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PRESS RELEASE

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786th meeting of the Council
- Economic and Financial Questions -
Brussels, 12 July 1982

President: Mr Ivar NØRGAARD,
Minister for Economic Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Willy de CLERCQ

Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Ivar NØRGAARD

Minister for Economic Affairs

Mr Knud HELNESEN

Minister for Finance

Germany:

Mr Horst SCHULMANN

State Secretary
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Yanis POTTAKIS

Deputy Minister,
Ministry of National Economic
Affairs

France:

Mr Jacques DELORS

Minister for Economic Affairs
and Finance

Ireland:

Mr M. DOYLE

Secretary-General
Ministry of Finance

Italy:

Mr Nino ANDREATTA

Minister of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Mr Ernest MUHLEN

Minister for Finance
State Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

Netherlands:

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

Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Chancellor of the Exchequer

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Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President
Member

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The meeting was also attended by:

Mr I.C.R. BYATT

Chairman of the
Economic Policy Committee

Mr J. BERGLUN-JENSEN

Chairman of the
Economic and Financial
Policy Co-ordination Group

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SECOND QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council undertook the second quarterly review of the economic situation in the Community on the basis of two Commission communications. As regards the economic situation, it accepted the Commission's recommendation that the economic guidelines set out in March 1982 should be broadly maintained.

It also had an exchange of views on the Commission communication concerning budget discipline and economic convergence. The Council underlined the importance of containing budgetary deficits and noted with interest the ideas underlying the guidelines suggested by the Commission in order to improve the public finance situation (point III of the Commission communication). It also noted with interest the methods proposed for applying these guidelines to the individual Member States (point IV of the communication). The Council welcomed the Commission's intention of submitting a first report on developments in this field in time for consideration by the Council not later than at its meeting in December 1982.

The Council took note of the quantitative budgetary guidelines proposed by the Commission.

FIFTH MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC POLICY PROGRAMME

The Council signified its agreement to the fifth medium-term economic policy programme. Formal adoption and publication will follow shortly, after the relevant Decision has been finalized in the official languages of the Communities.

HARMONIZATION OF CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

The Council continued its discussions on the amended proposal for a 7th Directive, based on Article 54(3)(g) of the EEC Treaty, concerning consolidated accounts and, in particular, on the scope of the Directive.

As the Member States' positions had drawn somewhat closer together, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its search for solutions to the various outstanding problems, if necessary on the basis of an overall compromise, and to report back at the Council's next meeting in October.

INVESTMENT PROMOTION

The European Council meeting on 28 and 29 June 1982 confirmed the importance of a co-ordinated policy to promote productive investment in order to combat unemployment and noted with interest the guidelines proposed by the Commission further to the position adopted by the European Council in March 1982.

With a view to preparing the specific proposals requested by the European Council for its meeting in December, the Council held a wide-ranging policy debate on all the aspects to be taken into consideration in defining an overall strategy in this area.

At the close of the debate, the Council instructed the Economic Policy Committee and the Economic and Financial Policy Co-ordination Group to continue work on this point in close collaboration with the Commission with a view to submitting a report to the Council for consideration at its meeting in October. It also asked the Commission to submit proposals for Community action in this area at that meeting, and agreed to consider the final report to the European Council at its meeting in November.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade questions and customs union

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

- Decisions:

- = authorizing extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between Member States and third countries;
- = authorizing the automatic renewal of continuance in force of certain friendship, commerce and navigation treaties and similar agreements concluded between Member States and third countries,

- Regulations:

- = imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on mechanical wrist-watches originating in the USSR;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 2603/69 establishing common rules for exports.

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff;
- increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1982 by Regulation (EEC) No 3276/81 for newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff;
- opening, allocating and administering a Community tariff quota for certain grades of ferro-chromium falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff.

Food aid

The Council adopted Regulations granting 2,500 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder and 1,000 tonnes of butteroil to Zimbabwe as food aid, to be taken from the 1982 reserves.

Agriculture

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Directive amending Directive 78/663/EEC laying down specific criteria of purity for emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs.

Education

The Council and the Ministers for Education, meeting within the Council, adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Resolution concerning measures to be taken to improve the preparation of young people for work and to facilitate their transition from education to working life (see Press Release 7120/82 (Presse 66) of 24 May 1982, page 3 - Education and training in the context of the employment situation in the Community).

Transport

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision concluding the Agreement on the International Carriage of Passengers by Road by means of Occasional Coach and Bus Services (ASOR) (see Press Release 7559/82 (Presse 74) of 10 June 1982, page 13).

Social affairs

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, Resolutions:

- on the promotion of equal opportunities for women (see Press Release 7307/82 (Presse 69) of 27 May 1982, page 5 and Annex I)
- on Community action to combat unemployment (see Press Release 7307/82 (Presse 69) of 27 May 1982, page 5 and Annex II).

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty, to the co-financing of a project for the exploitation of iron ore in Carajas by the Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Appointments

On a proposal from the German Government, the Council appointed Mr Otto SEMMLER, Abteilung Arbeitsmarktpolitik, Bundesvorstand des Deutschen Gewerkschaftsbundes, a full member of the European Social Fund Committee, in place of Dr Ursula ENGELLEN-KEFER, full member who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 9 November 1982.

On a proposal from the Irish Government, the Council also appointed Mr Raymund BYRNE, Director, Training Advisory Services, Anco - The Industrial Training Authority, a member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of Mr J.A. AGNEW, member who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 16 September 1983.

Lastly, on a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mr SANGIUOLO, Directeur de l'U.E.R. d'Odontologie de l'Université d'Aix-Marseille II, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners in place of Mr PENNE for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 March 1983.

PRESS RELEASE

8552/82 (Presse 109)

787th meeting of the Council

- Energy -

Brussels, 13 July 1982

President: Mr Poul NIELSON,
Minister for Energy
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Etienne KNOOPS
State Secretary for Energy

Germany:

Mr Dieter von WÜRZEN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic
Affairs

France:

Mr Jacques LEPRETTE
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA
Minister for Industry

Netherlands:

Mr W.H.J. TIELEMAN
Director-General
Ministry of Economic Affairs

Denmark

Mr Poul NIELSON
Minister for Energy
Mr Ole BECH
State Secretary,
Ministry of Energy

Greece:

Mr Evangelos KOLOUMBIS
Minister for Energy
and Natural Resources

Ireland:

Mr Andrew O'ROURKE
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Sir Donald MAITLAND
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Energy

Commission:

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON
Vice-President

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THE ENERGY SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGE

1. On the basis of the Commission's report on Member States' energy policy programmes and progress towards 1990 objectives, the Council discussed recent developments on the energy markets and the pace of structural change in the energy sector.

2. The Council noted the indications of further falls in energy and oil demand during 1982. It welcomed the continuing progress in diversifying Community energy supplies. It shared, however, the Commission's concern about the uncertainties for the future, notably in respect of trends in oil prices and the rate of economic growth. Developments in the supply and demand of non-oil fuels and in the electricity sector should also be followed.

The Council agreed that it would take all the steps necessary to implement the agreed policies so as to ensure that neither these uncertainties nor other factors slow down the pace of structural change in energy supply and demand.

3. The Council reiterated the importance which it attaches to a regular and effective review of Member States energy policy programmes. It welcomed the Commission's intention to build on previous experience to improve the process of monitoring so as to ensure a more effective check on the consistency of Member States' policies and equality of effort in the pursuit of common goals. It noted the Commission's intention to devote particular attention in future reviews to priority areas identified in its communication on the development of an energy strategy for the Community.

The Council agreed that it would help to ensure that the best possible and most up-to-date information was available to the Commission about policy developments and trends in the energy sector so as to enable it to prepare its analysis on the soundest factual basis.

COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMMES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

The Council held an initial discussion on the Commission communication to the Council concerning an evaluation of the Community demonstration programmes in the energy sector. The Council noted that the Commission would shortly be submitting to the Council proposals concerning the granting of financial support for

- demonstration projects in the field of the exploitation of alternative energy sources, of energy saving and of hydrocarbon substitution,
- industrial pilot projects and demonstration projects in the field of liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels, amending and replacing Council Regulations (EEC) Nos 1302/78 and 728/79.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee, in the light of today's discussions and of a detailed study to be carried out by the competent national experts in September 1982, to carry out a detailed examination of this communication and of the abovementioned proposals. It also asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to report back to it on the outcome of its examination early enough to enable the Council (Energy) to take the necessary decisions at its meeting in November 1982.

INVESTMENT IN THE RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY

The Council agreed to a Recommendation concerning the encouragement of investment in the rational use of energy. The text of this Recommendation will be finalized in the official languages of the Communities and will be formally approved at a forthcoming Council meeting.

The provisional text is as follows:

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the draft from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Having regard to the communication from the Commission on investment in the rational use of energy,

Having regard to the conclusions on energy pricing policy adopted by the Council on 3 December 1981 and 16 March 1982,

Whereas the present situation of relative easing of prices on the oil market ought not to lead to a relaxation of efforts to achieve more efficient use of energy;

Whereas even if the current drop in energy consumption is partly due to changes in the structure of demand, it is also largely due to a decline in economic activity; whereas a revival of growth would thus probably entail an increase in energy demand;

Whereas it is necessary not only to progress towards realization of the objectives which the Community has set itself, which are to restructure demand in favour of the more rational use of energy and to develop energy sources other than oil, but also to ensure that the results obtained in the Member States are constantly monitored;

Whereas, according to the Commission's calculations, investment in the rational use of energy represented only 0.4% of the gross domestic product in the Community in 1981; whereas it should therefore be increased considerably,

Whereas, by helping to improve the competitiveness of undertakings and by enabling new industrial activities to be developed, increased investment could be an important element in an energy and industrial strategy aimed at promoting lasting economic recovery;

Whereas, moreover, it may have a beneficial effect on employment;

Whereas, in view of the importance of this investment for economic activity and its specific nature in some cases, the public authorities should encourage such investment;

Whereas, in addition to special measures to promote certain types of investment, steps should also be taken to improve the general framework (energy, economic and financial policies) in which investment decisions are taken;

Whereas there is uncertainty concerning prices and the trend of the relative prices of the various forms of energy, due mainly to the pricing and taxation policies currently applied in the Community;

Whereas this uncertainty has an adverse effect on investment decisions;

Whereas economic operators ought to receive better training and information on the importance of the rational use of energy both to their own activities and to the Community at large;

Whereas high, unstable interest rates are having an effect and, more particularly, in certain cases financial channels and financial arrangements need to be better adapted to the specific requirements and situations of investors;

Whereas the partitioning which still exists between national markets is hampering the development of the energy-saving and alternative-energy industries by preventing them from taking full advantage of possible economies of scale;

Whereas over-centralization of decision-making is liable to slow down the promotion and spread of the rational use of energy;

Whereas certain sectors, in particular the major energy-consuming industries, small and medium-sized undertakings and the building sector, face special problems;

Whereas the Member States should make a concerted effort to implement a consistent series of measures designed to overcome these problems and obstacles,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS THAT THE MEMBER STATES:

1. step up their efforts to achieve a more rational use of energy
 - by improving the conditions necessary to enable the economic operators concerned to increase significantly their investment in this area ⁽¹⁾;
 - by giving greater consideration over the whole range of investment to the requirement of rational use of energy.

The progress achieved in this respect will be subject to regular examination at Community level in the context of the periodic examination of the energy policies of the Member States.

The indicators used to assess this progress will take account not only of energy policy aspects but also of macro-economic, financial and sectoral aspects. They will be defined by the Commission in collaboration with the Member States.

2. in order to attain these objectives:

- encourage the energy-saving drive in particular by providing appropriate information;
- apply energy pricing policies which unite the pursuit of energy objectives with efforts to ensure that prices truly correspond to market conditions and costs. Where it is the responsibility of the public authorities, the calculation of all constituent

⁽¹⁾ According to the Commission's estimates, investment in RUC in 1981 represented only 0.4% of GDP, 1.9% of GFCF and 25% of energy investment.

elements of energy prices to the final consumer: should also take such objectives into account.

- encourage gas and electricity companies to define and apply a stable tariff structure which corresponds to energy policy objectives;
- improve training and information facilities for economic operators, in particular small and medium-sized undertakings and households, for example by ensuring that they have access to reliable advisory services;
- take steps insofar as is necessary to supply local and regional authorities with more information concerning Community loans and stimulate their interest in such loans;
- take steps insofar as is necessary to supply small and medium-sized undertakings with more information concerning Community loans available and stimulate their interest in such loans, particularly by encouraging them to draw up eligible projects jointly;
- where appropriate, encourage better adaptation of financial channels and financing arrangements to the specific requirements of priority projects involving investment in the rational use of energy;

- make maximum use of the whole of the Community market by refraining from adopting laws, regulations and administrative measures, or implementing national standards, which hamper the free movement of equipment and services intended for a more rational use of energy;
- where existing administrative and legislative provisions stand in the way, simplify and speed up the procedures surrounding projects involving new installations which would enable local alternative energy resources (for example, biomass, solar energy, geothermal energy and small heads of water) to be exploited efficiently, subject to observance of safety and environmental-protection standards and technical rules;
- encourage a certain degree of decentralization of decision-making, since adaptation to local conditions in particular is an important factor in the success of rational energy-use programmes directed towards the domestic sector and small and medium-sized undertakings;
- examine the possibility of using financial and/or tax incentives to encourage the final consumer to purchase energy-saving installations and equipment;
- provide substantial financial aid towards the renovation of buildings, where this contributes to energy-saving under sufficiently cost-effective conditions;

- ensure adequate continuity in financial and technical assistance programmes, so that prospective investors are better informed and, above all, are able to programme their investment;

- where appropriate, urge fuel and electricity companies to encourage householders to renovate their homes for energy-saving purposes, by supplying adequate services ranging from assistance in obtaining loans to advice on the choice of equipment.

ENERGY STRATEGY FOR THE COMMUNITY: THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS
-- MACRO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

In the light of the policy debate held on 16 March 1982 and the Opinions delivered in the meantime by the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, the Council has examined in greater detail the Commission communication entitled "An Energy Strategy for the Community: the Nuclear Aspects".

The Council agrees with the Commission's analysis of the role of nuclear energy in the Community's overall energy strategy, on the understanding that it is for each Member State to make its own decisions on this matter at national level. It recognizes that, despite the growing role gas and renewable energy sources are destined to play, major progress in diversifying the Community's sources of supply can be made between now and the year 2000 only by increased use of coal and other solid fuels as well as nuclear energy.

The Council acknowledges that the development of electricity production from nuclear resources has economic advantages and is aware of the advantages to be gained therefrom by industrial operators through having access to competitive sources of energy.

The Council notes the Commission's analysis of the respective roles of economic operators and national and Community authorities in nuclear field. In this connection, it stresses that the realization of nuclear energy programmes on the necessary industrial scale firstly requires States to make a clear political choice on the objectives and means to be used; the Community provides a framework within which these States can find useful references and a grouping whose solidarity can be an effective instrument.

The Council notes that the Commission intends to study the economic aspects of nuclear development in depth, at Community level, and would stress the desirability of the Commission carrying out appropriate consultations with the Member States before publishing indicative programmes.

The Council would point out that the decision taken in March 1982 to raise the ceiling for Euratom borrowings/loans from 1,000 to 2,000 MECU will help to promote investment in the nuclear energy field.

The Council notes that the Commission will shortly submit a proposal to it on the important matter of a regular and equitable supply of nuclear fuels to the Community.

The Council, referring to the Resolutions adopted in February 1980 on reprocessing irradiated nuclear fuel, fast breeder reactors and the storage of radioactive waste, emphasizes the need to speed up in the Community, while taking account of national nuclear policies, measures to install capacity for interim storage and reprocessing of irradiated fuel and agrees that bilateral and/or multilateral co-operation on the whole of the fuel cycle should be actively pursued in ways which best respond to the interests of those concerned.

