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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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Special Council meeting

AGRICULTURE

- with the participation of the Ministers for Foreign Trade -  
Brussels, 5 and 6 November 1990

Presidents:

Mr Vito SACCOMANDI

Minister for Agriculture  
of the Italian Republic

Mr Renato RUGGIERO

Minister for Foreign Trade  
of the Italian Republic

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

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| Mr Robert GUILLOT-PINGUE | Director-General,<br>Ministry of Foreign Affairs        |

Denmark:

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| Mr Laurits TOERNAES   | Minister for Agriculture                           |
| Mr Nils BERNSTEIN     | State Secretary for Agriculture                    |
| Mr Flemming HEDEGAARD | Head of Department,<br>Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

Germany:

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| Mr Ignaz KIECHLE    | Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture<br>and Forestry                 |
| Mr Helmut HAUSSMANN | Federal Minister for Economic Affairs                                  |
| Mr Walter KITTEL    | State Secretary, Federal Ministry<br>of Food, Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Otto SCHLECHT    | State Secretary, Federal Ministry<br>Foreign Affairs                   |

Greece:

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| Mr PSILAKIS       | Secretary-General, Ministry<br>of Agriculture |
| Mr G. THEOPHANOUS | Secretary-General, Ministry<br>of Trade       |

Spain:

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| Mr Carlos ROMERO-HERRERA | Minister for Agriculture  |
| Mr RUIZ LIGERO           | State Secretary for Trade |

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France:

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| Mr Louis MERMAZ      | Minister for Agriculture   |
| Mr Jean-Marie RAUSCH | Minister for Foreign Trade |

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| Mr Michael O'KENNEDY   | Minister for Agriculture and Food  |
| Mr Desmond J. O'MALLEY | Minister for Industry and Commerce |

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| Mr Vito SACCOMANDI  | Minister for Agriculture                     |
| Mr Renato RUGGIERO  | Minister for Foreign Trade                   |
| Mr Francesco CIMINO | State Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry |

Luxembourg:

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| Mr Georges WOHLFART | State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade |
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Netherlands:

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| Mr Piet BUKMAN      | Minister for Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries |
| Mr Piet DANKERT     | State Secretary for Foreign Affairs                         |
| Mrs Yvonne van ROOY | State Secretary for Economic Affairs                        |

Portugal:

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| Mr Arlindo CUNHA | Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food |
| Mr NETO DA SILVA | State Secretary for Foreign Trade            |

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United Kingdom:

Mr John Selwyn GUMMER

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries  
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Minister of State, Department of Trade  
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Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

Mr Ray MAC SHARRY

Member

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COMMUNITY OFFER IN THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE

The Council unanimously adopted the offer to be made by the Community in Geneva in the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture. The main element of the offer is a 30% overall reduction over ten years (1986-1996) in agricultural support..

This agreement was reached after very detailed discussions on the basis of the communication submitted by the Commission, to which a number of amendments were made. Furthermore, the Commission undertook to submit in the very near future support measures designed to soften the effect on Community agriculture of the reductions in support which will ensue from the Community offer.

By means of these adjustments the Council and the Commission intended to meet the concern expressed by the various delegations regarding the agricultural situation in the various Member States.

The Community offer is a follow-up to the undertaking given in Punta del Este for substantial progressive reductions in agricultural support and thus enables the Community to participate actively in the final stage of the GATT negotiations.

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GERMAN UNIFICATION - AGRICULTURE SECTOR

The Council approved the Regulation on the transitional measures and adjustments required in the agricultural sector as a result of the integration of the territory of the former German Democratic Republic into the Community and a Regulation temporarily suspending the residual customs duties and other mechanisms provided for by the Act of Accession for certain agricultural products exported from Spain and Portugal to the territory of the former GDR.

These draft texts will be sent to the European Parliament so that, in accordance with the timetable of work adopted by the Presidents of the three institutions on 6 September last, it can complete the consultation procedure on the whole issue of German unification at its November part-session.

The Council intends to adopt a final position on all the Commission's legislative proposals at its meeting on 4 December 1990 so that the transitional measures can enter into force by the end of the year at the latest.

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1438th Council meeting  
- Development Co-operation -  
Brussels, 5 November 1990

President: Mr Claudio VITALONE

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs  
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Minister for Development Co-operation

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State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and  
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Mrs Lynda CHALKER

Minister for Overseas Development

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Commission:

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GUIDELINES FOR CO-OPERATION WITH THE ASIAN AND LATIN-AMERICAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - PRESIDENCY'S CONCLUSIONS

The Council held a detailed exchange of views on the guidelines for co-operation with the ALA developing countries and expressed its satisfaction at the general approach outlined in the communication submitted by the Commission, but reserved its position on the financial impact of the proposals.

The Council asked COREPER to continue its discussions in the light of the positions expressed during the meeting in order to be able to adopt a set of guidelines as soon as possible.

The Council noted that the Commission intended to submit formal proposals to it concerning the adjustment of the framework regulation on financial and technical aid and the multiannual programming of co-operation as a whole.

LOMÉ IV AID PROGRAMMING

The Council was briefed by Mr MARÍN, Vice-President of the Commission, on the work done by the Commission in the context of programming Community aid under the new ACP-EEC Convention.

The Council held a wide-ranging debate on this subject, following which it welcomed the progress already achieved and hoped that the programming exercise could be completed under satisfactory conditions and taking into account the comments made by the various delegations, with a view to the entry into force of the new Lomé Convention.

During the debate the Commission stressed how important it was that the Member States ratify the fourth Lomé Convention as soon as possible.

HORN OF AFRICA - EMERGENCY AID

On the initiative of the United Kingdom Minister and in the light of information supplied by the Commission, the Council held an exchange of views on the situation in the countries of the Horn of Africa which are once again stricken by a serious drought which is affecting the Sudan and Ethiopia in particular.

Following the debate the Council reached the following conclusions:

"The Council stressed the very real danger that the present drought combined with a persistent difficult political situation will lead to famine on a catastrophic scale. It considered short-term emergency and particularly food aid on a very substantial scale to be necessary over the next few months, bearing in mind, in particular, that the UN has estimated that up to 5 million people in the Sudan alone are at risk.

The Council considered co-ordination between all donors to be essential. Such co-ordination should be assured by the Commission as far as the Twelve are concerned, taking into account also the action in this respect by UNDP and other competent multilateral organizations.

It further requested the competent authorities of all Member States to make their public opinion aware of the seriousness of the situation.

The Council called on all the authorities concerned in the region to make every effort to ensure that aid provided reaches those in need as quickly as possible; in particular, it asked all parties concerned to ensure the opening of the Port of Massawa.

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Finally, the Council requested the Presidency to convey to the Sudanese authorities the Community's concern about the destruction of refugee camps."

#### USE OF COUNTERPART FUNDS

The Council heard a statement by Vice-President MARÍN on the problems raised by the use of counterpart funds arising from various forms of aid.

The Council instructed its competent bodies to study this question in detail, on the basis of a Commission working paper so as to enable it to reach concrete conclusions as soon as possible.

#### TROPICAL FOREST ACTION PLAN

After hearing a statement by the United Kingdom Minister concerning the outcome of the independent assessment of the TAFP, the Council stressed how important it was that this action plan was effective. The Council hoped that efforts would be undertaken to improve it and make it more efficient in the discussions shortly to be held on this subject within the Council and the FAO.

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MONTREAL PROTOCOL - OZONE LAYER

The Council noted a statement by the United Kingdom Minister calling for the setting up of a consultation procedure with the two Member States (D and NL) which sat on the Committee responsible for managing the multilateral fund set up under the Montreal Protocol. The German and Netherlands Ministers announced their willingness to participate.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

After hearing an introductory statement by Commissioner MATUTES on the development aspects of co-operation with the Mediterranean countries, the Council held an exchange of views on that subject.

## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Anti-dumping

The Council adopted the Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of pure silk typewriter ribbon fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and definitively collecting the provisional anti-dumping duty imposed on such imports.

The duty is fixed at 24,6% of the net free-at-Community frontier price, after passing through customs. It does not apply to products manufactured and sold for export to the Community by the China National Silk Import and Export Corporation - Zhejiang Branch.

### Customs Union

The Council adopted Regulations

- opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for:
  - = certain kinds of prepared and preserved tuna coming from Portugal (1991)
  - = dried figs coming from Spain (1991)
  - = certain hand-woven fabrics, pile and chenille (1991)
  - = certain hand-made products (1991)
- increasing the volume of the Community tariff quota opened for newsprint for 1990.

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### ERASMUS Programme

The Council authorized the Commission to negotiate agreements with the EFTA countries and Liechtenstein which have as their objective inter-university co-operation in the field of vocational training and student mobility in the context of the implementation of the ERASMUS programme.

### Agricultural Policy

The Council adopted Regulations

- establishing Community supervision for the imports of certain agricultural products originating in the Canary Islands (1991). The purpose of this Regulation is to extend until 1991 the tariff measures laid down in 1987 (Regulation No 1391/87);
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1307/85 authorizing the Member States to grant consumption aid for butter. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the aid arrangements set out in that Regulation to cover the 1990/1991 milk year.

### Draft supplementary and amending budget No 3 for 1990

The Council approved draft supplementary and amending budget No 3, which was to be forwarded immediately to the European Parliament.

The draft mainly concerns refunds to Spain and Portugal due to adjustments in VAT and GNP bases for previous years (ECU 160,7 million) and certain adjustments of administrative expenditure (ECU 3,8 million). Financing of this project is largely covered by the balance available from the 1989 financial year.



Appointments

The Council replaced

- a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
- an alternate member of the Advisory Committee for Vocational Training

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Denmark:

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| Mrs Anne-Brigitte LUNDHOLT | Minister for Industry |
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Germany:

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| Mr Otto SCHLECHT | State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs |
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Greece:

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| Mr G. THEOPHANOUS | Secretary-General, Ministry of Trade |
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Spain:

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| Mr Pedro SOLBES | State Secretary for Relations with the European Communities |
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France:

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| Mr Jean CADET | Deputy Permanent Representative |
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Ireland:

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| Mr Desmond J. O'MALLEY | Minister for Industry and Commerce |
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Italy:

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| Mr Pierluigi ROMITA | Minister for Community Policies |
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Luxembourg:

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| Mr Georges WOHLFART | State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade |
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Netherlands:

Mr Piet DANKERT

State Secretary, Ministry for  
Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Vitor MARTINS

State Secretary for European  
Integration

United Kingdom:

Mr John REDWOOD

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

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Commission:

Mr Martin BANGEMANN  
Sir Leon BRITTAN

Vice-President  
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FIFTH DIRECTIVE ON PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANIES

The Council was given a progress report on the amended proposal for a fifth Council Directive concerning the structure of public limited companies and the powers and obligations of their organs.

The proposal for a fifth Directive covers the harmonization of national laws relating to the structure of public limited companies and to the powers and obligations of their organs, including workers' participation.

Having noted the progress achieved with regard, particularly, to the arrangements to which the members of company organs will be subject, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to complete its preparatory work in this area at the earliest opportunity.

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ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

The Council heard a progress report from the Presidency on a proposal for a Council Directive on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons.

The Council followed this up with a short discussion.

The aim of the proposal is to provide the Member States with the guarantees required to enable police checks on the possession of weapons at Community border crossing points to be abolished. Minimum common rules are prescribed for this purpose and the Member States will be authorized to adopt strict legislation.

The Council welcomed the progress achieved and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions so as to enable the Council to resume examination of this question at its next meeting on 13 December.

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#### PROTECTION OF COMPUTER PROGRAMS

The Council held a policy debate on an amended proposal for a Council Directive on the legal protection of computer programs.

This proposal defines the way in which protection under the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works applies to computer programs, with particular reference to holders of copyright, the exclusive rights of right-holders and exceptions to such exclusive rights.

The debate focused on three key issues in the proposal, decompilation, rental right and term of protection. It enabled the delegations to come closer over the issues of rental right and term of protection and led to a general support for the principle that decompilation should be permitted on clearly defined conditions for the purposes of program interoperability.

