of the Council on his meeting with the European Parliament Committee on Transport on 25 January 1983.

Then the Council held a policy debate on the basis of the Commission communication entitled "Towards a common transport policy-inland transport."

The Council took note with great interest of the communication of the Commission, which represents a new approach to the problem of transport. In its discussion it took into account the specificity of this sector, which constitutes at the same time an economic activity and a public service. It also noted the historic heritage and geographical constraints which explain the divergent situation in the Member States of the various modes of transport, and notably the different balance as between rail and road transport.

It is awaiting the proposals announced by the Commission as an implementation of this new approach, and invited COREPER to study them and prepare its decision, so that it could make further progress at its next meeting in the development of a transport policy adapted to the present economic and social conditions and needs of the Community.

The Commission indicated that it intended in coming months to produce documents also on sea and air transport, and members of the Council also welcomed this intention.

PRESS RELEASE

5261/83 (Presse 38)

829th meeting of the Council

- Environment -

Brussels, 28 February 1983

President: Mr Friedrich ZIMMERMANN,

Federal Minister for the Interior
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Firmin AERTS
State Secretary for Public Health
and the Environment

Denmark:

Mr Christian CHRISTENSEN
Minister for the Environment and
for Nordic Affairs

Mr Holger LAVESEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Environment

Germany:

Mr Friedrich ZIMMERMANN
Federal Minister for the Interior
Mr Günter HARTKOPF
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of the Interior

Greece:

Mr A. TRITSIS
Minister for Regional Development
and the Environment

France:

Mr Michel CREPEAU
Minister for the Environment

Ireland:

Mr R. QUINN
Minister of State
Department of the Environment

Italy:

Mr Pier Luigi ROMITA
Minister for Scientific Research

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr P. WINSEMIUS
Minister for Housing, Regional
Development and Environment
Protection

United Kingdom:

Mr Giles SHAW
Under-Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(responsible for European Affairs)

Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES
Member

SEAL PUPS

The Council adopted, subject to legal and linguistic finalization, a Directive concerning the importation into Member States of skins of certain seal pups and products derived therefrom. This Directive, based on Article 235 of the Treaty, stipulates that the Member States shall take or maintain all necessary measures to ensure that the skins of the pups of harp and hooded seals (whitecoat and blue-back) and products derived therefrom are not imported into their territory for commercial purposes.

The Council considered that a more detailed study should be made of, inter alia, the scientific aspects and the consequences of the slaughter of harp and hooded seal pups.

Having noted that the hunting of seal pups was, as of that moment, subject to certain restrictions, the Council asked the Commission to continue, in the framework of further talks with the countries concerned, to seek solutions that would render import restrictions superfluous.

The Directive will enter into force on 1 October 1983 and will apply until 1 October 1985, unless the Council decides otherwise, acting by a qualified majority in accordance with Article 148 of the EEC Treaty, on the basis of a report and a proposal to be drawn up by the Commission before 1 September 1983.

Pending the entry into force of the Directive, Member States must take the necessary measures within the meaning of the Directive of 17 December 1982.

The Directive applies only to products not resulting from traditional hunting by the Inuit.

POLLUTION OF THE NORTH SEA

The Council took note of a memorandum submitted by the German delegation on the preparation of an International Conference on the Protection of the North Sea and on Oil Pollution of the North Sea. The council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to study the memorandum and to follow it up in an appropriate way.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Further decision concerning the environment

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision concerning the conclusion of the Protocol on pollution from land-based sources to the 1976 Barcelona Convention on the protection of the Mediterranean. This Protocol was signed in Athens on 17 May 1980.

Commercial policy

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1100/80 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on certain acrylic fibres originating in the United States of America;
- imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on copper sulphate originating in Yugoslavia and definitively collecting the amounts secured by way of provisional duty.

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Regulation No 178/83 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway.