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*(Information)***CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AFRICAN,
CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY**

European Centre, Kirchberg — Luxembourg

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 1976

IN THE CHAIR:

GEORGES SPÉNALE

President of the European Parliament

PHILIPPE YACÉ

President of the Ivory Coast

The constituent sitting was opened at 10.35 a.m.

Opening of the first meeting of the Assembly

Mr Spénale declared the first meeting of the Assembly open.

Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Mr Spénale announced that the draft Rules of Procedure of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly adopted at the preparatory meeting on 26 November 1975 had been distributed under the number CA/1/final.

On a proposal from Mr Spénale the Assembly adopted its Rules of Procedure.

Mr Spénale announced that the Rules of Procedure would be distributed under the number Doc. 1/76.

Composition of the Assembly

Mr Spénale informed the Assembly, pursuant to Article 1 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, of the composition of the Assembly.

The list of members of the Assembly is attached to the Minutes (Annex I).

Mr Spénale announced that the representatives of the Cape Verde Islands, the Comores, Sao Tomé and Principe and Surinam were taking part as observers (see Annex II).

Election of Bureau

The Assembly elected its Bureau pursuant to Article 6 (1) of the Rules of Procedure; it consisted of the following twelve members:

Presidents:

Mr Spénale and Mr Yacé.

Vice-Presidents:	Mr Muna,
Mr Bersani,	Mr Lock,
Mr Krall,	Mr Adriko,
Mr De la Malène,	Mr Lewis
Lord Reay	and one representative of the three ACP States in the
and Mr Sandri	Pacific Ocean

The sitting was adjourned at 10.40 a.m. and resumed at 11 a.m.

IN THE CHAIR:

GEORGES SPÉNALE	PHILIPPE YACÉ
<i>President</i>	<i>President</i>

Appointment of members of the Joint Committee

On a proposal from the Bureau the Assembly appointed the members of the Joint Committee, pursuant to Article 21 of the Rules of Procedure.

The list of members is attached to these Minutes (Annex III).

Appointment of chairmen of the Joint Committee

The Assembly appointed Mr Kasongo and Mr Deschamps chairmen of the Joint Committee.

Adoption of work programme

On a proposal from the Bureau the Assembly adopted the following work programme:

That morning, 11.45 a.m.:

— Ceremonial opening sitting;

That afternoon, 4 p.m.:

— Meeting of the Joint Committee and meeting of the Bureau;

5 p.m.:

— Plenary sitting, including:

— Adoption of the draft agenda drawn up by the Joint Committee

— Statement by Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, followed by a discussion.

Wednesday morning:

— Meeting of the Joint Committee;

Wednesday afternoon, 4 p.m.:

— Plenary sitting, with statement by the President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities, followed by a discussion.

Thursday, 9.30 a.m.:

— Plenary sitting and conclusion of work;

4 p.m.:

— Press conference.

The sitting was adjourned at 11.10 a.m. and resumed at 11.45 a.m. as a ceremonial sitting.

IN THE CHAIR:

GEORGES SPÉNALE

President

PHILIPPE YACÉ

President

On behalf of the Assembly, Mr Spénale welcomed Their Royal Highnesses Grand-Duke Jean of Luxembourg and Grand-Duchess Joséphine-Charlotte as well as all the other eminent personalities who were present.

The following spoke during the ceremonial sitting: Mr Vouel, *Vice-President of the Luxembourg Government and President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, Mr Yacé, *President of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly*, Mr Spénale, *President of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly*, Mr King, *Minister of Trade of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and President-in-Office of the Council of Ministers of the ACP*, Mr Van Den Bulcke, *President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg*, and Miss Flesch, *Mayor of the City of Luxembourg*.

The sitting was adjourned at 12.55 p.m. and resumed at 5.35 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: TANDENG MUNA

*Vice-President***Order of business**

On a proposal from the Joint Committee, the Assembly decided to adopt the following agenda for the sittings:

That afternoon:

- Discussion of current problems connected with the Convention of Lomé

Wednesday, 2 June 1976, at 4 p.m.:

- Draft Financial Regulation,
- Further discussion of current problems connected with the Convention of Lomé.

Thursday, 3 June 1976, at 10 a.m.:

- Further discussion and conclusion of discussion on current problems connected with the Convention of Lomé,
- Motion for a resolution on activities under the Convention of Lomé,
- Any other business.

Discussion of current problems connected with the Convention of Lomé

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, spoke during the discussion.

IN THE CHAIR: LOTHAR KRALL

Vice-President

Lord Reay spoke.

Agenda for the next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Wednesday, 2 June 1976:

4 p.m.:

- Draft Financial Regulation,
- Further discussion of current problems connected with the Convention of Lomé.

The sitting was closed at 6.15 p.m.

ANNEX I

MEMBERS OF THE ACP—EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

	Achenbach Ernst		
	Adams Rudolf		
	Aigner Heinrich		
	Albertsen Kristian		
	Ariosto Egidio		
	Artzinger Helmut-Karl		
	Baas Jan		
BAHAMAS	—		
	—		
BARBADOS			
	—		
	—		
	Behrendt Walter		
RÉPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE DU BÉNIN	—		
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	Berkhouwer Cornelis		
	Bersani Giovanni		
	Bertrand Alfred		
	Bertrand Pierre		
	Boano Giovanni		
	Miss Boothroyd Betty		
	Bordu Gérard		
BOTSWANA	—		
	— Lock Albert A.F.		
	— Mme Mathe E.		
	Bourdellès Pierre		
	Brégégère Marcel		
	Broeks Jan B.		
	Brugger Peter		
BURUNDI	—		
	— Rugambarara Gaetan		
	— Nzeyimana Laurent		
CAMEROUN/CAMEROON	—		
	— Muna S.T.		
	— Ewane Ekwabi Jean		
	Lord Castle		
RÉPUBLIQUE CENTRAFRICAINE	—		
	— Mokodopo Jean Paul		
	— Kombot Naguemon		
	Nestor		
	Colin André		
RÉPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE DU CONGO	—		
	— Mouissou Pouati		
	Alphonse		
	— Mounthault Hilaire		
	Corona Achille		
		COTE-D'IVOIRE	
			— Yacé Philippe
			— Ebagnitchie Edouard
			Cousté Pierre Bernard
			Dalyell Tam
			D'Angelosante
			Francescopaolo
			Della Briotta Libero
			Deschamps Pierre
			M.L.L.C.
			Didier Emile Mathieu
			Dondelinger Willi
			Mrs Dunwoody Gwyneth
			Durieux Jean
			Espersen Ole
		ETHIOPIA	
			— Endeshaw Ato Bekele
			—
			Fellermaier Ludwig
		FIJI	
			—
			—
			Flämig Gerhard
			Mlle Flesch Colette
			Frehsee Heintz
			Sir Geoffrey de Freitas
		GABON	
			— Sambhat Albert-Martin
			— N'Goulakia
			Galli Luigi Michele
		GAMBIA	
			— Cham Alhaji H. C.
			— Sabally Saihou
		GHANA	
			— Bentsi-Enchill Ebo
			— Dou Du Cameron
			Girardin Luigi
			Glinne Ernest
			Mme Goutmann Marie-
			Thérèse
		GRENADA	
			—
			—
			Guerlin André
		GUINE BISSAU	
			—
			—
		GUINÉE	
			— Mormory Camara
			—

GUINEA ECUATORIAL	— —		Mursch K. Heintz Nielsen Brøndlund Jørgen Nielsen Knud
GUYANA	— Dyett Harry — Hartog Wessel Härzschel Kurt	NIGER	— Mai-Mai Gana — Zada Daouda
HAUTE-VOLTA	— — Ilboudo Pierre van der Hek Arie Herbert Michael Hougardy Norbert Mme Iotti Leonilde Jakobsen Erhard	NIGERIA	— Abubakar Alhaji — Ijewere G. O. Nolan Thomas Normanton Tom Notenboom Harry Nyborg Kai Pianta Georges Pisoni Ferruccio Premoli Augusto — Lord Reay Romualdi Pino
JAMAICA	— Francis Frank — Jozeau-Marigné Léon Kaspereit Gabriel Kavanagh Liam Mrs Kellett-Bowman Mary Elaine	RWANDA	— Ndahimana Emmanuel — Lord St. Oswald Sandri Renato Santer Jacques Schuijt Willem Schwörer Hermann Scott-Hopkins James Seefeld Horst
KENYA	— Mulwa J. Kasanga — Krall Lothar Laban Cornelis Lagorce Pierre Laudrin Hervé Lautenschlager Hans	SÉNÉGAL	— Dia Amadou Cissé — Gueye Amadou Bouta Shaw Michael
LESOTHO	— Matete Majara — Matsepe T.	SIERRA LEONE	— Kanu S.H. — Kargbo Edward
LIBERIA	— Mitchell Lawrence E. — Jones Momo F. Ligos Giosué Lücker Hans-August McDonald Charles B.	SOMALIA	— Matan Hashi Ali — Omar Giama Mohamed Spénale Georges Spicer James W.
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE DE MADAGASCAR	— Razafimbahiny Jules — Rasamoelina Raymond Maigaard Jens	SUDAN	— —
MALAWI	— — de la Malène Christian	SWAZILAND	— Nxumalo S.S. — Zwane T.M.J.
MALI	— Diallo Samballa	TANZANIA	— —
MAURITIUS	— Boolell Satcam — Ramlugon Krishna	TCHAD	— Laotegguenodji Koumtog — Terrenoire Alain
MAURITANIA	— Aziz Sall Abdoul — Fall Babaha Mohamed Mommel Linus	TOGO	— Lambony Bombona — Kouma Komlan

TONGA	— —	Lord Walston Frau Walz Hanna
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	— Lewis J. O'Neil — St. John Maurice	WESTERN SAMOA — —
UGANDA	— Adriko E.T.S. — Kihuguru G.B. Vandewiele Marcel Albert Vetrone Mario Walkhoff Karl-Heintz	ZAIRE — Bo-Boliko Lokerga Monse Mihomo — Kasongo Mukun dji L.A. ZAMBIA — Sikota Aggrey Mulala.

ANNEX II

OBSERVERS

CABO VERDE	Brito José
COMORES	Mouzaoir Abdallah Abdou' Rahim Mikidache
SAO TOMÉ E PRINCIPE	Nuno Xavier
SURINAME	Wijntuin E.L.A. Lachmon J.

ANNEX III

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

	(Bahamas)	Aigner
	(Barbados)	Baas
	(Bénin)	Bersani
Mathe	(Botswana)	Bertrand P.
	(Burundi)	Miss Boothroyd
Ewane Ekwabi	(Cameroun)	Broeksz
	(Centrafrique)	Corona
Mounthault	(Congo)	Deschamps
Ebagnitchie	(Côte-d'Ivoire)	Dondelinger
	(Ethiopia)	Durieux
	(Fiji)	Espersen
	(Gabon)	Fellermaier
Cham	(Gambia)	Flämig
	(Ghana)	Flesch
	(Grenada)	de Freitas
	(Guine Bissau)	Galli
	(Guinée)	Girardin
	(Guinea Ecuatorial)	Glinne
Dyett	(Guyana)	Mrs Goutmann
	(Haute-Volta)	Härzschel