At the close of the debate, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions so as to enable the Council to adopt its common position at its December meeting.

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2ND GENERAL SYSTEM FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Council was given a progress report on a proposal for a Council Directive on a second general system for the recognition of professional education and training, to supplement Directive 89/48/EEC.

This proposal encompasses all regulated professions covered neither by a specific Directive nor by the first general system for the general recognition of higher-education diplomas (Directive 89/48/EEC).

The Council noted the need for further discussion, with particular regard to definitions and the relationship to Directive 89/48/EEC. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions so as to enable the Council to take a decision at the earliest opportunity.



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## LIFE ASSURANCE - 2ND DIRECTIVE

The Council definitively adopted the second Directive on the co-ordination of provisions relating to freedom to provide direct life assurance services and amending Directive 79/267/EEC.

The purpose of this Directive is to supplement the "first" Directive on life assurance (Directive 79/267/EEC) and to facilitate the effective exercise of freedom to provide services in this area, thereby granting policy-holders complete latitude of recourse to the widest possible market. The Directive is the counterpart to the second Directive on insurance other than life assurance, adopted by the Council on 22 June 1988.

The content of the Directive may be said, in essence, to:

- lay down specific provisions on access to, and the exercise of, freedom to provide services; two different systems are prescribed, depending on whether the initiative comes from the insurer or the policy-holder;
- specify the powers of the authorities responsible for monitoring the provision of services and the methods which they may employ for this purpose;
- provide for the right to renounce the contract during a certain period following its conclusion, in the interests of the protection of the policy-holder;
- provide, in the light of the extension of the Directive's scope to include group insurance and of the need to guarantee the independence of brokers in all the Member States, for the possibility of deferred application in the case

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both of group insurance and the freedom to provide services through brokers;

- ensure that, in order to prevent distortions of competition, the fiscal arrangements applicable are those of the Member State in which the undertaking is entered into, i.e. that of the policy-holder.

Specific transitional provisions are laid down for some Member States which are required, in view of their economic situation, to make an effort on a particularly wide front.

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#### MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Council definitively adopted the Directive amending, particularly as regards motor vehicle liability insurance, the first and second Directives on insurance other than life assurance.

The purpose of this Directive is to extend the scope of the second Directive - on freedom to provide services in the field of direct insurance other than life assurance - to include motor vehicle third-party liability insurance.

The Directive sets out to facilitate as far as possible freedom to provide motor vehicle third-party liability insurance between Member States, while ensuring a high degree of protection for policy-holders and accident victims.

With regard to the monitoring of insurers, it should be noted that the second Directive lays down two separate types of arrangement: large risk arrangements, governed fundamentally by the State in which the insurer is established ("monitoring by the country of origin"), and small risk arrangements (i.e. small policy-holders), where the State in which the risk is situated may, under certain conditions, require proof of approval and monitor the policy terms, rates and technical reserves.

A system for the gradual application of the large risk arrangements, adjusted in line with the subsequent harmonization of the technical reserves, has been laid down to take particular account of the need to protect road accident victims.

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# CONTROL OF CONCENTRATIONS

The Council heard an oral report from Vice-President Sir Leon BRITTAN on the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4061/89 on the control of concentrations of undertakings, which entered into force on 21 September 1990.

The delegations expressed satisfaction with the establishment of administrative procedures at the Commission and, with the positive experience of the initial monitoring operations and hoped that this important Regulation would continue to be implemented swiftly and efficiently, with due regard for confidentiality.

It was agreed that the Commission would report annually to the Council.

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## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Normative procedures - References to Community law in national implementing measures - Interconnection

With the aim of increasing legal certainty, transparency, effective monitoring by the Commission of the implementation of Community Directives, and the provision of information to business circles and to the public, the Council approved a standard form of words to be included in the Directives, concerning the reference to Community Directives to be made by Member States when adopting national texts in order to comply with such Directives.

The agreement provides that the customary form of words appearing in every Directive, reading

"Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive",

will be followed by a second paragraph, reading:

"When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such a reference shall be laid down by the Member States."

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This decision does not entail any further obligation on the Member States to publish texts. Where, therefore, a Member State is not obliged, by Community law or decisions of the Court, to adopt national measures implementing a Directive, on the grounds that its legislation is already in compliance therewith, the new provision does not create any obligation to enact specific legislation on the matter. Similarly, where a Directive may be transposed into national law by unpublished administrative measures, the new provision does not impose any obligation to publish.

It was also stated that the new provision means that, where it is not made in the actual text of the national implementing measures, the reference to Community Directives must appear in an appropriate position in the same issue of the official publication, so as fully to meet the desired objective of transparency.

#### Motor vehicle equipment and parts

The Council adopted the Decision authorizing the Community to take part in negotiations, within the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, aimed at amending the Agreement of 20 March 1958 concerning the adoption of uniform conditions of approval and reciprocal recognition of approval for motor vehicle equipment and parts.

Annual accounts and consolidated accounts

The Council adopted two Directives on the accounts of undertakings, its common position on which was adopted on 29 June 1990:

- amending Directive 78/660/EEC on annual accounts and Directive 83/349/EEC on consolidated accounts, as regards the scope of those Directives.

The purpose of this amendment is to make partnerships or limited liability partnerships subject to the accounting obligations of the 4th and 7th Directives on company law if their fully liable members are alone established in the form of a public or private limited liability company (with share capital). The same concern for the protection of the members and, in particular, third parties arises in the case of partnerships which are, in fact, companies with share capital. The aim of the Directive in question is, therefore, to plug a seemingly ever-increasing gap;

- amending Directive 78/660/EEC on annual accounts and Directive 83/349/EEC on consolidated accounts, as regards exemptions for small and medium-sized companies and the publication of accounts in ecus.

This amendment is designed to enable the Member States to extend further the exemptions already provided for SMUs under the 4th and 7th Directives in accordance with the general policy to reduce unnecessary charges facing such companies. It also counterbalances the effect of the "scope" Directive inasmuch as partnerships falling within the scope of the said Directive may qualify for SMU treatment if they comply with the rules defining them.

Customs Union

The Council adopted the Regulations

- increasing the volume of the Community tariff quota opened for 1990 for ferro-chromium containing more than 6% by weight of carbon from 400 000 to 525 000 tonnes;
- amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff as regards the rate of duty applicable to gas oil under subheading ex 2710 00 69;
- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties
  - = on a number of industrial products (in the chemical and allied sectors)
  - = for certain products intended for the construction, maintenance and repair of aircraft
  - = on certain industrial products (micro-electronics and related sectors);
- opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas
  - = bound in GATT for certain agricultural and industrial products
  - = for certain fruits and fruit juices.



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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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1440th Council meeting  
- General Affairs -  
Brussels, 12 November 1990

President: Mr Gianni DE MICHELIS,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
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| Mr P. DE KEERSMAEKER | State Secretary for European Affairs |

Denmark:

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| Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN  | Minister for Foreign Affairs                    |
| Mr Jørgen ØRSTRØM MØLLER | State Secretary,<br>Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

Germany:

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| Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER | Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs |
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Greece:

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| Mr Georges PAPOULIAS | Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs |
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Spain:

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| Mr Francisco FERNANDES ORDOÑEZ | Minister for Foreign Affairs                                   |
| Mr Pedro SOLBES MIRA           | State Secretary for Relations with the<br>European Communities |

France:

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| Mr Roland DUMAS      | Ministre d'Etat,<br>Minister for Foreign Affairs |
| Mrs Elisabeth GUIGOU | Minister for European Affairs                    |

Ireland:

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| Mr Gerard COLLINS | Minister for Foreign Affairs |
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Mr Piet DANKERT

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Mr Abel MATUTES

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FOLLOW-UP TO THE SPECIAL EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN ROME

- Relations with the United States and Canada

The Ministers discussed the draft statement on relations between the European Community and the United States. They instructed the Presidency to continue negotiations with the American side, on the occasion of the forthcoming visit by the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission to Washington, on the basis of the points that had emerged from today's discussion and to report to the partners thereafter.

They felt, moreover, that the two statements should be adopted at the next CSCE summit meeting in Paris.

- Gulf crisis

The Ministers discussed the initiatives of the Community and its Member States to try to find a solution to the problem of the foreign nationals held in Iraq and Kuwait.

They reaffirmed the position adopted by the Community and its Member States in the Rome European Council and repeated in their relevant statements. That position is based on total solidarity to secure freedom for all foreign nationals held in Iraq and Kuwait, condemnation of Iraq's unscrupulous use of those nationals for the sole purpose of trying to divide the international community, determination not to send representatives of their Governments, in any capacity whatsoever, to negotiate with Iraq for the release of the foreign nationals and to discourage others from so doing.

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The Ministers accordingly agreed that any action by the Twelve should have the objective of securing the release of all the hostages. They ruled out any negotiations on the matter between their Governments and Iraq.

In the context of implementing the principles set out in the declaration by the Rome European Council, the Ministers decided that the Community and its Member States would take vigorous action through representations to a large number of countries and groups of countries to persuade them to press the Iraqi authorities along the same lines.

The first of those approaches was made by the Ministers themselves to their colleagues in the Maghreb Arab Union during today's meeting in Brussels.

- Relations with the East European countries

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine two documents submitted by the Italian Presidency at the Rome European Council concerning, on the one hand, long-term co-operation with the Central and East European countries and with the Soviet Union in the energy sector and, on the other hand, a Community initiative in the telecommunications development sector with the USSR and with the Central and East European countries.

As regards co-operation in the energy sector, President DELORS stated that the Commission would take into account the abovementioned document and the communication from Prime Minister LUBBERS concerning a European Energy Community submitted at the Dublin European Council in June, in its preparatory work for the deliberations of the Council and of the CSCE summit in Paris.

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- Preparation for the Intergovernmental Conference on Political Union

The Council confirmed that the Ministers' personal representatives, who were to hold three further meetings before reporting to the Council meeting on 4 December, were responsible for preparations for the Intergovernmental Conference on Political Union.

#### RELATIONS WITH EFTA

The Council reviewed the negotiations with EFTA and confirmed how vitally important it was that they should culminate in overall agreement on the major issues by the end of the year.

With that in mind, it held a wide-ranging discussion on the problem of derogations for EFTA from the "acquis communautaire", institutional questions, agriculture, fisheries and the reduction of regional economic and social disparities. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining those issues in the light of the Council's discussions.

The Council noted the Presidency's intention to organize a ministerial meeting with the EFTA countries before the end of the year.

#### ASSOCIATION WITH POLAND, HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Council heard a Commission exposé on the negotiating directives it was proposing for the conclusion of Association Agreements with Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to carry out a concentrated and detailed examination of the proposed directives, so that the Council could approve them at a meeting before the end of the year.

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#### REDIRECTING THE MEDITERRANEAN POLICY

After noting progress in the work on redirecting the Mediterranean policy, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the amounts to be earmarked in the negotiating directives for the fourth Financial Protocol and in the context of horizontal financial co-operation and to continue its work on the points still outstanding as regards financial co-operation.

As regards the commercial aspects, the Council felt that encouragement of exports by the Mediterranean partners was one way of ensuring their economic development, and called upon the Permanent Representatives Committee to look more closely at the matter, taking into account the current transitional arrangements for products originating in Spain and Portugal.

In conclusion, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to report to it at its next meeting.

#### CO-OPERATION WITH THE ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Council heard a statement by Commissioner MATUTES on progress with regard to the guidelines for the next decade of co-operation with the Asian and Latin American developing countries.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue the work on the matter so that the points still outstanding could be discussed at a special meeting of the Development Council. It was agreed that the Council would take its final decision on those guidelines by 18 December.



## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Imports of bananas into the Federal Republic of Germany

The Council noted the agreement reached to increase the tariff quota for imports of bananas into the Federal Republic of Germany in 1990 to 892 000 tonnes.