The Council acknowledges the importance of safeguards in nuclear development and awaits the report on the implementation of the three verification agreements between Euratom, its Member States and the International Atomic Energy Agency which the Commission will be submitting before the end of the year.

The Council emphasizes the important measures taken by the Member States in the field of nuclear safety. It also recalls the Community's activities in this field, particularly in research and development. It stresses the importance of actively pursuing Community and international co-operation in the field of management and storage of radioactive waste.

Moreover, the Council stresses the importance it attaches to the dissemination by the Member States on the one hand and the Community on the other, each with regard to the projects for which it is responsible, of information to the public on the development of the nuclear energy situation in the Community and on nuclear safety.

THE REFINING INDUSTRY

The Council took note of a Commission communication on the problems of the refining industry. It agreed that it might come back to these problems at a future meeting.

INDICATION BY LABELLING OF THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

The Council examined a number of problems arising with respect to application of the Directive on the indication by labelling of the energy consumption of household appliances to:

- electric washing machines
- electric dishwashers with cold-water supply only.

THE ROLE FOR COAL IN COMMUNITY ENERGY STRATEGY

The Council held a general discussion on the importance of coal and other solid fuels for the Community's energy supplies. A substantive analysis was made of the various factors to be taken into consideration in drawing up an overall strategy for coal in the Community.

The Council agreed to examine this matter in greater detail bearing in mind the interests of producers, importers and consumers with the aim of reaching conclusions in respect of a Community policy on coal and other solid fuels.

To this end, the Council instructed its preparatory bodies to pinpoint the essential features of such a strategy with a view to further discussion of the matter within the Council in November.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with Spain

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for wines falling within heading No ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Spain (1982/1983).

Relations with Portugal

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for

- Port wines
- Madeira wines
- Setubal muscatel wines
- Verde wines
- Dão wines

falling within heading No ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Portugal (1982/1983).

Environment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations on Community participation in the Convention for the protection and development of the marine and coastal environment of the wider Caribbean area.

PRESS RELEASE

8779/82 (Presse 113)

788th meeting of the Council
- Agriculture -
Brussels, 19 and 20 July 1982

President: Mr Bjørn WESTH,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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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 and Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Walther FLORIAN
Director at the
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON
Minister for Agriculture

Mr André CELLARD
State Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giuseppe BARTOLOMEI
Minister for Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Denmark:

Mr Bjørn WESTH
Minister for Agriculture

Mr H.J. KRISTENSEN
State Secretary for Agriculture

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr James O'MAHONY
Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean RIES
Director at the
Ministry of Agriculture,
Viticulture, Lakes, Rivers and
Forests

United Kingdom:

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

Mr Adam BUTLER
Minister of State,
Northern Ireland Office

Commission

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

WINE

The Council reached agreement (by nine delegations) on the draft Regulations on the adjustment of the acquis communautaire in the wine sector.

The German delegation reserved its position on the matter until 28 July 1982.

This Agreement follows up the progress achieved at the meeting on 17 and 18 May. These important Regulations, due to enter into force at the beginning of the next wine year, comprise measures designed to allow:

- a voluntary distillation at the beginning of the year;
- a compulsory distillation in the event of a particularly abundant harvest;
- a support distillation at a guaranteed minimum price equal to 82% of the guide price;
- arrangements for marketing distillates, either through granting aid for products with an alcoholic strength of 52% vol. or above, or else by delivering products with a strength of 92% vol. or above to the intervention agency;
- a number of exemptions based on administrative or technical grounds, for example those concerning the Greek and Italian islands or small producers.

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION AUTHORIZING THE UNITED KINGDOM TO PERMIT
THE ISLE OF MAN AUTHORITIES TO APPLY A SYSTEM OF SPECIAL IMPORT
LICENCES TO SHEEPMET AND BEEF AND VEAL

The Council recorded its agreement on a proposal for a Decision which authorizes the United Kingdom to permit the Isle of Man authorities to apply a system of special import licences to cattle and sheep, pursuant to the safeguard clause in Article 5 of Protocol No 3 to the Accession Treaty.

This Decision will apply until 1 April 1984.

ADJUSTMENT OF THE "ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE" FOR MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS
(FRUITS AND VEGETABLES)

The Council concluded by inviting the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue its discussions and submit its final report as soon as possible so that it could hold a detailed debate on the whole range of problems involved at its meeting in September 1982.

The Council examined an interim report by the Special Committee on Agriculture summarizing the progress made in adjusting the "acquis communautaire" for Mediterranean products, and in particular for fruit and vegetables.

TRANSFER TO THE ITALIAN INTERVENTION AGENCY OF SKIMMED-MILK POWDER
HELD BY THE INTERVENTION AGENCIES OF OTHER MEMBER STATES

The Council recorded its agreement on a proposal for a Regulation providing for the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of skimmed-milk powder from intervention stocks in other Member States to Italy to be used for feeding pigs and poultry. It was agreed that this one-off measure would cover an amount of 10,000 tonnes.

PROBLEMS CONCERNING MANIOC

The Council invited the Commission, in the framework of the bilateral agreement (¹), to examine as soon as possible with the Thai authorities the supply situation on the Community market during the last months of this year. The Council also authorized the Commission to agree with Thailand on additional supplies for 1982, taking into account shortfalls of imports from other suppliers.

If necessary, in order to cover possible supply shortfalls during 1982, it would be possible, under the agreement, to anticipate the 1983 quantities.

(¹) See today's press release 8780/82 (Presse 114), pages 7 and 8.

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

On the basis of a compromise proposal from the Presidency centering on the questions of the minimum space per battery hen, the dates of the different stages and the economic aspects, the Council continued discussing the proposal for a Directive laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens in battery cages.

With a view to resolving the outstanding problems, the Council concluded its discussion by instructing the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume its examination in the light of the Council debate on the matter and report back to it at the earliest opportunity.

HEALTH PROBLEMS AFFECTING TRADE IN FRESH POULTRYMEAT

The Council extended until 1 August 1984 the derogations granted to certain Member States to market nationally poultry which has not been completely eviscerated (drawn) or whose carcasses have been chilled by the counter-flow immersion process and not immediately frozen or deep-frozen.

The Council agreed to come to a final arrangement for these two types of production within the period of extension it had granted and to decide in the meantime on a number of questions which remained unresolved, notably:

- harmonizing of inspection costs;
- the problem of the nature and frequency of the health inspection of poultrymeat production.

AMENDMENT OF THE LIST OF URUGUAYAN ESTABLISHMENTS APPROVED FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FRESH MEAT INTO THE COMMUNITY

The Council adopted a Decision amending the list of establishments of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay approved for the importation of fresh meat from cattle and sheep and also domestic solipeds, except for certain establishments which unless refurbished cannot remain on the list beyond 31 December 1982.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council heard a number of statements on the following matters:

- exchange rates to be applied in agriculture (French delegation);
- production aid for preserved pineapple and the minimum price to be paid to pineapple producers (French delegation)
- expiry of foot-and-mouth disease exemptions (Irish delegation).

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- the Directive amending Annex II to Directive 76/895/EEC relating to to the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on fruit and vegetables
- the regulations
 - = on transitional measures in respect of imports of sheepmeat and goatmeat originating in certain non-member countries qualifying for preferential treatment
 - = laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1981 harvest;
 - = drawing up the list of regions in the Community in which only recognized hop producer groups are eligible for production aid;
 - = on the acceleration of agricultural development in certain regions of Greece;
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 343/79 laying down general rules governing certain distillation operations in the wine sector;
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 2852/81 derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 343/79 in respect of general rules relating to the distillation of table wines decided upon in accordance with Article 12a of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79;
 - = laying down for the 1982/1983 wine-growing year the prices to be paid under the compulsory distillation of the by-products of wine-making and in derogation from Regulation (EEC) No 349/79 the amount of the contribution from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section;
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81 laying down the general rules for the system of aid for cotton
 - = amending Regulation No 115/67/EEC with regard to the criteria for determining the world market price for oilseeds;

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1614/79 laying down special measures in respect of soya beans;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1569/72 laying down special measures for colza and rape seed;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1417/78 on the aid system for dried fodder;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1119/81 limiting the production aid granted in respect of certain products processed from fruit and vegetables;
- = adopting general rules concerning special measures for peas and field beans.

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal amending the Agreement on Fishing off the Coast of Senegal signed on 15 June 1979, the Protocol and the Exchanges of Letters referring thereto.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decision on the fixing of rates for the international carriage of goods by rail.

It will be recalled that this decision enables the railways of the ten Member States to lay down themselves, in accordance with their commercial interests and taking account of the cost price and the market situation, the rates and conditions for the international carriage of goods between Member States.

PRESS RELEASE

8780/82 (Presse 114)

789th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 19 and 20 July 1982

President: Mr Kjeld OLESEN,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

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

Denmark:

Mr Kjeld OLESEN	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Otto MØLLER	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER	Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Peter CORTERIER	Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Otto SCHLECHT	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

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

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

Ireland:

Mr Gerry COLLINS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Desmond O'MALLEY	Minister for Trade

Italy:

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

Luxembourg:

Mrs Colette FLESCHE Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr A.A.M. van AGT Prime Minister,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr. H. van den BROEK State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Francis PYM Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Peter REES Secretary of State for Trade

Mr Douglas HURD Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN President

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI Vice-President

Mr Wilhelm HAFFERKAMP Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI Vice-President

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT Vice-President

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES Member

Mr Edgard PISANI Member

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AID TO LEBANON

After considering the Lebanese authorities' request for further exceptional aid following that of 1977 the Council stressed the importance of Community action to meet the most pressing needs for the reconstruction of Lebanon, and agreed to ask the EIB to what extent it would be prepared to allow Lebanon access to loans from the European Investment Bank.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Further to the conclusions of the European Council and to the Commission proposal, the Council agreed on a special action to advance the economic and social development of Central America.

At its meeting in September it will continue its examination of the conditions of eligibility for this special action and the procedures for implementing it.

RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

The Council took note of a statement by Vice-President HAFERKAMP introducing the Commission communication taking stock of relations with Japan and submitting proposals for further action to the Council.

After a brief preliminary discussion the Council agreed to add this item to its agenda for September and to have its discussions prepared by the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Article 113 Committee.

DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATION WITH THE EFTA COUNTRIES

- COUNCIL STATEMENT ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FREE-TRADE AGREEMENTS

"On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the free-trade Agreements between the Community and the EFTA States, the Council would stress the very special importance the Community attaches to its relations with each of the EFTA countries, which are among its principal trading partners.

The Treaties establishing the Communities and the Convention of Stockholm establishing EFTA, together with the Agreements concluded between the Communities and the EFTA countries, have made it possible to create a stable and reliable monetary and trading area, the existence of which is a precious asset particularly at this time of profound changes in the world economy. It is in this area that the countries of the Community and EFTA conduct almost two thirds of their trade.

In a world of crisis, where the preservation of free trade world wide is increasingly threatened, solidarity within Western Europe and co-operation in addition to bilateral relations really come into their own. The Council would stress the political importance it attributes to such solidarity and co-operation.

In this regard, the Council is gratified, first and foremost, at the excellent way the free-trade Agreements linking the Community to the EFTA countries have functioned over the last ten years.

Referring moreover to the statement made by the Heads of State and Government of the EFTA countries in May 1977 and the guidelines the Council itself approved in June 1978, the Council once more expresses the Community's interest in improving the functioning of these Agreements and extending their scope in all areas where this is shown to be useful. It also confirms the particular importance it attaches to developing with the EFTA countries co-operation additional to the free-trade Agreements, and the readiness of the Community to undertake such co-operation in the mutual interest of the Parties concerned. The fact that the Community and the EFTA countries are economically and commercially dependent on one another makes closer co-operation in numerous fields all the more desirable, and a great deal of progress has been made here over the last few years.

The Council would finally stress that it considers a dynamic approach of this kind important and intends, in close co-operation with the Commission, to continue the work in progress in the various fields of co-operation with a view to achieving concrete results. To the same end it is also prepared to examine any suggestion for more extensive co-operation which may be made by the EFTA countries."

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- Rules of origin

In the spirit of the above statement the Council also agreed to suggest to the Community's EFTA partners that alternative percentage rules be introduced for engineering, electrical and electronic products in chapters 84 to 92 of the CCT, which rules should help to improve the operation of the free-trade Agreements.

MANIOC

The Council adopted three Decisions concerning the conclusion of:

- a Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and Thailand on manioc production, marketing and trade;
- an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and Indonesia concerning imports of manioc from Indonesia and other suppliers who are member countries of GATT;
- an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and Brazil concerning imports of manioc from Brazil and other suppliers who are member countries of GATT.

The purpose of these three Agreements is to regularize and stabilize Community manioc imports, which have greatly increased in recent years; the three countries concerned are major manioc exporters, Thailand being the main supplier.

The Agreement with Thailand covers the period 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1986 and will continue in force for subsequent three-year periods on the basis of the quantities fixed for 1985 and 1986 unless denounced by one of the two parties. The Agreement provides that Thailand will in principle restrict its manioc exports in 1982 to 5 million tonnes. For 1983/1984 Thailand's exports should stabilize at the same figure of 5 million tonnes but with some additional flexibility of 10% for those two years.

For 1985/1986 the quantity will be 4.5 million tonnes a year with the same 10% flexibility clause.

The Community on its side undertakes to restrict the levy applicable to manioc imports from Thailand to a maximum of 6% ad valorem for the quantities agreed, i.e. the present rate. Furthermore, the Community undertakes to increase its co-operation with Thailand; the Community will make every possible effort to give assistance to certain projects for rural development and the diversification of agricultural production, in particular in the manioc-producing regions, which are the poorest in Thailand.

The agreements with Indonesia and Brazil incorporate the following principal features:

The Community will fix annual tariff quotas for imports of manioc and similar products from supplier countries which are members of GATT, the amounts of which will increase as follows:

588,235 t for 1982
882,355 t for 1983
882,355 t for 1984
970,590 t for 1985
970,590 t for 1986.

85% of these quantities will be reserved for Indonesia, the principal supplier amongst the GATT member countries; the remainder will be allocated to the other supplier countries which are members of GATT - including Brazil - subject to the safeguarding of their respective market positions.

Within these quantities the import levy will be limited to 6% ad valorem; imports in excess of those figures will be subject to the variable levy provided for under the EEC common organization of the markets in the cereals sector.

PORTUGAL

The Council determined the position which the Community should adopt on trade in textiles products and articles of clothing with Portugal:

- on the one hand, in the context of the accession negotiations, at the next ministerial meeting of the Conference planned for September;
- on the other hand, in the context of the negotiations concerning the arrangements to be provided for between now and accession for those products.

LAW OF THE SEA

The Council heard a declaration from Mr NARJES, a member of the Commission, on the problems posed the Community by continuation of the proceedings of the third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

EEC/UNITED STATES RELATIONS

The Council held an in-depth discussion on the serious problems currently besetting trade relations between the Community and the United States.

It directed its attention more particularly to the two dossiers referred to below, which are of an urgent nature:

- STEEL

Having heard a Commission report on relations between the Community and the United States in connection with trade in iron and steel, the Council concluded that it was necessary for the Community urgently to seek agreement with the United States Administration, on the basis of Article 704 of the 1979 Trade Agreement Act, which would enable the United States Administration to suspend current enquiries in connection with countervailing duties.

The practical details of this Community approach would include joint action by the Commission and each of the Member States concerned on the basis of the complaints which were the subject of a preliminary decision on countervailing duties.

The Council invited the Commission actively to continue the action currently before the GATT Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and the OECD Steel Committee.

- DISC

As regards United States DISC legislation, certain aspects of which have been acknowledged by GATT as not conforming to the Code On Subsidies, the Council asked the Commission to request the GATT Council on 21 July to authorize, in principle, the Community to apply countervailing measures vis-à-vis the United States in accordance with Article XXIII of GATT. The Commission would subsequently submit proposals to the Council on the implementation of these measures.

PREPARATION FOR THE GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING

The Council examined a Commission communication defining the general orientation to be used as the basis for the Community position at the next Ministerial meeting of GATT.

