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507th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 3 April 1978

President: Mr Poul DALSGER,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Hervé ROBINET Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER Minister for Agriculture

Mr Svend JAKOBSEN Minister for Fisheries

Mr Jørgen HERTOFT State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Joseph ERTL Federal Minister for Agriculture

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr François SCHEER Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Vito ROSA State Secretary for Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Joseph WEYLAND

Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. van der STEE

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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FISHERIES

The Council discussed a number of matters relating to external aspects of fisheries policy and took note of

- the Commission recommendation on the signing of a fisheries agreement between Norway and the EEC;
- a Commission statement on fishery relations with certain third countries, viz. Yugoslavia, Senegal, Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau, Canada, Spain, Portugal and various Eastern European countries;
- the proposed regulations on the fishing activities of vessels flying the flags of the Faroe Islands, Norway and Sweden in the Community fishing zone in 1978.

The Council agreed to extend the interim arrangements for fishing by the fishing vessels of the Faroe Islands, Norway and Sweden (due to expire on 15 April 1978) until 30 April 1978.

It also agreed to undertake an overall examination of both the internal and external aspects of future fisheries policy at its next meeting on 24 April.

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508th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs/Finance -

Luxembourg, 3 April 1978

President: Mr K.B. ANDERSEN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Henri SIMONET Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr K.B. ANDERSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Niels ERSEBØLL State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Klaus VON DOHNANYI Minister of State,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN State Secretary for Finance

France:

Mr Luc de La BARRE Ambassador,
de NANTEUIL Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Pearse WYSE Minister of State,
Department of Finance

Italy:

Mr Antonio Mario MAZZARINO Deputy State Secretary at the
Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques POOS

Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr Frans ANDRIESSEN

Minister for Finance

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Frank JUDD

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Denzil DAVIES

Minister of State to the
Treasury

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

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OVERALL APPRAISAL OF THE COMMUNITY'S BUDGETARY PROBLEMS

In accordance with the wishes expressed by the European Council in December 1975, the Council made an overall appraisal of the Community's budgetary problems on the basis of a Commission communication, the aim being, without prejudice to the budgetary procedure, to issue political guidelines to the Commission which would apply both to the establishment of the 1979 budget and to medium-term multiannual planning.

The discussion enabled the Member States to state their views on the policies to be followed in the various areas of Community activity, the resulting priorities to be established and the efforts to be made to ensure greater consistency between the major lines of general policy and the way they are reflected in the budget.

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509th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 4 April 1978

President: Mr K.B. ANDERSEN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS

Deputy Minister for Foreign
Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr C.A. van der KLAUW

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr K.H. BEYEN

State Secretary for Economic
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Edmond DELL

Secretary of State for Trade

Mr Frank JUDD

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

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At the beginning of the meeting, the Council conveyed to the Italian Government its sympathy and solidarity in the difficult situation at present facing Italy following the kidnapping of President MORO and the assassination of his bodyguards by terrorists.

GREEK ACCESSION

The Council prepared the common position of the Community for the 6th ministerial session of the Conference with Greece which was held in Luxembourg on 3 April 1978.

It expressed satisfaction at the progress made since the opening of the negotiations proper at the beginning of the year.

PREPARATION FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

In preparation for the proceedings of the European Council on matters falling within the competence of the Community (Copenhagen on 7 and 8 April), the Council finalized the dossiers which are to be used as a basis for the discussions.

EURATOM -- UNITED STATES RELATIONS

The Council held an exchange of views on matters arising in connection with relations between Euratom and the United States.

OIL POLLUTION

Following the disaster which recently struck the coastline of Brittany as a result of the wreck of the oil tanker AMOCO CADIZ, the President of the Council raised the problem of the pollution of the sea and coastlines of the Member States by oil. He called upon the Member States of the Community to act together in an effort to minimize the risk of further disasters of the same type.

The French delegation having in its turn put forward far-reaching suggestions for stepping up measures to combat the pollution of the seas and of the coastlines of the Member States, the Council agreed unanimously to ensure that Community measures would be taken as soon as possible to establish a common position on the steps to be taken at international level.

It took note of the fact that, in the light of the recent tragic events, the Commission would consider the desirability of submitting proposals in addition to those it had already forwarded to the Council in this matter and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to undertake preparatory work as soon as possible, taking particular account of the French communication.

GATT - MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Council considered progress to date in the multilateral trade negotiations. Having evaluated the tariff offers of its principal negotiating partners, the Council agreed that the Commission should make requests to those partners to improve their offers. Should these requests not be met the Council agreed that the Commission might make use of a list of possible withdrawals, to be finalized and used in close consultation with the Member States.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

As part of its preparation for the 33rd session of the Economic Commission for Europe which is to begin in Geneva on 11 April, the Council defined common guidelines for use by the Community delegation attending the session.

IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS

The Council heard an oral report from Mr DAVIGNON, Member of the Commission, on the implementation of the anti-crisis plan decided on by the Council at its meeting on 19 and 20 December 1977.

As regards the external aspects of the plan, the Council reviewed the situation in relation to negotiations with certain steel-supplying third countries; it approved the results of the negotiations with Japan and South Africa and expressed a favourable opinion on the broad outline of the arrangements to be concluded with Spain and Czechoslovakia.

The Council also took note of a Commission communication on the application of certain internal measures and on the restructuring of the Community steel industry.

RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

The Council took note of an oral report from Vice-President HAFERKAMP on the conduct and outcome of the consultations with Japan which were entered into by the Commission as a result of the conclusions reached by the Council on 7 February and resulted in the joint communiqué published in Tokyo on 24 March 1978.

In preparation for the proceedings of the European Council, the Council held an exchange of views in the course of which the delegations were able to make certain comments. It subsequently adopted certain conclusions.

RELATIONS WITH CYPRUS

On the basis of a proposal from the Commission, the Council agreed in principle (subject to formal approval to be given as soon as possible) to the autonomous measures in the agricultural sector to be applied to Cyprus until the Protocols negotiated with it enter into force or until 30 June 1978, whichever is the earlier.

ARRANGEMENT ON GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED EXPORT CREDITS

The Council adopted a decision whereby from 1 April 1978 the Community will apply the guidelines in the Arrangement which was the subject of exploratory talks from October to December 1977 and of negotiations in Paris with the main export credit-giving countries in January and February 1978. It will be remembered that the Council adopted a decision on the position to be adopted by the Community in these negotiations at its meeting on 5 December 1977 (1).

The purpose of this Arrangement is to strengthen discipline in the area of officially supported export credits where the repayment term is over two years. Like the guidelines previously applied by most credit-giving countries, it concerns the fixing of minimum cash payments, maximum repayment terms and minimum interest rates; in addition, it also includes guidelines on local costs.

(1) In addition to the EEC as such, the following took part in these negotiations: Australia, Canada, Finland, Greece, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

Another feature of the guidelines is that they clarify and consolidate the procedures to be applied by participants for the prior or prompt notification, as the case may be, for certain categories of transactions. A series of technical definitions, the importance of which to the proper application of the guidelines cannot be over-estimated, has been similarly clarified. These definitions will be periodically reviewed by the participants, the first review being scheduled for October 1978.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council authorized the Commission to participate on behalf of the Community in the United Nations Conference on the renewal for one year of the existing International Olive Oil Agreement. The Conference is to be held in Geneva on 5, 6 and 7 April.

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The Council agreed to the draft Decisions of the EEC-Switzerland and EEC-Austria Joint Committees on Community transit which made some technical adjustments.

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Following recent events in the Middle East, the Council agreed to grant emergency Community financial aid of 100,000 ECU to Lebanon to be paid through the ICRC and administered by the local Red Cross societies. This aid is intended mainly for the purchase of medicines, insecticides and blankets.

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The Council adopted the Directive on aid to shipbuilding in the official languages of the Communities (1).

Appointments

On a proposal from the Italian Government, the Council appointed Mr Matteo CASADIO a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr Ugo LUCIANI, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 September 1978.

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council also appointed Mr D.E. CNOSSEN, Algemeen Sekretaris N.C.W., a member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers to replace Mr B.M.J. PAUW, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 10 October 1979.

(1) See Press Release No 318/78 (Presse 24) of 7 March which refers to the meeting at which the Council agreed to the substance of this Directive.

PRESS RELEASE

510th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 4 and 5 April 1978

President: Mr Poul DALSGER,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Antoine HUMBLET Minister for Agriculture and
 Minister for Small Firms and
 Trades

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER Minister for Agriculture
Mr Hans Jørgen KRISTENSEN State Secretary,
 Ministry of Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Joseph ERTL Federal Minister for Agriculture
Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR State Secretary,
 Federal Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE Minister for Agriculture
Mr Jacques BLANC State Secretary,
 Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Jim GIBBONS Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORÀ Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS Minister for Agriculture and
 Viticulture
Mr Albert BERCHEM State Secretary,
 Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. van der STEE Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Gavin STRANG Parliamentary Secretary of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Robert MACLENNAN Parliamentary Under-Secretary of
State,
Department of Prices and Consumer
Protection

Mr Hugh BROWN Parliamentary Under-Secretary,
Scottish Office

The Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH Vice-President

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POTATOES

In the context of an as yet unconcluded discussion of the Community's organization of the market in potatoes, the Council held an exchange of views on the autonomous arrangements to be applied to Cyprus in the agricultural sector as from 1 April 1978, and in particular on the concessions under consideration for new potatoes.

The Council considered that, as this matter was essentially concerned with aspects of the Community's external relations, a solution to the problems involved should be sought within the Council as most appropriately constituted, namely the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs meeting the same day ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release 438/78 (Presse 43)

1978/1979 AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The Council carried out a detailed examination of the proposals on fixing agricultural prices for the 1978/1979 marketing year and on related measures. This examination enabled delegations to express their views, firstly, on progress achieved in the proceedings connected with milk and milk products, beef and veal, sugar and isoglucose, cereals and rice, starch products, and pigmeat, and secondly, on various important agri-monetary questions, including the effects of monetary compensatory amounts.

After concluding its discussions, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to make a detailed study of the technical questions which arose during the examination, in order to prepare the ground for the Council's future discussions on the matter.

MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS

The Council held a general discussion on the Commission proposals on guidelines concerning the development of the Mediterranean regions of the Community, together with proposals relating to agriculture.

It took note of progress made in the olive oil, fruit and vegetables, wine, and peas, broad beans and field beans sectors and as regards the various structural measures under consideration. These include measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed in the Mezzogiorno and in Languedoc-Roussillon, the programme to accelerate the restructuring and conversion of vineyards in the Languedoc-Roussillon region, the programme for the acceleration and qualitative guidance of collective group irrigation works in the Mezzogiorno and a common measure to improve infrastructures in certain rural areas. The discussions will enable further progress to be made, both as regards measures connected with market organization and as regards structural measures, particularly those relating to financing and geographical scope.

The Council agreed, in conclusion, to instruct the Special Committee on Agriculture to speed up its work on all these proposals to enable it to discuss the matter further at its next meeting.

AGRI-MONETARY QUESTIONS

In the context of a discussion of agri-monetary questions, the Council took note of the conclusions reached in the Commission report on the reference period to be used for fixing monetary compensatory amounts, to the effect that since the rationale of the 3-week reference period - recently used on a trial basis - no longer seemed to be valid, the usual reference period of only one week should be that used in future.

MILK MARKETING BOARDS

Following an exchange of views, the Council took note of the progress which had been achieved in the discussions on the United Kingdom's Milk Marketing Boards and instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine this topic with care, taking into account the desire shown within the Council to seek a solution to the problems concerned.

HOPS

The Council took note of the Commission report on the situation regarding the production and marketing of hops (1977 harvest) and was in principle in favour of granting production aid for hops harvested that year (except for areas in the first or second production year). It proposed to decide on this Regulation after receiving the Opinion of the European Parliament.

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The Council adopted, in the official languages of the European Communities, the Regulation laying down the list of regions in which the production aid for hops is only granted to producer groups as from the 1978 harvest.

MAIZE GROATS AND MEAL, AND QUELIMEHL

Following an exchange of views on the situation of the market in these products, and in view of the judgments delivered by the Court of Justice in October 1977, the Council considered the possibility of temporarily reintroducing production refunds for maize groats and meal and broken rice intended for brewing, and also for quellmehl intended for bread making. The Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to finalize a text in preparation for its future decision on this matter.

PRODUCER GROUPS

After a discussion of the amended proposal for a Regulation concerning producer groups and associations thereof, which concentrated upon the geographical scope of the regulation, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine these matters in further detail and to seek an overall compromise to cover the remaining problems in this connection, with a view to submitting a report to the next Council meeting.

MUTTON AND LAMB

The Council took note of a communication from the Commission on its recent proposal for a Regulation on the common organization of the market in mutton and lamb.

The Council agreed that after requesting the Opinions of the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, it would return to this topic at a future meeting in the light of the preliminary technical examination to be carried out in the meantime by the Special Committee on Agriculture.

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The next meeting of the Agriculture Council is scheduled for 24, 25 and 26 April 1978.

AGRICULTURAL DECISIONS

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 on the common organization of the market in sugar;
 - amending Regulation (EEC) No 1111/77 laying down common provisions for isoglucose;
 - amending Regulation (EEC) No 2682/72 laying down general rules for granting export refunds on certain agricultural products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex II to the Treaty, and the criteria for fixing the amounts of such refunds;
 - amending Regulations (EEC) Nos 2727/75 and 1418/76 as regard the export refunds for cereals and rice exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex II to the Treaty.
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511th meeting of the Council
- Economic and Financial Affairs -
Luxembourg, 17 April 1978

President: Mr Knud HEINESEN,
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 Gaston GEENS Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Knud HEINESEN Minister for Finance
Mr Kurt HANSEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans MATTHÖFER Federal Minister for Finance
Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance
Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr René MONORY Minister for Economic Affairs
and Finance

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DILLON Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN
Mr Jacques POOS

Minister for Foreign Affairs
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr Frans ANDRIESSEN

Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Denis HEALEY

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI
Mr Richard BURKE
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Vice-President
Member
Member

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FOLLOW-UP TO THE MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN COPENHAGEN

The Council held an exchange of views on the follow-up to the discussions which had taken place in the European Council on 7 and 8 April 1978 regarding the economic situation in the Community and its Member States. The discussion enabled the Council to lay down the procedure to be followed for devising, on the basis of the guidelines set forth by the European Council, an overall strategy whereby the objectives of growth and stability laid down by the Heads of Government might be attained.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

The Council made preparation for the meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund to take place in Mexico on 29 and 30 April 1978. The Council also finalized the statement which its President was to make on behalf of the Community at that meeting.

INSURANCE

The Council recorded its agreement on the Directive on the co-ordination of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to co-insurance. This Directive governs the conditions under which co-insurance operations must be carried out by Community undertakings in respect of risks situated within the Community. It constitutes a step towards the co-ordination of all insurance operations which may be carried out by virtue of freedom to provide services.

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The Council also took stock of progress in other insurance sectors, with particular reference to the proposal for a first Directive on life assurance and the proposal for a second Directive on the co-ordination of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to direct insurance other than life assurance. It welcomed the progress made in this sector and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee actively to pursue its proceedings in this connection.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concerning the arrangements applicable to trade in the agricultural sector between the European Economic Community and Cyprus.

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Research/ECSC

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision adopting a multi-annual research and development programme (1978-1980) for the European Economic Community in the field of paper and paperboard recycling (indirect action).

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty, to two Community coal research programmes in the fields of mining engineering and product beneficiation and to the establishment of a research programme on "Industrial Hygiene in Mines".

The Council also gave its assent, as requested by the Commission,

- pursuant to Article 54(2) of the ECSC Treaty, to the partial financing of a project for the construction of a generating set in Carling by the Charbonnages de France (Coalmines of the Bassin de Lorraine);
- pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty (Société Lorraine de Développement et d'Expansion, France).

Appointments

The Council adopted the Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the European Social Fund for the period 17 April 1978 to 16 April 1980.

These appointments are as follows:

1. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr J. DENYS	Mr R. ETIENNE	Mr P. CHEVREMONT
Denmark	Mr H. BOSERUP	Mrs B. KONDRUP	Mr M. BULOW-LUDVIGSEN
Germany	Dr R. MILLER	Dr S. SCHUMM	Dr G. FAUST
France	Mr H. CHAVRANSKI	Mr J.P. HUCHON	Mr M. RAMOND
Ireland	Mr M.C. O'RIORDAN	Mr J.A. AGNEW	Mr J. STAPLETON
Italy	Dr A. GALLO	Dr A. CAVALLARO	Dr L. CRISTOFANELLI
Luxembourg	Mr R. SCHINTGEN	Mr E. EMRINGER	Mr Y. MERSCH
Netherlands	Mr W.A. RENARDEL DE LAVALETTE	Drs J.A. WALDEUS	Mr J.W.S. PABON
United Kingdom	Mr D.J. HODGKINS	Mrs D.M. ELLISON	Mr G.R. WILSON

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr D. DE NORRE	Mr R. DUSSENNE	Mr G. OTTENBOURGH
Denmark	Mr P. SCHADE- POULSEN	Mr J. STENBJERRE	Mr H.S. CHRISTENSEN
Germany	Dr M. HAUSHOFER	Dr W.D. LINDNER	Mr R. EBERT
France	Mr B. VEVER	Mr L. LAPIERRE	Mr M. AMIS
Ireland	Mr J.F. KEARNEY	Mr J. LYNCH	Mr S. DOYLE
Italy	Dott C. POLITI	Avv G. CAPECCHI	Dott G. PAGGI
Luxembourg	Mr L. JUNG	Mr A. ROBERT	Mr M. SAUBER
Netherlands	Mrs/Mr C. HAK	Mr J.S.H. HUIJBEN	Mrs G.A. DE LANGE
United Kingdom	Mr M. NORTON	Mr D. DEUCHAR	Mr J. SCATES

3. TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr J. GEYTOT	Mr R. VAN DEPOELE	Mr A. COLLE
Denmark	Mr S. BACHE VOGNEJERG	Mr P. NIELSEN	Mr H. HINRICH
Germany	Dr U. ENGELEN- KEFER	Mrs T. PÜTZ	Mr E. SCHUPETA
France	Mr J. TESSIER	Mr B. DIZIER	Mr A. FAESCH
Ireland	Mr P. CARDIFF	Mr D. NEVIN	Mr D. MURPHY
Italy	Dott E. VERCEL- LINO	Mr A. IZZO	Mr G. CAVAZZUTI
Luxembourg	Mr J. CASTEGNARO	Mr A. MIRKES	Mr H. DUNKEL
Netherlands	Mr J.H. TER HORST	Mr G.N.M. COMMANDEUR	Mr D.H. GRASMAN
United Kingdom	Mr C.H. URWIN	Mr K. GRAHAM

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- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 24 April 1978

President: Mr Poul DALSGER,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Hervé ROBINET Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER Minister for Agriculture

Mr Svend JAKOBSEN Minister for Fisheries

Mr Jørgen HERTOFT State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

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

France:

Mr François SCHEER Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Pietro CALAMIA Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Albert BERCHEM

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. van der STEE

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Bruce MILLAN

Secretary of State,
Scottish Office

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

FISHERIES QUESTIONS

The Council took note of a statement by Vice-President GUNDELACH covering all the problems involved in the preparation of a common fisheries policy. He stated that in the coming weeks he planned to be actively engaged in continuing his consultations with all the delegations concerned, with a view to reaching a definitive solution on the matters still outstanding. All the delegations stressed the importance they attached to rapid settlement of these matters.

After noting that the consultations with the authorities of the Faroe Islands, Norway and Sweden had been concluded, the Council agreed to extend until 31 May 1978 the interim arrangements, due to expire on 30 April 1978, affecting the activities of the fishing vessels of those three countries in the Community fishing zone.

The Council also took note of the progress of the negotiations with certain third countries, including Senegal, Canada, Spain and Yugoslavia.

Finally, the Council agreed to come back to the fisheries issues as a whole at its meeting scheduled for 22 and 23 May.

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LIBRARY

513th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 24/25/26 and 27 April 1978

President:

Mr Poul DALSGER

Minister for Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Denmark

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS

Minister for Agriculture
and Viticulture

Mr Albert BERCHEM

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. van der STEE

Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Gavin STRANG

Parliamentary Secretary of
State,
Ministry for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Robert MACLENNAN

Parliamentary Under-Secretary
of State,
Department of Prices and
Consumer Protection

Mr Barry JONES

Parliamentary Under-Secretary
of State at the Welsh Office

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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AGRICULTURAL DECISIONS

The Council conducted a general discussion on the various proposals on the fixing of agricultural prices for 1978/1979 and on related measures, including agri-monetary questions, and on the proposals on the development of the Mediterranean regions.

Despite the substantial measure of progress achieved on these subjects, the Council decided, in view of the complex nature of the problems involved, to resume its discussions on this matter with a view to reaching agreement at its next meeting scheduled for 8 and 9 May in Brussels.

In the meantime it agreed to extend the milk year and the marketing year for beef and veal until 21 May inclusive and to fix the basic price and the buying-in price for cauliflower for May 1978 at 12.01 UA/100 kg and 5.25 UA/100 kg respectively.

Agricultural questions

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2114/71 on the subsidy for oil seeds;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1569/72 laying down special measures for colza and rape seed and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2713/72;
- laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of the aid to producers for the 1977 harvest (Aromatic: 375 UA/ha; Bitter: 285 UA/ha; Others: 500 UA/ha).

The Council took note of the Commission report on the fat content of whole drinking milk.

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Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending Annex A to Protocol No 1 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation (substitution of a single zero duty quota for the existing quotas).

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514th meeting of the Council

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FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL AID TO NON-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- Draft basic framework regulation

At its last meeting, held in November 1977, the Development Co-operation Council agreed on the principle of the preparation of a basic framework regulation for the implementation of financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries.

At this meeting the Council finalized the content of this Regulation, the purpose of which is to define the measures to be taken, the objectives to be achieved and the detailed arrangements for the administration of the aid. It will be recalled that the amount of the aid is fixed every year when the Community budget is adopted.

It will be seen, in particular, that this aid will as a general rule be made available to the poorest developing countries; in applying this principle, the Community will seek a reasonable geographical balance amongst the world's major developing regions.

The aid will be intended essentially to contribute to an improvement in the living conditions of the most needy sections of the population. Rural development and the improvement of food production assume special importance; participation in regional projects may be considered; there is provision for a reserve to cover exceptional situations (disasters).

The Council's conclusions took the form of joint positions which will be communicated to the European Parliament in the framework of the conciliation procedure between that Institution and the Council which applies to this Regulation and which may be opened when the Council diverges from the Parliament's Opinion. This is the case specifically as regards the detailed rules for administering the aid in respect of which the Council did not support the European Parliament's Opinion and the original proposal of the Commission, which upheld its proposal.

- General guidelines for the 1978 programme

On the basis of suggestions from the Commission, the Council evolved the general guidelines for the implementation of the 1978 financial and technical aid programme for non-associated developing countries. An amount of 70 million UA is entered in the budget for this programme. On the basis of these guidelines the Commission may begin to examine the projects to be financed.

CO-ORDINATION AND HARMONIZATION OF DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION
POLICIES

As part of the co-ordination and harmonization of the co-operation policies of the Community and the Member States, the Council held a broad exchange of views focussing on the volume and geographical pattern of official development aid.

FOOD AID

The FLOOD II operation to help India

In the field of food aid the Council agreed in principle to the Community's contributing to the implementation of the FLOOD II operation in India.

This is an enormous multi-annual rural development project intended to improve the living conditions of 10 million milk-producing families by creating an efficient dairy industry together with the necessary infrastructure. The distribution network to be set up involves more than 100 large towns with a total population of 150 million people.

FLOOD II will be carried out not only with the assistance of the Indian government but also on the basis of a financial contribution from the World Bank - whose formal decision is expected in June - and a large Community food aid contribution consisting of 31,000 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder and 12,700 tonnes of butteroil. The effect of the Community's contribution in kind will be accentuated by the creation of counterpart funds in local currency obtained from the sale of the products in question for use as an additional source of finance.

As regards 1978, the Community has already agreed on the supply of 6,000 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder and 3,500 tonnes of butteroil as a first instalment. The formal adoption of the Regulations necessary for the supply of the additional quantities for this year

(25,000 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder and 9,200 tonnes of butteroil) will take place once the World Bank has itself taken a positive decision on the operation.

As regards future years, the Council stressed the desirability of ensuring that the whole operation had the continuity necessary for the attainment of the relevant objectives. With this in mind, it agreed to give favourable consideration to the annual renewal of the Community's contribution to the operation throughout its duration, on the basis of food aid possibilities existing at the time. However, the continuation of participation by the Community beyond three years might depend on continued participation by the World Bank in the second phase of the operation.

The importance of the Community's food aid contribution to the execution of this project lies not only in the substantial amounts made available to India, but also, and perhaps above all, in its novelty. In the context of Operation FLOOD II, food aid no longer represents solely a way of helping the developing countries to cope with their immediate food requirements, but also of directly promoting rural development in the longer term. It is as such a complete development co-operation instrument.

1978 implementation plan - milk powder and butteroil

The Council agreed on the skimmed milk powder and butteroil food aid programmes for 1978.

The total volume of milk powder to be granted as aid will be 125,000 tonnes plus a quantity of 25,000 tonnes allocated to India as part of the FLOOD II operation, in addition to the 6,000 tonnes already allocated. This total volume accords with the guideline adopted by the Council on 7 February 1978. The implementation plan for the milk powder aid programme is set out in the Annex.

The total volume of butteroil to be granted as aid will be 35,800 tonnes plus a quantity of 9,200 tonnes allocated to India as part of the FLOOD II operation, in addition to the 3,500 tonnes already allocated; the implementation plan for this is also set out in the Annex.

At the same time the Council decided to allocate 9,600 tonnes of skimmed milk powder to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and 3,000 tonnes to the Republic of Sri Lanka from the 1977 reserve of 12,600 tonnes, and to allocate the 1977 reserve of 1,960 tonnes of butteroil to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

SKIMMED-MILK POWDER FOOD AID PROGRAMME FOR 1978

Recipients	Quantity (tonnes)	Delivery arrangements
Afghanistan	330	EMB
Antigua	600	EMB
Bangladesh	9,000	DEB
Burundi	90	RD
C.A.E.	170	RD
Cape Verde	325	DEB
Chad	475	RD
Comoros	1,000	DEB
Congo	50	EMB
Egypt	5,000	EMB
El Salvador	700	EMB
Ethiopia	3,000	DEB
Ghana	3,500	EMB
Guinea-Bissau	610	DEB
Guinea-Conakry	250	DEB
Guyana	500	EMB
Honduras	3,075	DEB
India	6,000 (1)	DEB
Indonesia	2,000	EMB
Jamaica	1,000	EMB
Jordan	1,500	EMB
Laos	450	RD
Lebanon	350	DEB
Mauritania	800	DEB
Mauritius	1,275	EMB
Pakistan	500	EMB

(1) As regards India, allocation of 6,000 tonnes constitutes an initial delivery under the FLOOD II operation.

Peru	1,500	EMB
Rwanda	500	RD
Sao Tome and Principe	150	DEB
Senegal	1,860	DEB
Seychelles	335	EMB
Sierra Leone	1,100	DEB
Sudan	2,325	EMB
Sri Lanka	1,375	DEB
Tanzania	2,000	EMB
Upper Volta	2,000	RD
Uruguay	250	EMB
Vietnam	416	DEB
Yemen PDR	3,000	EMB
Zambia	1,500	EMB

Agencies

Caritas	500	RD
CRS	3,800	
ICRC	2,500	RD
League of Red Cross Societies	1,000	RD
UNICEF	10,600	RD
UNRWA	700	RD
WFP	20,000	RD (1)
NGO Reserve	20,000	RD (1)
Reserve	5,039 (2)	

Total 125,000
+ 25,000 tonnes allocated to India within the framework of FLOOD II in addition to 6,000 tonnes already allocated.

- (1) Delivery to port of shipment plus flat-rate contribution towards transport and distribution costs.
(2) Emergency schemes may include financing to cover the cost of transport between the port of shipment and the place of destination and the cost of distribution where aid is channelled via a specialized agency. Such financing may be wholly or partly in the form of a flat-rate contribution.

BUTTEROIL FOOD AID PROGRAMME FOR 1978

<u>Beneficiaries</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (in tonnes)	<u>Delivery</u> <u>arrangements</u>
I. <u>COUNTRIES</u>		
Bangladesh	3,000	DEB
Burundi	50	RD
Cape Verde	200	DEB
Chad	100	RD
Congo	50	EMB
Egypt	800	EMB
Ethiopia	1,500	DEB
Ghana	200	EMB
Guinea-Bissau	175	DEB
Guinea-Conakry	185	DEB
Guyana	100	EMB
Honduras	200	EMB
Honduras	315	DEB
India	3,500 ⁽¹⁾	DEB
Jamaica	250	EMB
Jordan	1,125	EMB
Lebanon	650	DEB
Lesotho	60	RD
Mali	50	RD
Mauritius	100	EMB
Mauritania	900	DEB
Mozambique	100	DEB
Pakistan	2,000	EMB

⁽¹⁾ India would be allocated up to 3,500 tonnes as a first delivery under the FLOOD II Operation.

Sao Tomé and Príncipe	200	DEB
Sierra Leone	200	DEB
Sri Lanka	200	DEB
Upper Volta	750	RD
Vietnam	4,000	DEB
Yemen (PDR)	550	EMB
Zaire	150	DEB

II. ORGANIZATIONS

ICRC	200	RD
UNICEF	2,000	RD
UNRWA	3,200	RD
CRS	2,000	RD
CARITAS	100	RD
WFP	5,000	RD
LRCS	200	RD

III. Reserve (1) 1,440 (1)

IV. Total 35,800
+ 9,200 tonnes allocated to India within the framework of FLOOD II in addition to 3,500 tonnes already allocated.

(1) 1,000 tonnes from unused 1977 special reserves should be added to this, bringing the total reserve available in 1978 to 2,440 tonnes.