Francis	(Jamaica)	Mrs Iotti
Mulwa	(Kenya)	Jakobsen
Matete Majara	(Lesotho)	Jozeau-Marigné
	(Liberia)	Kaspereit
	(Madagascar)	Krall
	(Malawi)	Laban
Diallo	(Mali)	Lagorce
Boolell	(Ile Maurice)	Laudrin
Fall Babaha	(Mauritanie)	Ligos
Mai-Mai Gana	(Niger)	de la Malène
	(Nigeria)	Mursch
	(Rwanda)	Nielsen Brøndlund
Guillabert	(Sénégal)	Nielsen Knud
	(Sierra Leone)	Nolan
Matan Hashi	(Somalia)	Reay
	(Sudan)	St. Oswald
	(Swaziland)	Sandri
	(Tanzania)	Schuijt
Djel	(Tchad)	Scott-Hopkins
Lambony Bombona	(Togo)	Vandewiele
	(Tonga)	Vetrone
Lewis	(Trinidad & Tobago)	Walkhoff
Kihuguru	(Uganda)	Walston
Kasongo Mukundji		Mrs Walz
L.A.	(Western Samoa)	
	(Zaire)	
Sikota	(Zambia)	

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 1976

IN THE CHAIR: GEORGES SPÉNALE

President

The sitting was opened at 6.05 p.m.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

- from Mr A. F. Lock on behalf of the Bureau a motion for a resolution on the adoption of the internal Financial Regulation of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, pursuant to Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure (Doc. 2/76),
- from the Joint Committee a motion for a resolution on activities relating to the Convention of Lomé during the interim period and since its entry into force (Doc. 3/76).

Internal Financial Regulation of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly

Mr A. F. Lock presented his motion for a resolution tabled on behalf of the Bureau on the adoption of the internal Financial Regulation of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, pursuant to Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure (Doc. 2/76).

The Assembly adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION**adopting the internal financial regulation of the ACP—EEC Consultative Assembly**

The ACP—EEC Consultative Assembly,

- having regard to Article 2 of Protocol 4 annexed to the Convention of Lomé on the operating expenditure of the institutions;
- having regard to the need to lay down the procedures for implementing the provisions of that protocol;
- having regard to Article 23 of its Rules of Procedure;

adopts the following internal Financial Regulation:

Internal Financial Regulation of the ACP—EEC Consultative Assembly*Article 1*

The ACP States and the European Parliament shall be severally responsible for expenditure resulting from their participation in the activities of the institutions provided for in Article 80 of the Convention, pursuant to Article 2 of Protocol 4.

Article 2

Each party shall establish internal guidelines laying down procedures for implementing the provisions of Protocol 4, with particular reference to the charging of expenditure according to place of meeting, its commitment and settlement, and to the provision of the funds required to cover such expenditure.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Thursday, 3 June 1976:

10 a.m.

- Continuation and conclusion of the discussion on current problems connected with the Convention of Lomé,
- Motion for a resolution on activities relating to the Convention of Lomé during the interim period and since its entry into force,
- Any other business.

The sitting was closed at 6.15 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 3 JUNE 1976

IN THE CHAIR: GIOVANNI BERSANI

Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 10.30 a.m.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President, the Assembly decided to begin by considering the motion for a resolution on activities under the Convention of Lomé during the interim period and since its entry into force (Doc. 3/76) and then to continue the discussion on current problems connected with the Convention of Lomé.

Activities under the Convention of Lomé during the interim period and since its entry into force

Mr Boolell introduced the motion for a resolution submitted by the Joint Committee on the activities under the Convention of Lomé during the interim period and since its entry into force (Doc. 3/76).

Mr Wijntuin, *President of the Surinam Parliament*, spoke in his capacity as observer.

Mr Adouki gave an explanation of vote.

The Assembly adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on activities under the Convention of Lomé during the interim period and since its entry into force

The ACP/EEC Consultative Assembly,

- having heard the speeches by the representatives of the ACP/EEC Council of Ministers and of the Council and the Commission of the European Communities;
- recalling the final declaration adopted at the preparatory meeting and reaffirming its resolve to maintain the spirit of solidarity and open-mindedness evinced during the negotiations on the Convention in order to create a genuine model of cooperation based on equality between the partners, respect for their sovereignty and mutual interests, with a view to pursuing effective action, both within the organs of the Convention and towards the outside world, leading to the construction of a new, more equitable and more balanced international economic order more in accordance with the aspirations of the international community;
- stressing that the Convention of Lomé and the spirit which has infused it can and should provide a positive indication for other negotiations between industrialized and developing countries;