It should be noted that the original quota calculated in line with the Protocol on bananas, which was 491 000 tonnes, was already increased by 200 000 tonnes in July. The new increase takes into account estimates of consumption in the FRG - after the integration of the GDR - and allows account to be taken of the commercial proposals made to German importers by suppliers other than in the dollar area.

### Fisheries policy

The Council adopted the Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol establishing, for the period from 1 August 1990 to 31 July 1993, the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on fishing off the coast of Mauritania.

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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
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1441st meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 27 November 1990

President:

Mr Vito SACCOMANDI

Minister for Agriculture  
of the Italian Republic

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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<br>and Agriculture |
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Denmark:

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| Mr Laurits TOERNAES | Minister for Agriculture           |
| Mr Nils BERNSTEIN   | State Secretary<br>for Agriculture |

Germany:

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| Mr Ignaz KIECHLE | Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture<br>and Forestry |
| Mr Walter KITTEL | State Secretary for Food,<br>Agriculture and Forestry  |

Greece:

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| Mr Michaelis PAPACONSTANTINOU | Minister for Agriculture |
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Spain:

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| Mr Carlos ROMERO-HERRERA | Minister for Agriculture |
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France:

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| Mr Louis MERMAZ | Minister for Agriculture |
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Ireland:

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| Mr Michael O'KENNEDY | Minister for Agriculture and Food |
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Italy:

Mr Vito SACCOMANDI

Minister for Agriculture

Mr Francesco CIMINO

State Secretary for Agriculture and  
Forestry

Mr Paolo BRUNO

State Secretary for Health

Luxembourg:

Mr René STEICHEN

Minister for Agriculture and  
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Piet BUKMAN

Minister for Agriculture,  
Nature Protection and  
Fisheries

Portugal:

Mr Arlindo CUNHA

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and  
Food

United Kingdom:

Mr David CURRY

Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture

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Commission:

Mr R. MAC SHARRY

Member

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## OILS AND FATS

After taking note of the Opinion of the European Parliament and on the basis of a compromise by the Presidency, the Council adopted a package of measures the purpose of which was, inter alia, to implement the appropriate provisions to avoid imbalances on the olive oil market as a result of the expiry on 31 December 1990 of the standstill period in Spain and Portugal.

These measures included, inter alia:

- extending the stabilizing mechanism to the intervention price for olive oil
- granting additional aid (ECU 3/100 kg) for production by small-scale producers
- increasing the quantity of olive oil laid down for the purposes of defining small-scale producers, namely 500 kg instead of 400 kg
- introduction of consumption aid in Spain  
(ECU 43/100 kg) and Portugal (ECU 48/100 kg)
- improving the system for paying advances in respect of production aid.

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The Council also adopted, for the marketing year 1990/1991 due to start on 1 December 1990, the Regulation fixing the representative market price and threshold price for olive oil.

These prices are as follows:

- representative market price : ECU 190,61/100 kg
- threshold price : ECU 189,43/100 kg

The level of consumption aid - for the Community of Ten - for the abovementioned marketing year was therefore fixed at ECU 61/100 kg.

On this aid the following percentages would be retained:

- 1,4% to finance trade bodies;
- 4% for actions to promote consumption.

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TABLE OLIVES

The Council examined the Commission's report on the current situation of the Community market and of the world market in table olives and prospects for their development.

Then, pending the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council held an initial exchange of views on the proposal concerning measures to develop the consumption of table olives, by means, in particular, of Community participation in the financing of appropriate actions implemented by representatives groups.

As a more detailed study of the dossier was necessary, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to pursue its work in that field.

TRANSITION TO THE SECOND STAGE IN THE ACCESSION OF PORTUGAL  
(AGRICULTURE)

The Council, after noting the Opinion of the European Parliament, signified its agreement to a set of measures including 23 regulations designed to facilitate the integration of sectors subject to a transition by stages (see Article 259 of the Act of Accession) in the common agricultural policy, starting with the beginning of the second stage, i.e., 1 January 1991.

The solutions adopted by the Council took into account a certain number of specific problems to be faced by Portuguese agriculture within the framework of its integration into the common agricultural policy and thus provide a response to the commitments entered into by the European Council in 1988 and the Council's statement adopted at the time of the decision on the 1989/1990 agricultural prices.

The regulations would be formally adopted at a forthcoming meeting of the Council, following finalization of the texts.



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#### SUGAR SECTOR

Pending the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council held an initial exchange of views on the Commission proposal on the Community's future sugar arrangements.

In the light of the situation and prospects for development of the sugar market both in the Community and internationally, the proposal essentially aimed to maintain in its broad outlines the current arrangements for the two years to come (1991/1992 and 1992/1993).

This first examination enabled the Council to lay down some guidelines for its later discussions.

The Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to pursue its work on the subject so as to enable the Council to resume its debate at its next meeting.

#### URUGUAY ROUND - AGRICULTURAL ASPECT

The Council was informed by the Commission on the current state of the multilateral trade negotiations, as far as agricultural aspects were concerned.

The Council confirmed the Community's position as it had defined it at its meeting on 5 and 6 November 1990 and agreed to follow the development of the negotiations closely at the Brussels conference.

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### FLAVOURED WINES

The Council examined the proposal for a Regulation laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with plants and other aromatic substances.

The Council gave particular consideration to an initial draft global compromise from the Presidency aimed at bringing together the delegations' positions so as to reach a common position to be forwarded for a second reading to the European Parliament in the framework of the co-operation procedure.

From the Council's deliberations it emerged that the draft submitted constituted a good basis for the work that the Special Committee on Agriculture had been instructed to carry out with a view to the Council's deliberations at its next meeting.

## PLANT AND ANIMAL HEALTH

### Pesticide residues

The Council adopted the Directive on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables.

This Directive particularly aims to:

- create a system whereby, in all the Member States, maximum compulsory levels can be fixed, applying to pesticide residues on and in fruit and vegetables currently coming under Directive 76/895/EEC;
- extend the scope of the Community measures to products not yet covered by them;
- group under a sole Community measure maximum levels for residues to be applied to fruit and vegetables, regardless of whether the treatment had been applied before or after harvesting.

The list of pesticide residues and maximum levels applicable to them was adopted by the Council.

### Veterinary checks on products from third countries

The Council examined the Commission proposal laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries.

The fixing at Community level of common principles for the organization of checks and the internal distribution arrangements for products from third countries was especially necessary as internal border checks were to be abolished (Directive No 89/662/EEC, adopted in December 1989).

Following its deliberations, the Council noted that substantial progress had been made, but a more detailed examination of the dossier was still necessary.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work towards solving the questions outstanding so as to enable the Council to adopt this proposal at its next meeting in December.

### Farmed game meat and rabbit meat

The Council unanimously adopted the Directive concerning public health and animal health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of rabbit meat and farmed game meat.

This Directive aims to harmonize the public health rules applying to game and rabbit meat, and thus completes the harmonization of these rules which were already applicable in the fresh pigmeat, beef and sheepmeat and poultrymeat sectors.

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Protection against pathogens

The Council unanimously adopted the Directive laying down the general rules for the disposal and processing of animal waste, for its placing on the market and for the prevention of pathogens in feedstuffs of animal origin.

The purpose of this Directive is to harmonize the conditions for processing animal waste products and in particular certain products considered as high-risk materials with regard to the transmission of certain diseases.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

The Council adopted:

- the Decision laying down the Community criteria for the eradication and monitoring of certain animal diseases.

These criteria are designed to guarantee the efficacy of the action undertaken and enable the Member States to submit to the Commission programmes intended to ensure the rapid eradication or appropriate monitoring of the diseases concerned.

- the Regulation laying down the factors to be taken into consideration in the annual accounts for the financing of intervention measures in the form of public storage by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section.

Within the framework of simplifying regulations in order to facilitate checks, the aim of this measure is to restructure the rules governing the financing of interventions for the EAGGF-Guarantee Fund which are the subject of Council Regulation No 3247/81.

- the Regulation opening and providing for the administration of a Community quota for chemically pure fructose originating in third countries not bound to the Community by a preferential trade agreement (1991);
- the Regulation laying down general rules for the grant of premiums to sheepmeat and goatmeat producers. The purpose of this Regulation is to amend the definitions of sheepmeat producers and producer groups, and to make more specific the concept of a holding partially situated in a disadvantaged area.

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1442nd Council meeting  
- General Affairs -  
Brussels, 15 November 1990

President: Mr Renato RUGGIERO  
Minister for Foreign Trade  
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Robert URBAIN Minister for Foreign Trade

Denmark:

Mr Jørgen ØRSTRØM MØLLER State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Sotirios HATZIGAKIS Deputy Minister for Trade

Spain:

Mr RUIZ LIGERO State Secretary for Trade

France:

Mr Jean-Marie RAUSCH Minister for Foreign Trade

Ireland:

Mr Terry LEYDEN Minister of State at the  
Department of Industry and  
Commerce with special responsibility  
for Trade and Marketing

Italy:

Mr Renato RUGGIERO Minister for Foreign Trade

Luxembourg:

Mr Georges WOHLFART State Secretary for Foreign Affairs  
and Foreign Trade



Netherlands:

Mrs Yvonne van ROOY

State Secretary for Economic Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Vitor MARTINS

State Secretary for European Integration

Mr Miguel HORTA E COSTA

State Secretary for Foreign Trade

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter LILLEY

Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

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Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

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URUGUAY ROUND - COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

1. The Council took stock of the negotiations on the basis of a Commission report. The Commission took note in this connection of the comments and concerns expressed within the Council, which it would use in pursuing its role as Community negotiator.
2. The Council confirmed the need to meet the deadline of the beginning of December for the Brussels Ministerial Conference in order to bring the Uruguay Round to a successful conclusion.
3. The Council pinpointed the considerable difficulties facing all sides in this final phase of the negotiations in seeking vital compromises in a large number of sectors; these difficulties illustrated the importance of the economic and political matters at stake in these negotiations.
4. The Council re-asserted the Community's determination to arrive, through thorough and intensive negotiations, at serious, realistic, balanced and satisfactory results in all areas, in conjunction with a strengthening of the multilateral trading system.

The Community expects to encounter the same constructive spirit among its partners.

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1443rd Council meeting

- Budget -

Brussels, 15 and 19 November 1990

President: Mr Emilio RUBBI,

State Secretary for the Treasury  
of the Italian Republic

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Italy

Mr Emilio RUBBI

State Secretary for the Treasury

Mr Angelo PICANO

State Secretary for the Budget

Luxembourg

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER

Minister for the Budget

Netherlands

Mr Piet DANKERT

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Portugal

Mrs Maria Manuela FERREIRA LEITE

State Secretary for the Budget

United Kingdom

Mr Francis MAUDE

Financial Secretary to the Treasury

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Commission

Mr Peter SCHMIDHUBER

Member

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#### MEETING WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Before returning to the 1991 budgetary procedure, the Council met a European Parliament delegation, led by Mr VON DER VRING, its acting Head and Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, and comprising Mr LAMASSOURE, Rapporteur on Section III - Commission and first Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mrs THEATO, Rapporteur on the other Sections, Mr CORNELISSEN, second Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets and Mr ADAM, Mr COLOM I NAVAL, Mr LO GIUDICE and Mr WYNN, Members of Committee on Budgets.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the Parliamentary delegation to submit the outcome of the first reading of the draft budget for 1991 to the Council and to draw attention to the priorities which Parliament had selected.

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#### CONTINUATION OF THE 1991 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE

After the meeting, the Council held its second reading of the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1991, together with amendments and proposed modifications by the European Parliament.

The Council adopted positions on all the proposed modifications and amendments for which the European Parliament had voted on a first reading.

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The main expenditure agreed on by the Council on its second reading of its draft 1991 budget amounts to:

|  | (in million ECU - provisional<br>figures rounded off) |          |
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|  | CA  | PA       |
| EAGGF, Guarantee Section   | 30 104,0  | 30 104,0 |
| Set-aside and income aid   | 300,0   | 300,0    |
| Depreciation of agricultural stocks                                  | 810,0   | 810,0    |
| Monetary reserve   | 1 000,0   | 1 000,0  |
| EAGGF, Guidance Section  | 2 424,0   | 2 022,0  |
| Regional Fund (ERDF)   | 6 725,0   | 6 309,0  |
| Social Fund (ESF)  | 4 312,0   | 4 069,0  |
| PEDIP (Specific Programme for Industrial<br>Development in Portugal) | 119,8   | 114,4    |
| Support programme  | 15,7  | 12,7     |
| IMPs (Integrated Mediterranean Programmes)                           | 334,0   | 291,0    |
| Research (framework programme)                                       | 1 709,0   | 1 423,9  |
| Research (other than framework programme)                            | 98,9  | 111,2    |
| Other policies   | 3 982,3   | 3 082,5  |
| comprising: Food aid   | 516,9   | 564,7    |
| Aid to Latin America and Asia  | 429,8   | 300,8    |
| Mediterranean countries  | 322,5   | 221,5    |
| Central and Eastern Europe   | 838,0   | 350,0    |
| Administration - Commission  | 1 642,2   | 1 642,2  |
| - Other Institutions   | 956,3   | 956,3    |
| Refunds to Member States   | 329,7   | 329,7    |
|  | -----   | -----    |
|  | 54 862,9  | 52 577,9 |

The rates of increase for NCO thus amount to 22,64% in the case of commitment appropriations and 26,10% in the case of payment appropriations.

The Council instructed its President to forward the outcome of its second reading of the draft budget to the European Parliament.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Anti-dumping

The Council adopted the Regulations

- extending, for a period not exceeding two months from 22 November 1990, the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of linear tungsten halogen lamps originating in Japan
- imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of woven polyolefin sacks originating in the People's Republic of China and definitively collecting the provisional anti-dumping duty on such imports. The amount of the duty is set at 43,4% of the pre-clearance net free-at-Community-frontier price of the product.

Renewal of the ECSC Consultative Committee

The Council adopted the Decision appointing the following members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community.

PRODUCERS CATEGORY

Coal Sector

Steel Sector

BELGIUM

Mr Jean VAN DER STICHELEN ROGIER

Mr Christian OURY

Mr Rudolf GAUDER

DENMARK

Mr K. STAUSHOLM-PEDERSEN



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Mr Heinz HORN

Mr Harald B. GIESEL

Mr Hans-Reiner BIEHL

Mr Günter MEYHÖFER

GREECE

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SPAIN

Mr José Antonio GONZALES SANCHEZ

FRANCE

Mr Marcel ASSAYAG

Mr Roland LOOSES

IRELAND

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ITALY

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LUXEMBOURG

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NETHERLANDS

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PORTUGAL

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UNITED KINGDOM

Sir Kenneth COUZENS

Mr W.G. JENSEN

Mr J.D.M. COOPER

Steel Sector

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Mr Alexandros TIKTOPOULOS

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Mr Javier PENACHO

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Mr Marcel RENAUX  
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Mr Fritz KOLLORZ  
Mr Karl-Heinz SABELLEK  
Mr Georg IPPERS  
Mr Albrecht HEROLD  
Mr Dieter WIESHOFF

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Mr Jan Johannes SCHALKX

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Mr B. FISHER

Mr A.B. MCLUCKIE

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Mr Roger PAQUET

DENMARK

Mr Peter MIKKELSEN

GERMANY

Mr Justus FÜRSTENAU

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Mr Walther JANSSEN

Mr Eberhardt H. BRAUNER

Mr Wolf-Rainer HEINEMANN

Mr Heinz MOHR

GREECE

Mr Nicolaos SVORONOS

SPAIN

Mr Adriano GARCIA LOIGORRY

Mr Enrique KAIBEL MURCIANO

IRELAND

Mr Stanley LENIHAN

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Mr Edmond PACHURA

Mr Christian GOUX

Mr Lionel TACCOEN

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Mr Giancarlo COMELLI

Mr Mario CIMENTI

Mr Adriano SOSSO

NETHERLANDS

Mr F.R.M. GEURTS

Mr F.H.W. ENGELBERT VAN  
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Mr Harold Astley WHITTALL

Mr John Francis SAFFORD

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Mr Johan WOOLEY

Mr Brian TASKER

Mrs Ann SCULLY

## **COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

1444th meeting of the Council

- Economic and Financial Affairs-

Brussels, 19 November 1990

Presidents: Mr. Guido Carli  
Minister for the Treasury, Italy

Mr. Rino Formica  
Minister for Finance

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## 1444th meeting

1.8.13. Economic and Financial Affairs (Brussels, 19 November).

- Previous meeting: Bull. EC 10-1990, point 1.8.16

*President:* Mr Carli, Italian Minister for the Treasury, and Mr Formica, Italian Minister for Finance.

*Commission:* Sir Leon Brittan, Mr Christophersen, Mr Schmidhuber and Mrs Scrivener.

### *Main points*

Investment services in the field of transferable securities: discussed in detail.

New VAT regime: discussed.

Report on the proceedings of the *ad hoc* working party on the general system of excise duties: brief exchange of views.

Duty-free allowances for travellers: placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Amendment and revision of the financial perspective: discussed.

Uruguay Round — financial services: statement by the Commission.

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1445th meeting of the Council  
and of the Ministers responsible for Cultural Affairs  
meeting within the Council

Brussels, 19 November 1990

President: Mr Ferdinando FACCHIANO  
Minister for Cultural Assets  
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium

|                      |   |
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| Mr Patrick DEWAELE   | Minister for Culture (Flemish Community)  |
| Mr Valmy FEAUX       | Chairman of the Executive of the French-speaking Community and Minister with responsibility for Culture |
| Mr GENTGES           | Minister for Culture (German-speaking Community)  |
| Mr P. DE KEERSMAEKER | State Secretary for European Affairs  |

Denmark

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| Mr Ole VIG JENSEN | Minister for Culture |
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Germany

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| Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER | State Secretary, Foreign Affairs  |
| Mrs M. TIDICK                 | President of the Conference of Ministers for Cultural Affairs of the Länder |

Greece

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| Mr Tzannis TZANNETAKIS | Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Culture |
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Spain

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| Mr Jorge SEMPRUN | Minister for Culture |
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France

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| Mr Jack LANG | Minister for Culture |
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Ireland

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| Mrs Maire GEOGHEGAN-QUINN | Minister of State for EEC Matters                    |
| Mr P. GALLAGHER           | Minister of State at the Department of the Gaeltacht |



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Italy

Mr Ferdinando FACCHIANO

Minister for Cultural Assets

Mr Luigi COVATTA

State Secretary for Cultural Assets

Mr Antonio MURATORE

State Secretary for Tourism

Luxembourg

Mr René STEICHEN

Minister attached to the Ministry of  
Cultural Affairs

Netherlands

Mrs Hedy D'ANCONA

Minister for Culture

Portugal

Mr Pedro SANTANA LOPES

State Secretary for Culture

United Kingdom

Mr David MELLOR

Minister for the Arts

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Commission

Mr Jean DONDELINGER

Member

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PROTECTION OF NATIONAL TREASURES OF ARTISTIC,  
HISTORIC OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL VALUE AFTER 1992

The Council and the Ministers for Culture meeting within the Council adopted the following conclusions:

1. The Council and the Ministers of Culture have noted with interest a report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and the Permanent Representatives Committee in response to the mandate given on 18 May 1990, on problems regarding the protection of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value after the abolition of controls at the internal frontiers of the Community by the end of 1992. With the abolition of these controls the circulation of cultural objects is likely to increase, but this increase should not prevent the Member States from applying Article 36 of the EEC Treaty, as far as those objects which they define as national treasures are concerned, provided that the requirements resulting from this Article are fulfilled. With the abolition of the controls, however, an important means of checking that national treasures remain within the Member States concerned will be taken away.
2. The major effort to protect its national treasures has to be made, then as now, by the Member State concerned. However, in view of the interdependence of the Member States in this area after 1992, they have agreed to collaborate more intensively with each other and the Commission on the protection of national treasures, so that, without any heavy extra administrative burden, information and experience can be exchanged. The Committee on cultural affairs should prepare the modalities of this exchange process.
3. In the framework of the protection of national treasures after 1992, the idea of a system of restitution of cultural objects illicitly exported to other Member States should be further examined. The Ministers invite the Commission to study, together with experts from the Member States, the possibilities of allowing the restitution of such illicitly exported cultural objects and to make a report to the Council.

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4. Further consideration should be given to measures at the external frontiers for the protection of cultural objects, through joint meetings of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and customs experts, as well as in dialogue with the customs mutual assistance Committee of the Commission in the framework of (EEC) Regulation 1468/81.
5. In this connection the Ministers accepted the offer of the Spanish Government to organize a meeting of cultural and customs experts to examine a certificate system and to visit one of the Spanish customs posts specializing in the control of cultural objects. This meeting should be followed by further work in the Committee on cultural affairs with the participation of customs experts.

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#### VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN THE ARTS FIELD

The Council and the Ministers for Culture meeting within the Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council and the Ministers for Culture have noted with interest the Commission communication on vocational training in the arts field.

They consider that this communication forms part of the implementation of the conclusions of 27 May 1988 on future priority actions in the cultural field and is a follow-up to the discussion which they had on 18 May 1990, during which specific actions in this field were called for.

They share the approach of the Commission in its communication involving, in close collaboration with the Member States and with international organizations, particularly the Council of Europe :

- the preparation of a review of the situation and needs in the field of training for the arts, measured against the objectives of the common vocational training policy and taking into account existing Community programmes such as ERASMUS, PETRA and MEDIA ;
- the launching of immediate experimental projects, so as to reinforce efforts already undertaken in the framework of "Cultural Action" (sectors of conservation/restoration and translation), without prejudice to actions which might be desirable in other sectors later.

They invite the Commission to associate the Member States with the evaluation of these two actions and note that the Commission may propose, in a second phase, other priority actions in important sectors for European cultural life and where better use could be made of existing structures and financial resources, in conformity with the principle of subsidiarity."

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#### MEDIA PROGRAMME

The Ministers held a policy debate on the basis of a progress report on the MEDIA programme.

At the end of the debate, during which the issues outstanding were examined in detail, the Ministers agreed to inform the Ministers for General Affairs of the situation, with a view to approval of the programme at the Council meeting on 4 December.

#### EUROPEAN CULTURAL MONTH

Further to the proposals from the Polish and Austrian Governments, the Ministers decided that European Cultural Month would take place in Cracow in 1992 and Graz in 1993.

#### COPYRIGHT

The Council heard a statement by the Commission on its work in the field of copyright.

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OTHER BUSINESS

In the light of a communication from the Belgian delegation, the Ministers discussed the inclusion of the arts in the Treaty.

The Greek delegation informed the Ministers of the result of an international architects competition for a new Acropolis Museum.

The Italian delegation suggested that a meeting of representatives of the Member States' national archives be convened.

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

10045/90 (Presse 191)

1446th Council meeting

- RESEARCH -

Brussels, 20 November 1990

President: Mr Antonio RUBERTI,  
Minister for Scientific  
Research and Technology  
of the Italian Republic

Minister of State for Science  
and Technology



Italy:

Mr Antonio RUBERTI

Minister for Scientific Research  
and Technology

Mr Learco SAPORITO

State Secretary for Scientific Research and  
TechnologyLuxembourg:

Mr René STEICHEN

Minister attached to the Ministry  
of Scientific ResearchNetherlands:

Mr P.C. NIEMAN

Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Portugal:

Mr José Pedro SUCENA PAIVA

State Secretary for Science  
and TechnologyUnited Kingdom:

Lord HESKETH

Minister for Industry and Enterprise

Commission:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI

Vice-President

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SPECIFIC R&D PROGRAMMES - HORIZONTAL PROGRAMMES -  
EXCEPTIONAL PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTING PROJECTS

The Council held a policy debate on the exceptional procedure proposed by the Commission for selecting unsolicited projects for which provision could not normally be made as part of a specific programme but which were of special interest or could make an especially promising and significant contribution in view of the originality of the proposed topic, the novelty of the scientific and technical approach or the methodology used in implementing the projects, with account also being taken of the standing of the proposers.

The Commission proposed reserving a set percentage - 15% - for these projects, subject to a special selection procedure which would have to be completed before the normal closure of the selection procedure by means of calls for proposals.

At the conclusion of this debate, the Council noted that on 30 November the Commission intended to place before it a communication in this connection taking account of today's discussion; the Permanent Representatives Committee was instructed to examine this exceptional procedure in relation to each specific programme to prepare for a discussion by the Council at its next meeting on 21 December 1990.

On this occasion the President stressed the Council's determination to proceed as soon as possible with the approval of the specific R&D programmes arising from the third framework programme and said that the discussions on the exceptional procedure should not entail delay in the adoption of these programmes.

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ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR AN INTERNATIONAL THERMONUCLEAR EXPERIMENTAL REACTOR  
(ITER)

Following a short discussion, the Council adopted the Decision containing directives for the Commission to conduct negotiations on co-operation between the EAEC, Japan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America concerning engineering design activities for an International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER).

This decision should enable the Commission to negotiate the provisions for the next phase of the project at the ITER Council on 10, 11 and 12 December next. The conceptual design phase comes to an end on 31 December 1990 and will be followed by the engineering design activities (EDA) lasting about 6 years, leading to the construction phase.

When adopting this Decision, the Council pointed out that the Community was reserving the option of proposing in due course a site for the construction of the experimental reactor.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND R&D FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

The Council was informed of the discussions of the Ministers for Finance and Economic Affairs at their meeting on 19 November on the budgetary aspects of the implementation of the second R&D framework programme with a view to a dialogue with the European Parliament and the Commission which was to be held that evening in Strasbourg.

The Council endorsed the conclusions reached by the Ministers for Finance and Economic Affairs and instructed its President to proceed with the dialogue with the Parliament and the Commission on the basis of those conclusions.

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OTHER DECISIONS ON RESEARCH

Scientific and technological co-operation with third countries

- Council conclusions

1. Having begun its examination of the two Commission communications concerning S/T co-operation with third countries and S/T co-operation with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Council adopted the conclusions set out below.
2. The Council considers that co-operation in scientific and technological research between the European Community and third countries whose S/T development warrants it, should be gradually stepped up under the framework programme on the basis of the principles of both subsidiarity and mutual advantage. The general aim of such co-operation should be to strengthen the scientific and technological foundations of European industry and to encourage it to become more competitive internationally, whilst ensuring that the Community's economic and social cohesion is tightened and scientific and technical quality pursued.
3. Community scientific and technological co-operation with third countries should also take account of international co-operation activities carried out by Member States in this area.
4. The Council feels that lasting arrangements for co-operation with the EFTA countries should be worked out in the general context of the current negotiations on the European Economic Area, with particular reference to these countries' request to be fully associated with the Framework Programme for research and technological development. Having regard to the priority attaching to co-operation with these countries, the Council takes the view

that, in this context, the possibility of full involvement in all research activities under the Framework Programme will be examined.

Meanwhile, co-operation with relevant bodies and undertakings in these countries can be extended on the basis of project-by-project co-operation.

5. The Council takes the view that co-operation in science and technology should be developed with those countries of Central and Eastern Europe that have initiated reform on the basis of the fundamental principles of democracy, pluralism and observance of state constitutionalism. In particular, it seems desirable to embark on co-operation with these countries as a matter of priority and with due regard for the general objectives of the Framework Programme, notably in those research sectors which are of direct concern to the population, such as the environment, health, nuclear safety, extension of trade and of the free movement of scientists, and improved use of energy. Such co-operation could contribute towards rehabilitating production systems in these countries.

The Council calls upon the Commission to submit to it the requisite proposals for possible ways and means of co-operation with these countries in the aforementioned areas. Funding their part in such co-operation should not, however, affect the amount believed necessary for the Framework Programme. In order to place these countries in a position to pursue these goals - a matter coming under the assistance policy decided elsewhere - the PHARE and TEMPUS programmes could be mobilized, together with the EBRD's activities.

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The Council also points to its Resolution of 29 June 1990 concerning co-operation in the field of S/T research (COST) and Central and Eastern European States, envisaging the possibility of progressively including these countries as members of the COST framework.

6. As for the development of scientific co-operation with other countries, the Council calls on the Commission, before embarking on any negotiations leading to the conclusion of agreements on the basis of EEC Article 130N or EAEC Article 101, to submit specific proposals concerning the areas covered by, and the arrangements for, such co-operation. The proposals should reflect a strategic approach to co-operation with these countries and take account, inter alia, of the mutual-advantage requirement.
7. The Council believes that scientific and technological co-operation may contribute to the Community's drive to assist developing countries, notably in rural development, public health and nutrition, education and vocational training, the environment and energy.

It requests the Commission to keep it informed regularly of the progress of co-operation with these countries.

8. A close link exists between the aforementioned development of S/T policy and the solving of problems relating to intellectual and industrial property law. The Council therefore calls upon the Commission to submit to it as soon as possible its proposals for decisions on both this matter and the dissemination and exploitation of knowledge.
9. The Council considers that it will have to review the Community's policy approach to S/T co-operation with, and in particular the strategic approach to, third countries on the basis of further information and of any proposals

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to be submitted to it by the Commission. It also sees a case for a periodic review of the broad lines of policy in this area.

Participation by EFTA countries in R&D programmes

The Council adopted its common positions with a view to adopting the decisions concerning the conclusion of

- five Co-operation Agreements between the EEC and Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland respectively on a European Stimulation Plan for Economic Science (SPES)
- three Co-operation Agreements between the EEC and Finland, Sweden and Switzerland respectively on a R&D programme in the field of applied metrology and chemical analysis (CBR).

The Agreements covered by these common positions are intended to involve the countries in the Community programmes relating, respectively, to a European Stimulation Plan for Science (SPES - 1988-1992) (see Press Release 9343/88 Presse 173 of 17.XI.1988) and the area of applied metrology and chemical analysis (CBR 1989-1992) (see Press Release 5415/88 Presse 41 of 11.IV.1988).

The Agreements make provision for co-operation by the parties for the periods concerned on the research objectives and areas set out in the two Community programmes through the co-ordination of activities coming under the research programmes of the countries in question and of the Community. The financial contributions of the contracting parties will be determined by a proportionality coefficient based on GNP.

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1447th Council meeting

- FISHERIES -

Brussels, 20 November 1990

President: Mr Carlo VIZZINI

Minister for Merchant Shipping  
of the Italian Republic



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

Belgium:

Mr Marc LEPOIVRE Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Kent KIRK Minister for Fisheries

Mr Thomas LAURITSEN State Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Wolfgang von GELDERN Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Panayiotis HATZINIKOLAOU Deputy Minister for Agriculture

Spain:

Mr José LOIRA RUA Secretary-General for Fisheries

France:

Mr Jacques MELLICK Minister attached to the Minister for Transport, with responsibility for Maritime Affairs

Ireland:

Mr John P. WILSON Tanaiste and Minister for the Marine

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Italy:

Mr Carlo VIZZINI

Minister for Merchant Shipping

Mr Giuseppe AMBROSIO

Director-General, Ministry of  
Merchant Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Thierry STOLL

Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr Piet BUKMAN

Minister for Agriculture and  
Fisheries

Portugal:

Mr Arlindo CUNHA

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries  
and Food

Mr João Marçal ALVES

State Secretary for Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr David CURRY

Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of  
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Lord STRATHCLYDE

Minister of State,  
Scottish Office

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Commission:

Mr Manuel MARIN

Vice-President

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PRICES FOR 1991

The Council adopted the Regulations fixing for 1991 the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) and Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81, and the producer price for tuna intended for the canning industry.

The variations in price for the various species as compared with the prices for 1990 are as follows:

A. Guide prices - fresh products

|  |      |
|--|------|
| 1. Herring                               |      |
| - from 1.1. to 31.7. and                 |      |
| from 1.10. to 31.12.1991                 | - 1% |
| - from 1.8. to 30.9.1991                 | - 1% |
| 2. Sardines                              |      |
| (a) Atlantic                             | 0%   |
| (b) Mediterranean                        | 0%   |
| 3. Picked dogfish                        | + 2% |
| 4. Catsharks                             | 0%   |
| 5. Redfish                               | + 1% |
| 6. Cod                                   | + 3% |
| 7. Coalfish                              | + 1% |
| 8. Haddock                               | + 3% |
| 9. Whiting                               | + 2% |
| 10. Ling                                 | + 2% |
| 11. Mackerel (Scomber scombrus)          | 0%   |
| 12. Spanish mackerel (Scomber japonicus) | 0%   |
| 13. Anchovies                            | + 2% |
| 14. Plaice                               |      |
| - from 1.1. to 30.4.1991                 | 0%   |
| - from 1.5. to 31.12.1991                | 0%   |
| 15. Hake                                 | + 1% |
| 16. Megrim                               | + 2% |
| 17. Ray's bream                          | + 4% |

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| 18. Monkfish       |      |
| - with head        | + 1% |
| - without          | 0%   |
| 19. Shrimps        | + 4% |
| 20. Edible crab    | 0%   |
| 21. Norway lobster |      |
| - whole            | 0%   |
| - tails            | - 5% |

B. Guide prices for frozen products

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1. Sardines             | 0%   |
| 2. Sea bream            | + 4% |
| 3. Squid (Loligo)       | -10% |
| 4. Squid (Ommastrephes) | -10% |
| 5. Suid (Illex)         | -10% |
| 6. Cuttlefish           | + 2% |
| 7. Octopus              | + 5% |

C. Producer prices

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| Yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacore) | - 7% |
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TECHNICAL MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF FISHERY RESOURCES

The Council discussed in detail a proposal for the amendment of Regulation No 3094/86 on technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources.

The Commission proposal followed from the conclusions of a high-level working party, submitted in May 1990.

The Council discussed in particular:

- prohibiting the carrying on board of nets of more than one minimum mesh size during the same voyage;
- increasing the standard mesh size in some zones;
- laying down the mesh size and the minimum landing size in fishing for whiting;
- selectiveness of nets.

Noting that some progress had been made, particularly on standard mesh size, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to press ahead with proceedings in order for the Council to reach a compromise at its meeting on 19 December 1990.

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## STRUCTURES

The Council held an initial discussion on a proposal for the amendment of Regulation No 4028/86 on measures to improve and adapt fisheries structures, on which the Opinions of Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee are pending.

The proposal provides chiefly for:

1. The stepping-up of existing measures as regards:

- (a) doubling financial support for exploratory fishing, as well as defining more clearly the objectives of such operations;
- (b) increasing the co-operation premium for joint ventures;
- (c) making permanent cessation more attractive both by raising the expenditure eligible for Community assistance and by increasing Community reimbursement (from 50% to 70%) in the event of vessels being scrapped.

2. New measures

- (a) for small-scale fishing, covered by "zonal plans", involving aid for construction, modernization and adjustment of capacity (permanent cessation);
- (b) for redeployment operations to provide the Community fleet with new commercial fishing opportunities in zones not traditionally fished, lying in particular outside the Community fishing zone;

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- (c) for the setting-up of joint enterprises between Community shipowners and third-country partners in order to exploit commercially the fishery resources of third-country waters, with primary consideration being given to supplying the Community market.

The discussion produced guidelines on some aspects of the proposal, particularly as regards defining the small-scale fishing fleet and the connection between zonal plans and multiannual guidance programmes.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue with discussions with a view to reaching agreement by the end of the year.

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#### COMMON FISHERIES SYSTEM IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The Council held a policy debate on a Commission communication outlining a common fisheries system in the Mediterranean.

It should be pointed out that the market and structural aspects of the common fisheries policy are fully applicable to the Mediterranean; however, the aspect of conservation and management of fishery resources has not so far applied owing to certain geopolitical constraints and also in view of the particular geomorphological and oceanographic characteristics of the Mediterranean.

Noting a broad consensus on the need to introduce common management and conservation arrangements in the Mediterranean, the Council asked the Commission to continue work and submit the results, if possible, by the end of 1991.

#### RELATIONS WITH NORWAY

The Irish delegation expressed concern at the TACs and quotas for mackerel in the context of the annual consultations with Norway.



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## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Agriculture

The Council adopted Regulations:

- setting for the 1990-1991 marketing year the percentages mentioned in Article 3(1a) of Regulation (EEC) No 426/86 in connection with the premium granted for products processed from tomatoes.

This measure is designed to encourage the concentration of supplies of fresh tomatoes so as to bring the quantities that need to be produced more into line with possible outlets;

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3034/80 fixing the quantities of basic products considered to have been used in the manufacture of goods covered by Regulation (EEC) No 3033/80, and fixing the rates of certain variable component levies.

The purpose is to amend the basis for calculating the levy for a particular category of goods, namely milk chocolate.

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3035/80 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.

This amendment is designed to correct an anomaly under the existing rules by providing an adequate refund for cream powders, based on the fat content only.

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- opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for some products originating in the Canary Islands;
- extending for the second time - until 30 November 1990 - the 1989/1990 marketing year for olive oil.

### Transport

The Council adopted a Regulation for an action programme in the field of transport infrastructure with a view to the completion of an integrated transport market in 1992.

The purpose of the Regulation is to enable the Community to act in some priority areas of major transport infrastructure of Community interest.

The action programme covers a three-year period (1990, 1991 and 1992).

The Community budget for 1990 includes ECU 60 million for financing transport infrastructure and the draft budget for 1991 ECU 105 million.

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### Appointments

The Council adopted Decisions:

- appointing an alternate member representing employers' organizations in the United Kingdom and replacing an alternate member, who had resigned, of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions;
- replacing a member, who had resigned, of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training.

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1448th meeting of the Council  
and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States  
meeting within the Council  
(Ministers for the Interior/Civil Protection)

Brussels, 23 November 1990

President: Mr Vitton LATTANZIO

Minister for Civil Protection  
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium

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| Mr Louis TOBBACK | Minister for the Interior, for the Modernization of the Public Utilities and for National Scientific and Cultural Institutions |
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Denmark

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| Mr Ole ASMUSSEN | State Secretary for the Interior |
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Germany

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| Mr Jochen GRÜNHAGE | Deputy Permanent Representative |
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Greece

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| Mr Haris CARABARBOUNIS | Deputy Permanent Representative |
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Spain

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| Mrs Pilar BRABO | Director-General for Civil Protection |
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France

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| Mr Jean CADET | Deputy Permanent Representative |
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Ireland

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| Mr Ger CONNOLLY | Minister for State at the Department of the Environment |
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Italy

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| Mr Vito LATTANZIO | Minister for Civil Protection |
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Luxembourg

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| Mr Thierry STOLL | Deputy Permanent Representative |
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Netherlands

Mr A. OOSTRA

Deputy Permanent Representative

Portugal

Mr José BRANQUINHO LOBO

Deputy State Secretary,  
Internal Administration

United Kingdom

The Earl FERRERS

Minister of State, Home Office

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Commission

Mr RIPA di MEANA

Member

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COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION ON CIVIL PROTECTION

RESOLUTION

of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments  
of the Member States meeting within the Council  
of 23 November 1990 on Community co-operation  
on civil protection

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THE COUNCIL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES,  
MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

Having taken note of the Commission communication of 12 December 1989 concerning  
Community co-operation on civil protection and of the summary of protection  
measures taken by the Commission to combat risks of fire and disaster and to  
ensure civil protection,

Recalling their Resolution of 25 June 1987 on the introduction of Community  
co-operation on civil protection <sup>(1)</sup> and that of 13 February 1989 on the new  
developments in Community co-operation in this area <sup>(2)</sup>,

Welcoming the progress resulting from implementation of those Resolutions and the  
initial measures taken in that framework,

Convinced that the Community and the Member States should continue to develop  
Community co-operation on civil protection in order to be able to deal more  
effectively with disasters and to develop in Europe's 340 million citizens a  
greater sense of solidarity,

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(1) OJ No C 176, 4.7.1987, p. 1.

(2) OJ No C 44, 23.2.1989, p. 3.

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Aware that Community co-operation in the area of civil protection makes a real contribution to the establishment of a people's Europe by fostering in Europeans the sense of belonging to the same community,

Whereas the Commission has carried out work with the objective of improving the transmission of the information needed for disaster prevention and management, in particular through the use of advanced information and telecommunications systems, including aerospace resources;

Whereas the Commission has completed a study to assess the means and requirements for a pilot computerized information system for civil protection, and whereas a system to make more effective use of existing specific information and to improve technical co-operation between rescue teams helping in emergencies outside their own countries or regions would be desirable;

Emphasizing that the new measures envisaged do not interfere with Member States' preparation or management of emergency plans for dealing with disasters;

Whereas it is desirable to be fully involved in the United Nations International Decade against natural Disasters by conducting information, education and awareness campaigns on civil protection;

Whereas some Member States' laws allow young people engaged in civilian or voluntary service to take part in activities relating to civil protection and whereas it could be of benefit to increase the scope for mobilizing young people in disaster prevention, rescue and repair work;

Whereas there is a need to develop Community actions to protect forests from destruction by fire involving global environmental consequences;



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NOTE with satisfaction the progress towards completion of a multilingual glossary of civil protection terminology, which they urge the Commission to publish by June 1991;

NOTE with satisfaction the development of the Commission departments' work on the use of advanced telecommunications systems;

SUPPORT the Commission in its intention of assessing and determining, in collaboration with the network of national liaison officers, the various options for advanced telecommunications systems to meet civil protection requirements, including the feasibility of using satellite systems, and, in this connection, agree to study, within the appropriate Community fora, whether new frequency bands need to be allocated for civil protection purposes;

AGREE to the implementation of a pilot project for a computerized information system for civil protection and to the introduction, in collaboration with the network of national liaison officers, of a complementary data bank of specialized human and material resources available in the Member States;

AGREE to carry out a co-ordinated campaign in the Member States to inform, educate and raise the awareness of Community citizens and to declare the period from June 1993 to June 1994 a European Year of Civil Protection. To that end, the Council undertakes to take a decision on the content of that campaign on the basis of the Commission communication on this question. Moreover, the Council invites the Commission to present a proposal for actions to be carried out during the abovementioned European Year for consideration by the Council.

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CALL on the Commission to continue investigating the scope, in the context of Community co-operation, for enhancing the training of young people doing civilian or voluntary service who are engaged in civil protection-related activities, and to submit relevant proposals during 1991;

CONSIDER that action at Community level is needed in the form of appropriate new initiatives and measures to develop Community co-operation on civil protection, to step up exchanges between Member States and to encourage the training of personnel concerned with natural and man-made disasters, including combating forest fires;

CALL upon the Commission to undertake consultations and studies with a view to developing actions for the improvement of intra-Community co-operation in order to establish framework conditions for preventing and combating forest fires with the better utilization of available resources, for improved means of preventing and detecting forest fires, and better exchange of information and training in that field. The Council requests the Commission to take part in the organization of an experts' seminar on the various aspects of the overall problem of forest fires to be held in 1991;

REAFFIRM the importance of civil protection and encourage initiatives taken by the Commission as a complement to existing national measures;

SUPPORT the implementation of the measures set out above, which should be accompanied by appropriate financial resources.

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MUTUAL AID IN THE EVENT OF DISASTERS

RESOLUTION  
OF THE COUNCIL AND OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF  
THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL OF 23 NOVEMBER 1990

ON IMPROVING MUTUAL AID BETWEEN  
MEMBER STATES IN THE EVENT OF  
A NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTER

THE COUNCIL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES,  
MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

Recalling their Resolution of 25 June 1987 relating to the introduction of  
Community co-operation on civil protection and the Resolution of 13 February 1989  
relating to new developments in Community co-operation in this area;

Aware of the threat of natural or man-made disaster confronting the Member States  
and of the need for aid to be provided to the Member State affected when such  
disasters occur;

Desirous of taking into account the legal liability aspects of such aid;

Recognizing that improved mutual aid between Member States in the event of a  
disaster would strengthen Community co-operation in the field of civil  
protection;

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Conscious of the usefulness of existing and future bilateral and multilateral agreements on co-operation in the field of civil protection and specifically in improving mutual aid in the event of a natural or man-made disaster;

Support the general objectives of the draft agreement on co-operation in the field of civil protection to improve mutual aid in the event of a natural or technological disaster, submitted by the Presidency on 11 September 1990;

Agree to examine at the earliest opportunity, together with the Commission, how the aforementioned objectives should be implemented.

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#### PROTECTION OF MEDITERRANEAN FORESTS

The Council held a discussion on the basis of a memorandum from the Portuguese delegation on measures to combat forest fires and Community co-operation on fire prevention and firefighting.

Furthermore, in its Resolution adopted today, the Council has called upon the Commission to carry out work on the matter.

The delegations welcomed the Portuguese delegation's proposal to organize a seminar on the protection of forests against fires, during the first half of 1991, in co-operation with the Commission.

#### STANDARD EUROPE-WIDE EMERGENCY NUMBER

The Council reached agreement on the enacting terms of a Decision providing for the introduction of 112 as the standard Europe-wide emergency number <sup>(1)</sup> in public telephone networks no later than 31 December 1996.

The Council agreed to re-consult the European Parliament on changing the legal basis for the Decision.

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(1) In particular police, fire brigade and ambulance emergencies.

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PRESS RELEASE

10161/90 (Presse 200 - G)

1449th Council meeting

- LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS -

Brussels, 26 November 1990

President: Mr Carlo DONAT-CATTIN,  
Minister for Employment and  
Social Security of the  
Italian Republic

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

Belgium

Mr Luc VAN DEN BRANDE Minister for Employment and Labour

Denmark

Mr Erik KIRKEGAARD Minister for Labour

Mr Henrik HASSENKAM State Secretary, Ministry of Labour

Germany

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

Greece

Mr Haris CARABARBOUNIS Deputy Permanent Representative

Spain

Mr Luis MARTINEZ NOVAL Minister for Labour and Social  
Security

France

Mr Jean-Pierre SOISSON Minister for Labour,  
Employment and Vocational Training

Mr Claude EVIN Minister for Solidarity,  
Health and Social Security

Ireland

Mr Bertie AHERN Minister for Labour

Italy

Mr Carlo DONAT-CATTIN Minister for Employment

Mr Ugo GRIPPO State Secretary,  
Ministry of Labour

Luxembourg

Mr Jean-Claude JUNKER

Minister for Labour

Netherlands

Mr Bert DE VRIES

Minister for Employment and  
Social Security

Portugal

Mr José Albino da SILVA PENEDA

Minister for Employment and  
Social Security

United Kingdom

Mr Eric FORTH

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of  
State, Department of Employment

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Commission

Ms Vasso PAPANDREOU

Member



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## ASBESTOS

The Council agreed on the common position on the amendment to Directive 83/477/EEC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos.

The common position provides for better protection than that given by Directive 83/477/EEC against the serious risks arising from exposure to asbestos fibres at work and in particular more stringent action levels and limit values (chrysotile: 0,20 and 0,60 fibres/cm<sup>3</sup> respectively; other forms of asbestos 0,10 and 0,30 fibres/cm<sup>3</sup> respectively).

A re-examination of Directive 83/477/EEC as a whole is scheduled before 1 January 1996 with a view to improving the protection of workers.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

### Comparability of vocational training qualifications

The Council approved <sup>(1)</sup> the Resolution set out below:

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Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

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(1) One delegation agreed subject to confirmation.

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Whereas Council Decision 85/368/EEC of 16 July 1985 on the comparability of vocational training qualifications between the Member States of the European Community <sup>(1)</sup> lays down the principles and procedures for expedited common action by the Member States and the Commission to establish the comparability of vocational training qualifications in the Community and improved information on the subject;

Whereas, the Community charter of Fundamental Social Rights for workers, adopted by the Heads of State and of Government of eleven Member States at the European Council in Strasbourg on 9 December 1989, accords a particular importance to vocational training;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 2(2) of Decision 85/368/EEC, work on the comparability of qualifications may use as a reference the structure of training levels drawn up by the Commission with the help of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training;

Whereas work on the comparability of qualifications for the various sectors of activity carried out with the assistance of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) has up to now concerned only some of the occupations pursued by skilled workers; whereas, consequently, work on the comparability of qualifications should be extended to the other occupations;

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(1) OJ No L 199, 31.7.1985, p. 56.

Whereas, the need to expedite work on the comparability of qualifications requires the introduction of some measure of flexibility into Decision 85/368/EEC;

Whereas, with a view to the completion of the internal market, the preconditions for genuine freedom of movement for workers within the Community should be fulfilled as soon as possible,

1. (a) TAKES NOTE of the interim report submitted by the Commission on 12 June 1990 on the implementation of Decision 85/368/EEC;  
  
(b) UNDERLINES the interest of information emerging from work on the comparability of qualifications, especially for the mobility of persons within the Community and for knowledge of national vocational training systems;
2. (a) CONSIDERS it necessary, after assessing the results of work on the comparability of qualifications and, on such a basis, to decide within three months, on the extension of work on the comparability of qualifications to the other occupations at all levels of vocational training which are involved most frequently in current instances of mobility, taking account of available national data and with the aid of the instruments already available at Community level, for example EUROSTAT, SEDOC and the European employment survey;  
  
(b) CONSIDERS that in this context vocational training qualifications connected with technological innovation should be one of the priorities;

(c) WISHES:

- the Community descriptions of professional activities to reflect the practical job requirements expressed by the labour market;
  - consideration to be given to the question of whether the essential differences of level and content existing between the Member States with regard to qualifications relating to the same professional activity, should be included in such descriptions.
3. (a) NOTES the need to improve the procedure laid down in Decision 85/368/EEC, with a view to encouraging more rapid progress in the work of collecting, analysing and publishing information on vocational qualifications by means of close co-operation between the Commission, the Member States and workers and employers;
- (b) also NOTES the need to ensure that the work on the comparability of vocational qualifications is effective by making a sustained effort in the dissemination, exchange and utilization of information on the comparability of vocational qualifications, already established;
- (c) CONSIDERS, in addition, that the Commission should, with the help of CEDEFOP, gradually bring into operation the database provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 3 of Decision 85/368/EEC, and a Community list of job profiles.

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4. UNDERLINES the advisability of seeking ways and means of increasing the effectiveness of vocational training qualifications, while respecting the prerogatives of workers and employers;
5. (a) INVITES Member States to submit the first of the national reports provided for in Article 6 of Decision 85/368/EEC by 31 December 1991, incorporating any suggestions which they deem appropriate;
- (b) INVITES the Commission to submit proposals taking account of this Resolution and of the national reports referred to in (a).

Action programme for the vocational qualification of young people and their preparation for adult working life (PETRA)

The Council listened to a statement by Ms PAPANDREOU on a proposed amendment to the action programme for the vocational qualification of young people and their preparation for adult working life (PETRA).

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#### NON-STANDARD EMPLOYMENT

The Council held a policy debate on three proposals for Directives on non-standard employment relationships. These proposals concern employment relationships other than full-time open-ended employment.

It was pointed out that the Commission had prepared a proposal abased on Article 100 on working conditions, a second based on Article 100a on distortions of competition and a third on safety and health based on Article 118a.

At the end of the debate the President stated that he would report to the President of the European Council.

#### DEMOGRAPHY AND FAMILY POLICY

The President of the Council submitted a communication containing the conclusions he had drawn from discussions on this issue during the Italian Presidency.

The Council agreed to return to the matter at a forthcoming meeting.

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## THE ELDERLY

The Council adopted <sup>(1)</sup> a Decision on Community actions for the elderly in the period from 1 January 1991 to 31 December 1993.

The Community actions provided for in the Decision include in particular stimulation measures and exchanges of information, studies and the establishment of a monitoring centre as well as the exploration of the usefulness and the feasibility of setting up a European network of innovative experiences as regards the promotion of:

- mutual assistance between generations either through the voluntary work of the elderly or through their integration in work for the benefit of the local communities in which they live;
- measures to foster the independence of the elderly.

Under Article 8 of the Decision, 1993 is designated as "European Year of the Elderly and of Solidarity between Generations".

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(1) One delegation agreed subject to confirmation.

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#### FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR WORKERS

The Council held a policy debate on progress concerning the proposals for amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 and Directive 68/360/EEC. The discussion centred mainly on the proposed abrogation of the principle of territoriality as regards the granting of social or tax advantages and on the proposed extension of the category of persons having the right to install themselves with the worker.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY FOR MIGRANT WORKERS: NON-CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS - AWARD AND CALCULATION OF PENSIONS

The Council also held a policy debate on progress concerning two proposals for Regulations to amend Regulations (EEC) No 1408/71 and No 574/72 and Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 respectively.

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## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Further Decision in the social sphere - biological agents

The Council adopted the Directive on the protection of workers from the risks to exposure to biological agents at work, further to its common position of 29 May 1990 (see Press release 6711/90 Presse 77), the European Parliament having failed to adopt a position on its second reading.

The Directive provides in the case of any activity likely to involve a risk of exposure to biological agents, the nature, degree and duration of workers' exposure must be determined in order to make it possible to assess any risk to the workers' health or safety and to lay down the measures to be taken.

In accordance with the Directive, an employer must avoid the use of a harmful biological agent by replacing it with a biological agent which is not dangerous or is less dangerous.

It also provides that employers must, when requested, provide the competent authority with appropriate information on a series of important matters concerning the protection of workers and that they must take individual health and safety protection measures in the case of all activities for which there is a risk due to work with biological agents.

The Directive also includes provisions on the information and training of workers, the keeping of lists of exposed workers and health surveillance.

Finally, it provides for the Community classification of biological agents within six months of the date of application of the Directive.

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### Research

The Council adopted a Decision adopting a specific programme concerning the preparation and the development of an operational EUROTRA system. (common position adopted on 29 June 1990 - Press release 7315/90 Presse 105)

### Relations with Andorra

The Council adopted a Decision to conclude the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Principality of Andorra, signed in Luxembourg on 28 June 1990 (see Press release 7258/90 Press 98 of 18 and 19.VI.1990).

### Commercial policy

The Council adopted a Regulation on imports of rice originating in Bangladesh.

### Textiles

The Council adopted negotiating directives aimed at amending the Agreements on trade in textiles products with Poland, Hungary, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Romania and Bulgaria.

### Appointment

The Council replaced a member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work who had resigned.

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10159/90 (Presse 198)

1450th Council meeting

- Industry -

Brussels, 26 November 1990

Presidents: Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA  
Minister for Industry, Trade and  
Craft Trades

Mr Carlo VIZZINI  
Minister for Merchant Shipping

of the Italian Republic

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Belgium

Denmark

Mr Christopher Bo BRAMSEN                      State Secretary for Industry

Mr Jürgen TRUMPF                      Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Mr Vassilios MANTZORIS                      State Secretary for Industry, Energy and  
Technology

Mr Claudio ARANZADI                      Minister for Industry and Energy

Mr Roger FAUROUX                      Minister for Industry and Town and Country  
Planning

Mr Desmond O'MALLEY Minister for Industry and Commerce

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| Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA  | Minister for Industry, Trade and Craft Trades |
| Mr Carlo VIZZINI     | Minister for Merchant Shipping                |
| Mr Franco BONFERRONI | State Secretary for Industry                  |

Luxembourg

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| Mr Robert GOEBBELS | Minister for Economic Affairs |
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| Mr J.E. ANDRIESSEN | Minister for Economic Affairs |
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| Mr Luis MIRA AMARAL | Minister for Industry and Energy |
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United Kingdom

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| Lord HESKETH | Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry |
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| Mr Martin BANGEMANN | Vice-President |
| Sir Leon BRITTAN    | Vice-President |

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# GENERAL INDUSTRIAL POLICY

The Council heard a statement by Vice-President BANGEMANN introducing the Commission communication entitled "Industrial policy in an open and competitive environment: Guidelines for a Community approach".

The Council then held an in-depth policy discussion in this connection at the close of which it adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council warmly appreciates the document forwarded by the Commission.

It approves the document's conclusions here attached, in view of achieving the goal of an industrial policy of the Community that would take into account the complexities of the situation both internal and external to the Community as well as allow a more balanced development and a greater economic and social cohesion within the Community.

It calls on the Commission to continue its work and its studies in the light of the discussion which has taken place, also bearing in mind:

- the evolution of the economic situation and of the strategies of the major non-EEC industrialized countries and of the newly industrialized countries;
- the need to ensure the utmost consistency between the various Community policies which directly or indirectly affect the system of production both of goods and of services on the one hand, as well as the consistency on the other hand between the said policies and those of the Member States;
- the need for an appropriate use of the instruments available to the Community in order to strengthen the technological capabilities and the competitiveness of the European industrial system.

The Council also notes the Commission's intention to submit the proposals that would prove necessary for the implementation of the guidelines thus set forth."

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Annex to the Council's conclusions: Conclusions of the Commission communication

I. The Commission proposes that the Council approves:

- the Commission's analysis of the degree of industrial adjustment achieved so far and of its ongoing character which is required for the global competitiveness of European industry;
- the concept that Community industrial policy should promote permanent adaptation to industrial change in an open and competitive market. It is based on the principle of free trade and on the competitive functioning of markets around long term industrial and technological perspectives;
- the principle that this policy be implemented through the creation of a favourable environment for firms' initiative through the coherent recourse to all those Community activities having an impact on industry;
- that industrial problems at a regional or sectoral level should increasingly be resolved by horizontal measures.

II. In order to implement these principles in the current competitive context, the Commission proposes that the Community and Member States:

1. Improve the functioning of the internal market:

- through ensuring its completion on the basis of the White Paper's approach, properly transposed and enforced at the national level;
- through ensuring better control of public financial assistance to industry, in particular when this assistance affects highly capital-intensive investments;
- through ensuring more coherence between different Community and national activities as far as they concern industrial policy. In order to achieve this and assure subsidiarity, it is important to develop dialogue and the exchange of information;
- through accepting the necessity for this policy to take into consideration developments resulting from the globalization of markets, production and operators, as well as the industrial policies of the Community's main competitors.

2. Improve the functioning of the world market:

- through a continuous effort to further open up and strictly implement the multilateral trading system;
- through facilitating the flow of international investment;
- through vigilance against unfair commercial practices, and the will to deal with them;
- through facilitating co-operation with international partners of the Community, amongst others in Central and Eastern Europe;

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- through ensuring that the markets of the Community's competitors are as open as that of the Community itself on the basis of the principle of balance between rights and obligations.
3. Pursue those positive adjustment policies aimed at building a favourable economic environment for private initiative and investment in the Community:
- by maintaining a macro-economic framework directed towards stability and the facilitation of medium and long-term funding for industrial enterprises. In the current context of growing international economic incertitude, a dependable macro-economic framework is more and more necessary for business;
  - by ensuring that the efforts of firms, the Community and Member States for technological research and development are strengthened, through greater co-operation between the parties concerned and in particular between producers and users of new technologies, and through exploiting the industrial potential of innovation and technological research and development policies at national and Community level;
  - by directing national and Community structural instruments more towards backing structural adjustment and strengthening firms' competitiveness in less developed regions;
  - by strengthening policies which take into account the special requirements of SMEs and the promotion of new business formation. In particular, national and Community actions to support intra-Community and international co-operation between SMEs and large firms should be developed;
  - by recognizing that a high level of environmental protection offers both challenges and opportunities for industry, and that competitiveness and protection of the environment are not in opposition to one another;
  - by implementing effective policies to develop human resources, in particular through a life-long approach to the acquisition of skills based on detailed knowledge of industry's requirements;
  - by supporting the implementation of trans-European networks required for the proper functioning of the large market;
  - by ensuring that a sufficiently attentive examination of industrial development is made in order to ensure that the necessary requirements for adjustment are met.



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## SHIPBUILDING

The Council approved as to its substance the seventh Directive on aid to shipbuilding. This Directive follows on from the sixth Directive which is due to expire on 31 December 1990. The new Directive will have a period of validity of three years from 1 January 1991.

The enacting terms of the new Directive broadly correspond to the present aid arrangements, subject only to a few changes. It takes account of the fact that aid to this sector cannot be abolished at this stage because of the need to encourage restructuring in many shipyards but also bearing in mind international efforts to normalize market conditions by dismantling competition-distorting aspects.

To attain the objectives set, the Directive considers as compatible with the common market production aid for the building and conversion of ships where the total amount does not exceed a common maximum ceiling - currently 20% - of the contract value before aid.

The ceiling is fixed by the Commission with reference to the prevailing difference between the cost structures of the most competitive Community yards and the prices charged by their main international competitors with particular regard to the market sectors in which the Community yards remain relatively most competitive.

The ceiling will be reviewed annually, or at shorter intervals, where exceptional circumstances so warrant with the aim of reducing the ceiling gradually.

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It should be recalled that this common maximum ceiling covers both State aid and aid granted by regional or local authorities and applies to all forms of production aid - whether under sectoral, general or regional aid schemes - granted directly to the yards and aid to shipbuilders, provided that such aid is used for the building or conversion of ships in Community yards. The ceiling also covers operating aids granted to shipyards.

As regards small ships of a value of ECU 10 million or less for which competition is mainly between Member State shipyards, the Commission will take special measures to maintain aid at the lowest level possible - currently 14%.

Additional aid may be granted, subject to certain conditions, provided that it promotes restructuring: investment aid, aid for closures and aid for research and development.

Spain, as a new Member State, will continue to be exempted for a year. However, the granting of aid by Spain will be subject to its continuing to implement a sectoral restructuring programme, including the reduction in capacity and the progressive reduction in aid.

Greece will also enjoy a one year derogation as regards operating aid so as to enable the financial restructuring of Greek shipyards.

As regards the territory of the former GDR, the Council and the Commission undertook in a statement to examine a request by the German Government for a transitional arrangement aimed at permitting structural adjustments and

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exclusively limited to the shipyards of that territory. This examination will be carried out as soon as the details concerning in particular the proposed structure for the sector and the exact state of its order books have been given. In this connection account will be taken of the implications of such transitional arrangements for conditions of competition in the Community.

The implementation, and the monitoring of application, of the Directive pursuant to Articles 92 and 93 of the EEC Treaty are the Commission's responsibility; Member States must provide the Commission with the necessary information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

The Council held an exchange of views on certain questions raised by a proposal for a Regulation concerning the creation of a supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products covered by a patent, namely the questions relating to legal basis, the form of the instrument and the compatibility of the Commission proposal with the Munich European Patent Convention.

At the close of its exchange of views, from which it emerged that there was agreement in principle on the need for Community action to improve the legal protection of medicinal products, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue proceedings on the proposal.

#### URUGUAY ROUND - INDUSTRIAL IMPACT

The Council noted a statement by Vice-President BANGEMANN on the impact of the Uruguay Round on European industry. He stressed in particular the vital importance for the Community, as a premier trading power, of the success of

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these negotiations and appealed to all partners participating in the talks to do their utmost to ensure their success.

In conclusion to the exchange of views on this matter, the Council invited the Commission to continue its activities and to ensure that the results of the Uruguay Round were not prejudicial to European industry.

#### THE FUTURE OF THE ECSC TREATY

The Council noted an oral communication from the Commission on the progress of its reflections on the future of the ECSC Treaty. The Council agreed to resume examination of this item at the appropriate time.

#### THE ROLE OF THE CRAFT TRADES IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council noted an oral communication from the Commission on the progress and results of the Conference it had organized in the preceding October in Avignon with the representatives of the authorities of the Member States and the interested circles, aimed at bringing into relief the specific problems of trade crafts in the Community and the possibility of action to promote future development.

The communication was favourably received by the Member States and the Commission was encouraged to continue its actions along the lines it had described.

#### EUROPEAN SEMI-CONDUCTOR INDUSTRY

The Council agreed to take this item at a forthcoming meeting.

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10162/90 (Presse 201)

1451st meeting of the Council

- Tourism -

Brussels, 29 November 1990

President: Mr Carlo TOGNOLI

Minister for Tourism of the  
Italian Republic

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

Belgium

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| Mr Patrick DEWAELE     | Member of the Flemish Executive,<br>Minister for Culture<br>(Flemish Community)       |
| Mr Jean-Pierre GRAFE   | Minister for Education and Training,<br>Sport, Tourism and International<br>Relations |
| Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER | State Secretary for European Affairs  |

Denmark

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| Mr Niels Henrik SLIBEN | Deputy Permanent Representative |
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Germany

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| Mr Jochen GRÜNHAGE | Deputy Permanent Representative |
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Greece

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| Mr Haris CARABARBOUNIS | Deputy Permanent Representative |
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Spain

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| Mr Ignacio FUEJO LAGO | Secretary-General, Ministry of Tourism |
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France

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| Mr Jean CADET | Deputy Permanent Representative |
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Ireland

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| Mr Denis LYONS | Minister of State at the Department<br>of Tourism and Transport with<br>Special responsibility for Tourism |
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Italy

Mr Carlo TOGNOLI

Minister for Tourism

Luxembourg

Mr Fernand BODEN

Minister for Tourism

The Netherlands

Mr A. OOSTRA

Deputy Permanent Representative

Portugal

Mr Alfredo César TORRES

State Secretary for Tourism

United Kingdom

Lord ULLSWATER

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of  
State, Department of Employment

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Commission

Mr Antonio CARDOSO E CUNHA

Member

Mr Bruce MILLAN

Member

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TWO-YEAR PROGRAMME (1991-1992) FOR DEVELOPING COMMUNITY TOURISM STATISTICS

The Council agreed in principle on a two-year programme (1991-1992) for developing Community tourism statistics.

The aim of the programme is the development of a Community frame of reference for the compilation of Community statistics on tourism which will provide reliable, rapid and comparable statistics.

With a view to achieving this aim, the Commission will, in consultation with the Member States,

- analyse and evaluate users' needs with regard to tourism statistics;
- collect and disseminate existing data on tourism;
- analyse the systems that exist in the Member States and those used by international organizations;
- prepare a Community methodological framework for the compilation of Community tourism statistics.

Before the end of 1992, the Commission will present to the Council a report evaluating the outcome of the programme and the conclusions prompted by the report as to the development of Community tourism statistics after 1992.



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### RURAL TOURISM

The Council held an exchange of views on the basis of a communication from the Commission on Community action to promote rural tourism.

The Commission communication deals in particular with trends favourable to rural tourism, Community measures for which rural tourism businesses qualify (in the framework of the common agricultural and regional policies, inter alia), measures taken in the context of European Tourism Year and possible measures to be taken by the Community.

Further discussions will be held in this area, which may result in specific proposals being submitted.

### EUROPEAN TOURISM YEAR

Commissioner CARDOSO E CUNHA submitted the third report on the progress of European Tourism Year.

In the context of European Tourism Year a total of 275 projects have been approved by the Commission. These projects cover a wide range of subjects spanning the environment, cultural itineraries, tourism for young people and cultural heritage. The measures involved consist mainly of seminars, lectures, public relations events, fairs, exhibitions and competitions. Community financing for the Year amounts to ECU 5 million.

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#### GUIDELINES FOR ACTION IN THE SPHERE OF TOURISM

The Council heard a statement by Commissioner CARDOSO E CUNHA on guidelines for Community action in the sphere of tourism.

Delegations mentioned the need to take account of the principle of subsidiarity in the area of tourism, the need to develop certain forms of tourism such as cultural and rural tourism, and the possibility of promoting the tourist image of Europe in third countries.

The Council took note of progress in this area and asked the Commission to submit a multiannual programme of action in the sphere of tourism for its next meeting.

#### TOURISM IN THE CONTEXT OF REGIONAL POLICY

Commissioner MILLAN presented a working paper on tourism and regional development.

Commissioner MILLAN emphasized the importance of tourism for the development of certain regions, particularly those in industrial decline. He drew the Council's attention to efforts to integrate Community action into a balanced overall strategy of development of the regions.

Community aid to tourism in the framework of Community regional policies amounts to ECU 2 057 million for the period 1989 to 1993.

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10163/90 (Presse 202)

1452nd Council meeting  
- Development Co-operation -  
Brussels, 29 November 1990

President: Mr Claudio VITALONE

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

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

Belgium:

Mr Philippe de SCHOUTHEETE  
de TERVARENT

Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Bent HAAKONSEN

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Peter REPNIK

Parliamentary State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Economic Co-operation

Greece:

Mr Haris CARABARBOUNIS

Deputy Permanent Representative

Spain:

Mr Carlos WESTENDORP Y CABEZA

Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

France:

Mr Jacques PELLETIER

Minister for Development Co-operation

Ireland:

Mr Sean CALLEARY

Minister of State at the Department  
of Foreign Affairs with special  
responsibility for Overseas Aid

Italy:  
Mr Claudio VITALONE                      State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:  
Mr Jean-Marc HOSCHEIT                      Legation Secretary

Netherlands:  
Mr Jan PRONK                      Minister for Development Co-operation

Portugal:  
Mr José César PAULOURO DAS  
NEVES                      Ambassador, Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:  
Mr John KERR                      Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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Commission:  
Mr Abel MATUTES                      Member

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GUIDELINES FOR CO-OPERATION WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN AND ASIAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

Following the discussions embarked upon at the meeting on 5 November 1990 and continued at the meeting on 12 November 1990, the Council examined inter alia the matter of the indicative financial package to be allocated to co-operation with the ALA developing countries for the period from 1991-1995.

1. In this connection, the Council noted that:

- the indicative amount of financial resources allocated to the ALA developing countries under Chapter 93 will also cover all development measures relating to the environment (including protection of the tropical forests) and to the anti-drugs campaign.

The Commission has stated, as regards the environment and the tropical forests, that the share earmarked for this form of co-operation will be around 10% of the total amount and that without prejudice to any decisions already taken or to be taken in the future by the budgetary authority, or any tasks which the European Council may assign to it, the Commission does not intend to submit measures concerning co-operation with the ALA developing countries in the area of environment/tropical forests outside Chapter 93 of the budget.

As regards drugs, without prejudice to any decisions already taken or to be taken in the future by the budgetary authority, or any tasks which the European Council may assign to it, the Commission intends to propose that drugs measures in ALA developing countries which concern the development aspects should be financed from the resources of Chapter 93 of the budget;

drugs measures not directly linked to the development aspects can be financed outside this Chapter;

- the budget headings outside Chapter 93 will continue to be administered in the future - as regards the ALA developing countries - in accordance with the usual objective aid-allocation criteria applicable to all developing countries.

2. A number of delegations stated that in principle they favoured retaining the indicative amount of ECU 2 900 million for Chapter 93 of the budget.

Some delegations reserved their position here, saying that they would give their views on it at the next Council meeting which, according to the Presidency's programme, will coincide with the General Affairs Council on 18 December 1990.

The Council conclusions on the above indicative figures in no way prejudice any future interinstitutional agreement on the financial perspective, and should be seen in the context of the general formula being examined for the financing of multi-annual programmes extending beyond the existing financial perspective.

3. The President of the Council will continue to keep the Parliament informed of the progress of the Council's proceedings so as to enable it to express its point of view.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Appointments

The Council decided on the replacement of:

- a full member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training, who had resigned;
- two members of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, who had resigned;
- an alternate member of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions who had resigned.

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