1. Welcomes the entry into force of the ACP/EEC Convention of Lomé on 1 April 1976;
2. Notes that, thanks to the work of the Interim Committee, part of the provisions of the Convention of Lomé have been satisfactorily applied in advance;
3. Emphasizes its support for the provisions of the Convention setting up a system for stabilizing the export earnings of the ACP countries, and notes that it has been agreed that these provisions will be applied from the period beginning on 1 January 1975 which will allow financial transfers to be made in the near future to the ACP; expresses the hope, moreover, that the number of products covered by the Stabex system will soon be increased;
4. Welcomes the fact that Protocol 3 on sugar has been applied since 1 March 1975, while regretting that negotiations concerning the guaranteed price for ACP sugar, which has to be fixed for 1976, have not yet been completed;

5. Makes an urgent appeal to the participants in these negotiations to find a satisfactory and equitable solution as soon as possible within the framework of Protocol 3 on sugar;
 6. Draws the attention of the Council of the European Communities to the concern of those ACP States that export beef and veal over the difficulties encountered on the Community market; welcomes the fact that an interim agreement has been concluded and calls for its consolidation;
 7. Welcomes the fact that, thanks to the programming missions to the ACP States in the interim period, the Commission of the European Communities was able to adopt the initial decisions on financing under the fourth European Development Fund on 11 May 1976;
 8. Notes that the policy for European Development Fund financing permits great flexibility in that it includes both non-repayable aid, loans on special terms and ordinary loans from the European Investment Bank and that it recognizes the priorities chosen by the ACP States themselves;
 9. Supports the practical measures to be undertaken within the framework of the European Development Fund in favour of the least-developed countries referred to in Article 48 of the Convention and of the regional and inter-regional cooperation projects between the ACP States;
 10. — Notes with regret that although the institutional arrangements concerning the Consultative Assembly have been completed in the best possible conditions, the date for the inaugural meeting of the ACP/EEC Council of Ministers has not yet been set;
 - stresses that this is seriously detrimental to the smooth operation of the Convention, especially in the field of industrial cooperation;
 - therefore urges the Council to meet as soon as possible;
 11. Insists that in all matters affecting the parties to the Convention the fullest possible consultation should take place as provided for in the Convention;
 12. Welcomes in this context the political good sense shown by the Commission of the European Communities in proposing the opening of negotiations with Sao Tomé and Príncipe and with the Cape Verde Islands without waiting for formal acceptance of their applications for accession to the Convention of Lomé; notes at the same time with pleasure the applications made by Surinam, the Comoro Islands and Papua-New Guinea; invites the Council to give a favourable response to their applications for accession and urges that aid and assistance be granted as soon as possible to enable these countries to cope with a difficult and often tragic economic situation due, in some cases, to the special circumstances under which they achieved independence;
 13. Instructs its Joint Committee to submit to it as soon as possible proposals for consulting organizations representative of the economic and social sectors, pursuant to Article 80 (5) of the Convention of Lomé; hopes that the ACP/EEC Council of Ministers will adopt at the earliest opportunity the procedures for the implementation of Article 74 (6) of the Convention;
 14. Instructs its Presidents to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and to the competent authorities in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States.
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Further discussion of current problems connected with the Convention of Lomé

In the further discussion on current problems connected with the Convention of Lomé, Mr Razafimbahiny, Mr Laban, Mr Endeshaw and Mrs Goutmann spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: GEORGES SPÉNALE

President

Mr Nyborg, Mr Glinne, Mr Bersani, Mr Mulwa and Mr Laban spoke.

The President declared the discussion closed.

Other business

Mrs Goutmann spoke.

Closure of the first meeting

The President thanked all who had taken part in the Assembly for their contribution and hoped that the Convention of Lomé would lead to further fruitful cooperation.

The President declared the first meeting of the Consultative Assembly closed.

The sitting was closed at 11.55 a.m.