The Council noted that this general orientation was widely approved and asked the Commission to continue the preparatory discussions in Geneva on this basis, taking account also of delegations comments during the talks.

It noted that the Commission would in good time submit to the Council proposals aimed at supplementing the Community position.

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COMPENSATION FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR 1982

The Ministers and the Commission continued discussions on the implementation of the conclusions of their meeting on 25 May 1982 as regards compensation for the United Kingdom for 1982.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

GATT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement resulting from the negotiations and consultations under Article XXIV, paragraph 6, of the GATT between the European Communities and Uruguay.

Textiles

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3061/79 on common rules for imports of certain textile products originating in the People's Republic of China.

Research

The Council noted the Commission's intention of participating on the Community's behalf in Annex III to the International Energy Agency Agreement implementing a research and development programme in the field of energy savings realizable through the storage of energy.

Food aid

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) Nos 1038/82 and 1040/82 as regards the financing arrangements for the supply of skimmed-milk powder and milk fats under the programmes for food aid to certain developing countries and specialized bodies (Lebanon).

Freedom to provide services - hairdressers

The Council adopted a Directive incorporating measures intended to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and the freedom to provide services by hairdressers. In so doing the Council completed the coverage by Community Directives adopted since 1964 of almost all activities considered as small trades by the Member States. Hairdressers, who constitute a large body of tradesmen, will be able to establish themselves freely by January 1984 at the latest in those Member States which regulate their trade.

Informatics

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decisions concerning the grant of Community support under the mechanism provided for to that end in the field of data processing in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1996/79,

- to Buro voor Systeemontwikkeling d'Utrecht and Christian ROVSING of Copenhagen, and
- Memory Ireland Ltd., Dublin, and other undertakings.

Demonstration and exploitation projects: energy

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 725/79 as regards financial support for demonstration projects in the field of energy saving, and
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 726/79 as regards financial support for projects to exploit alternative energy sources.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty - Financing of accommodation for ECSC staff.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Luxembourg Government the Council appointed Mr Théo WILTGEN, Director of the Chambre des Employés Privés, a member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of Mr Jean BACKES, who has died, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 16 September 1983.

On a proposal by Charbonnages de France the Council also appointed Mr J.C. SORE, Chairman of Charbonnages de France International, and Mr M. IPPOLITO, Head of the Community/Foreign Division, Charbonnages de France, members of the ECSC Consultative Committee in place of Mr Pierre DELMON and Mr Jacques PETITMENGIN, who have resigned, for the remainder of the latter's terms of office, which expire on 24 November 1982.

Finally, on a proposal by the Italian Government the Council appointed Mr Georgio RIGAZZI, Director of Procurement at FIAT-AUTO, a member of the ECSC Consultative Committee in place of Mr Ferdinando PALAZZO, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 24 November 1982.

PRESS RELEASE

8781/82 (Presse 115)

790th Council meeting

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 20 and 21 July 1982

President: Mr Karl HJORTNAES,
Minister for Fisheries
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary, European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Karl HJORTNAES
Minister for Fisheries
Mr Lars Emis JOHANSEN
Landesstyremedlem
Mr Jørgen HERTOFT
State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Walter KITTEL
Deputy Permanent Representative

Greece:

Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Louis le PENSEC
Minister of the Sea

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DALY
Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Giovanni NONNE
State Secretary,
Ministry for Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
Mr George YOUNGER
Secretary of State for Scotland
Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Georges CONTOGEOGIS
Member

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

Resuming its discussions on the whole range of problems in the fisheries sector, the Council examined both the internal aspects (TACs, quotas, access, conservation measures, structural policy and market policy) and the external aspects.

All delegations stated their firm intention of reaching an overall agreement on this matter within the shortest possible time. The Council noted, however, that as matters stood, more time would be needed for the various positions to be brought closer together, particularly in the case of TACs and quotas.

Pending overall agreement, the Council agreed to the Regulations laying down general rules for the granting of financial compensation or carry-over premiums for certain fishery products. At the same time the Council agreed in principle to the allocation among the Member States of the catch quotas available to the Community in 1982 under the Fisheries Agreement with Canada. It also agreed to the temporary extension for the period from 1 August to 31 December 1982 of the Protocol between the Community and Guinea-Bissau, pending renegotiation of that Protocol.

The Council agreed to convene a fresh meeting of the Council in Luxembourg on 21 and 22 September to enable the Commission and the Presidency to continue in the meantime their quest for an overall compromise.

PRESS RELEASE

8954/82 (Presse 118)

Meeting of the Council

Brussels, 24 July 1982

President: Mr Kjeld OLESEN,
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS
Minister for External Relations
Mr Mark EYSKENS
Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Kjeld OLESEN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Otto MØLLER
State Secretary, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT
State Secretary, Federal Ministry
for Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Antoine EXARCHOS
Deputy Permanent Representative

France:

Mr Jean-Pierre CHEVENEMENT
Minister of State, Minister
of Research and Technology

Ireland:

Mr Andrew O'ROURKE
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI
Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Paul HELMINGER
State Secretary to the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs, Foreign
Trade and Co-operation

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter REES
Secretary of State for Trade

Commission:

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP
Vice-President
Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON
Vice-President

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES: STEEL

The Council agreed the exclusive mandate proposed by the Commission, authorizing it to negotiate a global steel arrangement with the US Government.

This decision will be communicated forthwith to the Government of the United States.

PRESS RELEASE

8987/82 (Presse 119)

791st meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 27/28/29 July 1982

President: Mr Otto MØLLER,
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary,
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Otto MØLLER
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Günter OBERT
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Antoine GIORGIADIS
State Secretary,
Ministry for the National
Economy

France:

Mr André CHANDERNAGOR
Minister attached to the
Minister for External Relations
responsible for European affairs

Ireland:

Mr Sylvester BARRETT
Minister of State,
Ministry of Finance

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Ernest MÜHLEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Nicolas RIDLEY
Financial Secretary
to the Treasury

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

Mr Richard BURKE
Member

MEETING BETWEEN A DELEGATION FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

On the afternoon of 27 July a meeting took place between the Council and a delegation from the European Parliament headed by Mr DANKERT, President of the European Parliament, and composed of Mr LANGE, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr NOTENBOOM, 1st Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mrs BARBARELLA, 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr Robert JACKSON, Rapporteur for Section III of the 1983 Budget, Mr SABY, Rapporteur for other sections, Mr ANSQUER and Mr BONDE, Members of the Committee on Budgets and Mr AIGNER, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control.

This meeting, which was characterized by an atmosphere of openness inspired mainly by the statement on budgetary matters signed by the Presidents of the three institutions on 30 June 1982, provided the opportunity for a wide-ranging discussion on both the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1 to the 1982 budget and the preliminary draft general budget for the financial year 1983.

The discussions between the Parliamentary delegation and the Members of the Council on the two preliminary drafts enabled the Members of Parliament to highlight the political choices they wished to see reflected in the budgets.

The Members of Parliament referred in their comments to the Resolutions adopted on 8 July 1982 on the two preliminary drafts and to the Resolution of 22 April 1982 on the European Parliament's guidelines for the 1983 budget. In particular, they thought that the two branches of the budget authority should give the highest priority to appropriations for Community policies which directly or indirectly enabled the Community to make a contribution to the fight against the ever growing problem of unemployment. In this connection they

also emphasized the need to develop or strengthen Community policies with an impact on restructuring and innovation in economic activities within the Community. They also stressed the importance they attached to increasing resources aimed at solidarity with the developing countries. With more specific reference to the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget for 1982, the Members of Parliament supported the Commission's proposal to use - in line with the general guidelines mentioned above - a proportion of the savings made in the sphere of management of the agricultural markets for specific projects in the social sector and for aid to the most needy developing countries.

Although the members of the Council shared the aims mentioned by the Members of Parliament, particularly with regard to the need to combat unemployment effectively, they took a more qualified view of the means to be chosen and the budgetary consequences to be drawn. Several Council members underlined the major importance of reconciling the need to develop Community policies with the constraints arising from the economic situation which dictated strict austerity in spending both at national and Community level.

With regard to co-operation in general between the two branches of the budget authority - Parliament and Council - all the participants stressed their high hopes that the tripartite statement of 30 June would in future settle the co-operation problems which had bedevilled relations in the past.

Winding up the discussion, the President of the Council assured the Parliamentary delegation that, when considering the two preliminary drafts in detail, the Council would bear in mind the guidelines and views submitted by Parliament.

DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1983

After studying in detail the preliminary draft budget submitted by the Commission, the Council established the draft general budget for 1983.

The total budget figure will be approximately 21,098 MECU (*) in the form of payment appropriations and approximately 22,399 MECU (*) in the form of commitment appropriations.

The Council's discussions were focused more especially on the appropriations to be entered for non-compulsory expenditure.

For such expenditure the Council decided on an overall increase of 6.7% in the case of commitment appropriations, which gives a total of 5,984 MECU, 1,910 MECU of which will be for the Regional Fund, 1,442 MECU for the Social Fund and 2,632 MECU for other non-compulsory expenditure. The corresponding figures for payment appropriations are an overall increase of 8.2%, which is equivalent to about 4,776 MECU, 1,175 MECU of which will be for the Regional Fund, 1,090 MECU for the Social Fund and 2,511 MECU for other non-compulsory expenditure.

(*) subject to final calculations and on the understanding that the guidelines arrived at by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs on 25 May with regard to compensation for the United Kingdom and related problems are not reflected in this draft.

In allocating these appropriations to the Regional Fund and more especially to the Social Fund, the Council to a large extent took into account the concern clearly brought out at the meeting with the European Parliament with regard to combating unemployment and strengthening the Community's structural policies. It believed that present constraints on both national and Community budget authorities caused by the economic situation made it impossible to go beyond these increases.

The draft general budget for 1983 as now established will - after finalization of the text - be forwarded to Parliament at an early date and be formally presented by the President of the Council on 15 September at a plenary sitting of Parliament.

SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET FOR 1982

After discussing preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1 submitted by the Commission, the Council decided not to establish a draft. It was of the opinion that urgent financial needs in the spheres concerned could suitably be met by transfers of appropriations to be decided on in accordance with the usual procedures, on the basis of proposals from the Commission.

With this in mind, the Council recorded its immediate agreement in principle to a 65 MECU transfer of appropriations to the Social Fund.

WINE

The Council formally adopted the Regulations amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine and Regulation (EEC) No 338/79 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions. ⁽¹⁾

This decision constituted a follow-up to the discussions at the Agriculture Council meeting on 19 and 20 July 1982, at which the Council had already obtained the agreement of nine delegations on the substance of the above draft Regulations.

⁽¹⁾ The most important amendments to these Regulations are mentioned in 8779/82 (Presse 113)

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONSEnergy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on the granting of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (1982). This provides for the granting of support to 36 projects in the period 1982-1984 amounting to a total of 25,977,600 ECU.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Recommendation concerning the encouragement of investment in the rational use of energy (RUE). See Press Release 8552/82 (Presse 109) - pages 6 to 12 - of 13 July 1982.

Medium-term economic policy

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision adopting the fifth medium-term economic policy programme.

Export credits

The Council adopted a Decision which, following the entry into force on 6 July 1982 of the revised Arrangement on guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits, amends the previous Community Decisions concerning the EEC's application of the Arrangement.

The Council also adopted a Decision extending the period of the Community's application of the OECD Understanding on Export Credits for ships.

Food aid

- Emergency aid to Afghan refugees in Pakistan

The Council adopted a Regulation on the supply of 3,000 tonnes of skimmed milk powder to the UNHCR as emergency aid for Afghan refugees in Pakistan within the reserve for 1982.

It also agreed to allocate, for the same refugees, emergency food aid of 24,696 tonnes of wheat on the terms envisaged by the Commission, beginning with the quantities already made available to the WFP under the IEFER for 1981.

- Aid from the Community to UNRWA

On a proposal from the Commission, the Council agreed in principle on a favourable response to the UNRWA's request that the Community provide the Agency with less food aid while broadening the range of products supplied and participate up to an amount of 16 MECU in the financing of the education programme implemented by UNRWA in both 1982 and 1983 under the UNRWA-EEC three-year Convention. To this end, the Council instructed the Commission to negotiate without delay the necessary amendments to the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA.

The Council also adopted a Decision on granting UNRWA 1,187 tonnes of cereals food aid within the 1981 reserve.

- Community aid to Mozambique

In the same Decision, the Council agreed to grant Mozambique 13,581 tonnes of cereals food aid within the 1981 reserve.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of standardized multi-phase electric motors having an output of more than 0.75 kW but not more than 75 kW, originating in the USSR, and terminating the proceedings in respect of imports of the said products originating in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Poland and Romania.

Textiles

The Council decided to sign the Additional Protocols to the Agreements between the European Economic Community and certain third countries (Egypt, Korea, Romania, India, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Brazil and Macao) on trade in textile products consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community.

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council authorized the Commission to negotiate on behalf of the Community an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending certain zero-duty tariff quotas opened by the United Kingdom for 1982 in accordance with Protocol No 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland.

Relations with the ACP States

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision amending the Internal Agreement of 1979 on the financing and administration of Community aid (Greek accession).

GATT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement resulting from the negotiations and consultations under Article XXIV paragraph 6 of the GATT between the European Communities and Argentina.

Agricultural questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- the Decisions:

- = amending the Sixth Decision 80/817/EEC on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops;
- = amending the Sixth Decision 80/818/EEC on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries;

- the Regulations:

- = fixing, for the 1982/1983 marketing year, the production aid for tinned pineapple and the minimum price to be paid to pineapple producers;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 2194/81 laying down the general rules for the system of production aid for dried figs and dried grapes.

Fisheries

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

- the Regulations laying down general rules for the granting of:

- = financial compensation for certain fisheries products;
- = a carry-over premium for certain fisheries products;
- = a special carry-over premium for Mediterranean sardines and anchovies.

- the Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the second interim extension of the Protocol annexed to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea Bissau.

Social questions

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

- on the protection of workers from exposure to metallic lead and its ionic compounds at work (see Press Release 7307/82 (Presse 69) - pages 3 and 4 - of 27 May 1982);
- relating to the organization by the Member States of surveys on the earnings of permanent and seasonal workers employed in agriculture.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 75/130/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined road/rail carriage of goods between Member States (see Press Release 7559/82 (Presse 74) - page 7 - of 10 June 1982).

Telematics

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the co-ordination of the actions of the Member States and the Commission relating to activities preparatory to a long-term programme for the use of telematics for Community information systems concerned with imports/exports and the management and financial control of agricultural market organizations.

Atomic questions

The Council took note of the information from the Commission concerning the latter's intention to conclude, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 101(3) of the EAEC Treaty, a co-operation agreement with the United States Department of Energy (US-DOE) on the management of radioactive waste.

ECSC

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

- Bayerische Vereinsbank AG, Federal Republic of Germany
- Saarländische Investitionskreditbank AG, (SIKB), Federal Republic of Germany
- Auto-Service-Center Uberherrn GmbH, Federal Republic of Germany
- Credit Grade Limited, United Kingdom
- Hunterprint Group Limited, United Kingdom

Appointment

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the Danish Government, Mr Henning Kryger SØRENSEN, Sekretær, Dansk Metalarbejderforbund, as full member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of Mr Jørgen HANSEN, full member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 16 September 1983.

PRESS RELEASE

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792nd meeting of the Council
- Foreign Affairs -
Brussels, 20 and 21 September 1982
President: Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

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

Denmark:

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

Germany:

Mr Peter CORTERIER	Minister of State, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs
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Greece:

Mr Grigoris VARFIS	State Secretary for Economic Co-ordination, with responsibility for relations with the EEC
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France:

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

Ireland:

Mr Gerry COLLINS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Italy:

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

Luxembourg:

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Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

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Ministry of Economic Affairs

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Vice-President

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Vice-President

Mr Edgard PISANI

Member

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RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

Steel arrangement

The Council:

- noted with regret that the conditions have not yet been fulfilled on the USA side for the arrangement to be approved;
- confirmed for its part its desire that the agreement enter into force by 15 October at the latest and to continue internal Community preparations to that end;
- noted that the Commission is continuing its current talks on tubes.

Gas pipeline: United States embargo

The Council:

- regretted the situation which had arisen following the measures taken by the USA and emphasized the importance of normal relations being re-established in this connection;
- noted the readiness of the European side to continue contacts to this end;
- noted that the Community would have to participate, at the appropriate moment, in connection with questions falling within Community competence.

RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL

The Council adopted the Regulation on the conclusion of a Framework Agreement for co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil.

This Agreement can therefore enter into force in the very near future when the two parties have notified completion of their internal procedures.

It should be pointed out that ⁽¹⁾:

The Framework Agreement for co-operation replaces the 1974 Trade Agreement. It is initially to last for a period of 5 years, and may then be tacitly renewed annually.

This Agreement introduces a new dimension into relations between the partners. Whereas the former Agreement was a trade agreement of the classic type which also included references to certain sectoral problems, the new Agreement is designed to encourage the expansion and harmonious development of commercial co-operation in general between the two parties.

The Agreement is a Framework Agreement which lays down objectives and means of action of a general nature. One of its essential features is the promotion of co-operation between the economic operators of the two parties.

The Agreement caters for future developments. No area in which economic co-operation is a possibility and which falls within Community jurisdiction is excluded a priori, and both parties to the Agreement intend to explore together, through a Joint Committee, all practical opportunities for co-operation.

⁽¹⁾ See also the Press Release of 18.9.1980 (9550/80 (Presse 121)) published at the time of the signature of the Framework Agreement.

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council prepared for the 9th ministerial meeting of the negotiations for the accession of Portugal to the European Communities, held on Tuesday 21 September.

CENTRAL AMERICA

The Council agreed to continue its discussions on the means of implementation and the conditions for the grant of the special measures for Central America at its meeting on 25 and 26 October.

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COMPENSATION FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR 1982

The Ministers and the Commission continued discussions on the implementation of the conclusions which they reached on 25 May 1982 concerning compensation for the United Kingdom for 1982.

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VARIOUS DECISIONS

Iron and steel - Social aspect

The Council adopted a Decision concerning a contribution for 1982/1983 to the ECSC from the general budget of the Communities.

Pursuant to this Decision an additional contribution ⁽¹⁾ of 100 MEUA is granted to the ECSC out of the general budget of the Communities for the financial years 1982 and 1983 (50 MEUA for 1982 and 50 MEUA for 1983), to allow implementation of the 1981/1984 special temporary aids programme.

This amount will contribute towards ensuring the continuation of Community financing of special temporary allowances in favour of workers in iron and steel firms and iron ore mines in the Community whose jobs are directly or indirectly abolished or threatened in consequence of a restructuring plan adopted by the undertaking, the group of undertakings or the public authorities in accordance with general objectives for steel.

⁽¹⁾ There have already been granted for this special aids programme 50 MEUA on 7 December 1981 - a direct contribution from the Member States and 62 MEUA on 23 February 1982, transferred from the general budget of the ECSC.

New Mediterranean Financial Protocols

The Council approved the outcome of the negotiations concerning the new Financial Protocols negotiated by the Commission with Algeria and Tunisia (¹). It was decided to proceed to the signing of the Protocols in question, subject to their being approved.

Customs questions

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

- amending, as regards the nomenclature of certain tariff headings, Regulation (EEC) No 562/81 on the reduction of customs duties on imports into the Community of certain agricultural products originating in Turkey;
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(¹) Similar decisions concerning the Financial Protocols with Morocco, Egypt, Jordan, the Lebanon, Syria and Israel had already been approved on 21 June 1982.

Tariff quotas

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for aubergines falling within subheading ex 07.01 T of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Cyprus (1982);
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain wines having a registered designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Tunisia (1982/1983).

Euratom

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision approving the conclusion by the Commission of the subsidiary arrangements supplementing the Agreements between France, the European Atomic Energy Community and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the application of safeguards in France.

ECSC

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

- Finance for Industry Ltd., United Kingdom.

Appointments

- Renewal of the Advisory and Technical Committees on Freedom of Movement for Workers

The Council adopted the Decision appointing members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers for the period from 1982 to 1984:

I. Government Representatives

	<u>(a) Members</u>		<u>(b) Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr J. DEQUAN	Mr J. DENYS	Mr M. TAVERNIER
Denmark	Mr N.O. ANDERSEN	Mrs B. HERMANN	Mrs K. RUDFELD
Germany	Dr O. SCHULZ	Mr E. BIRKER	Dr. P. FENDRICH
Greece	Mr A. KOUTRIS	Mr I. MAKRIS	Mr A. BOUGAS
France	Mr H. DE LARY DE LATOUR	Mr PADOVANI	Mr M. RAMOND
Ireland	Mr C. O'FEINNEADHA	Mr B. FITZPATRICK	Mr T. WALSH
Italy	Prof. A.F. D'HARMANT	Mr G.L. BERTINETTO	Dr B. GAZZE
Luxembourg	Mr F. EWEN	Mr R. SCHINTGEN	Mr E. QUARING
Netherlands	Mr W.A. Renardel DE LAVALETTE	Mr J.W.S. PABON	Drs. H.K. VOS
United Kingdom	Mr G.C. HEDGER	Mrs V. BAYLISS	Mr G.R. WILSON

II. Representatives of Employers' Organizations

	<u>(a) Members</u>		<u>(b) Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr D. DE NORRE	Mr J. LABAR	Mr F. LARDOT
Denmark	Mr P.E. PEDERSEN	Mr P.E. BORGQVIST	Mr D. VON GRUMBKOW
Germany	Dr W.D. LINDNER	Mr R. REICHLING	Mr Ch. OTTOW
Greece	Mrs E. TZOUMANI	Mr T. ZOUNIS	Mr G. KOUMOULOS
France	Mr B. VRILLON	Mr R. LENOBLE	Mr G. BENSARD
Ireland	Mr V. KEOGH	Mr L.F. STEEN	Mr G.F. DEMPSEY
Italy	Dr E. PALLADINI	Dr R. SORACE	Mr M. PUNZI
Luxembourg	Mr R. BEFFORT	Mr E. MULLER	Mr M. WAGNER
Netherlands	Drs J.A.P. GREVERS	Drs N.A. VAANDRAGER
United Kingdom	Mr H.M.L. MORTON	Mr W. TAYLOR	Mr P. DIXON

III. Trade Union Representatives

	<u>(a) Members</u>		<u>(b) Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr E. LOOF	Mr X. VERBOVEN	Mr W. CANINI
Denmark	Mr H. HANSEN	Mr B. LARSEN	Mr P. CARLSEN
Germany	Mrs Dr U. ENGELEN-KEFER	Mr E. KASTLEINER	Mr R.D. ASCHENBECK
Greece	Mr G. DASSIS	Mr A. YERANIOS	Mr L. KANELLOPOULOS
France	Mr M. APOSTOLO	Mr W. GITLER	Mr A. BEN LEZAR
Ireland	Mr F. KENNEDY	Mr T. HEERY	Mr W. ATTLEY
Italy	Mr F. SALVATORI	Mr A. SERGI	Mr N. DI MEOLA
Luxembourg	Mr V. DE MATTEIS	Mr H. DUNKEL	Mr P. FRERES
Netherlands	Mr C.N.M. COMMANDEUR	Mr H. HOFSTEDE	Mr L. CALLE CARCIA
United Kingdom	Mr F.F. JARVIS	Mr A.L. SAPPER	Mrs P. TURNER OBE

- Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers

The Council adopted the Decision appointing members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers for the period from 1982 to 1984:

I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr J. DONIS	Mr R. DE PAUW	Mr C. DENEVE
Denmark	Mr A. TRIER	Mr P. VORRE	Mr N.O. ANDERSEN
Germany	Dr W. HAASE	Dr H. KAUPPER	Mr A. SCHNEIDER
Greece	Mr P. DINOPOULOS	Mr P. ALATSATIANOS	Mr E. PERDIKIS
France	Mr C. THALAMY	Mr M. HAMON	Mr D. DECISIER
Ireland	Mr J. DOWNEY	Mr E. McCUMISKEY	Mr S. TRANT
Italy	Dr V. ROSSI	Mr L. CRISTOFANELLI	Dr G. PIRRONE
Luxembourg	Mr C. REIFFERS	Mr A. DERATTE	Mr G. SCHROEDER
Netherlands	Drs A.L. DIRKEN	Mr J.C.M. VAN NIJNANTEN	Mr A.G. BLOEMHEUVEL
United Kingdom	Mr I.G. GILBERT	Miss K.E.W. BLUNT	Mr W.J. SLOANE

II. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr L. FRANSMAN	Mrs. M.L. STORME	Miss L. DE KEYSER
Denmark	Mrs H. SIMONSEN	Mrs B. JOHANSEN	Mr J.I. PEDERSEN
Germany	Mr F. SCHNABEL	Mr W. LOW	Mr W. GLAUBITZ
Greece	Mr C. CHARAKAS	Mr B. KRITIKOS	Mrs E. TZOUMANI
France	Mr B. VRILLON	Mrs M.-J. BAFFOY	Mr P. DE LAMER
Ireland	Mr T.G. HARRINGTON	Mr J. HARTY	Mr A.F. RICE
Italy	Dr A. TORELLA	Dr F. NASONI	Dr G. MISSERVILLE
Luxembourg	Mr L. RECKINGER	Mr M. SAUBER	Mr J. PAULY
Netherlands	Mr J. KLOK	Mrs W.E. DE QUANT	Mr J.H. ZWARTZ
United Kingdom	Mr W.G. ASHLEY	Mr H.M.L. MORTON	Mrs J.R. HARRISON

III. TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr E. LOOF	Mr J.L. STALPORT	Mr A. POTTILIUS
Denmark	Mr E. BALLE	Mr B. LARSEN	Mr P. NIELSEN
Germany	Mr G. FAUPEL	Mr W. KOHNE	Mr R.D. ASCHENBECK
Greece	Mr I. PAPMICHAIL	Mr I. PAIDAKAKIS	Mr G. DASSIS
France	Mr S. CAPPE	Mr J. FABIANI	Mr D. JACQUOT
Ireland	Mr P. MURPHY	Mr F. KENNEDY	Mr T. HEERY
Italy	Mr A. MOTTA	Mr N. DI MEOLA	Mr G. TOSINI
Luxembourg	Mr R. PIZZAFERRI	Mr V. KOLB	Mr H. DUNKEL
Netherlands	Mrs P.G. KETELAAR	Mr F. PRINS	Mrs M.J.Ph.A. CLERX
United Kingdom	Mr J.F. ECCLES	Mr T.W. MAWER	Mr J. MacGUGAN

- Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work

The Council adopted the Decision appointing representatives of Greek employers' and trade union organizations on the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 1 April 1985:

I. GREEK EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Members

Mr I. TSAMOUSOPOULOS
Mr P. FALALIS

(b) Alternates

Mrs P. VAFIADOU
Mr A. KALDIS

II. GREEK TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Members

Mr P. TASOULIS
Mrs L. VASILAKOU

(b) Alternates

Mr A. YERANIOS
Mrs A. KARAMANOU

- European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

On the proposal of the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr J.K. FULLER, Manpower Services Commission, Special Programmes 2, as a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, to replace Mr M. WESTON, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 19 April 1985.

- Renouveaulement du Comité économique et social

Après consultation de la Commission, le Conseil a nommé les membres du Comité économique et social pour la période du 21 septembre 1982 au 20 septembre 1986, comme suit :

Membres du Comité économique et social
pour la période du 20 septembre 1982 au 21 septembre 1986

- Sig. Andrea AMATO Italia
Confederazione generale italiana del Lavoro
- Direktor Poul ANTONSEN Danmark
Bryggeriforeningen
- Dott. Romolo ARENA Italia
Presidente della FINSIDER internazionale
- Dott. Eduardo BAGLIANO Italia
Presidente Comitato FIAT Problemi comunitari
- M. S. BACIANNAS Grèce
Président, Confédération générale des associations d'agriculteurs de Grèce
- Sig. Danilo BERETTA Italia
Presidente della Federchimici
- Herr Ulrich BERGER Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Stellvertretender Bundesvorsitzender des Deutschen Beamtentundes (DBB)
- M. René BERNASCONI France
Président de la Confédération Générale des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises (C.G.P.M.E.), Vice-Président du Conseil Economique et Social
- M. Mathias BERNS Luxembourg
Secrétaire Général, Centrale Paysanne

Dipl.-Volkswirt
Herrat Hermann BINNENBRÜCK
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Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Mr. J.R. BODDY, MBE
General Secretary,
National Union of Agricultural Allied Workers

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Expert du Service Economique de la Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail (C.F.D.T.)

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M. Henry BORDES-PAGES
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M. Jean BORNARD
Président de la Confédération Française des Travailleurs Chrétiens (C.F.T.C.)

France

Mr. C.A. BOS
Burgermeester van Katwijk

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M. Edouard BRASSIER
Secrétaire Général de la Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité française

France

Mme Anne ERBEDIA
Avocate; Conseiller,
Union des Armateurs Grecs

Grèce

Sir. Giovanbattista CAVAZZUTI
Confederazione Italiana Sindacati
Lavoratori

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National du patronat français
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Membre du bureau du Conseil
Economique et Social

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Electrical, Electronic, Tele-
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Hauptgeschäftsführer des Bundes-
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Irish Transport and General
Workers Union

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PRESS RELEASE

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793rd Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 20 and 21 September 1982

President: Mr Niels Anker KOFOED,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and
Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON
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Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN
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Italy:

Mr Giuseppe BARTOLOMEI
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Luxembourg:

Mr Jean RIES
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Lakes, Rivers and Forests

Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

FIXING OF THE REMAINING OLIVE OIL PRICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1982/1983

Having previously fixed indicative prices and production aid for olive oil for the 1982/1983 marketing year, the Council also fixed the representative market price, the threshold price and the amount of consumption aid.

The main figures resulting from this decision are as follows:

- representative market price: 159.5 ECU/100 kg
- threshold price : 155.88 ECU/100 kg
- consumption aid : 76.67 ECU/100 kg

The ratio of the olive oil price to that of competing vegetable oils will thus be around 2.35-2.4 to 1.

IMPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND BUTTER INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1983

The Council discussed a proposal for a Regulation determining the quantity of New Zealand butter which the United Kingdom is authorized to import during 1983 and reviewing the import levy for New Zealand butter.

Following this discussion the Council agreed to look at the matter again at the meeting on 18-19 October 1982 in order to come to a decision.

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

As it had undertaken at its meeting on 18 May 1982, the Council continued discussing the problems arising over the adjustment of the "acquis communautaire" for Mediterranean products and in particular fruit and vegetables and olive oil.

Taking as a basis the reports submitted by the Special Committee on Agriculture, the Council went over the various ideas and alternatives under discussion in the Committee.

Following its discussions the Council asked the Special Committee on Agriculture to press ahead with work on this whole matter in the light of the broad lines of approach emerging from this meeting and to report back at its next meeting.

EXCHANGE RATES TO BE APPLIED IN AGRICULTURE

The Council agreed to defer discussion of this until the meeting on 18 and 19 October 1982.

GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR THE NEGOTIATION WITH CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES OF FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE MULTIANNUAL SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The Council took note of a report from the Special Committee on Agriculture on progress regarding a Recommendation for a Decision on the guidelines to be followed for the negotiation with certain third countries of framework agreements relating to the multiannual supply of agricultural products.

Following its discussions the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue, on the basis of further information to be supplied by the Commission with its study of the various points raised by the Recommendation so that there could be a further examination of the overall problems at a forthcoming meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council heard statements on the following points:

- damage caused to forests by atmospheric pollution
(German delegation)
- the situation on the milk market and the measures to be taken
in regard to:
 - = the sale of low-priced butter for the internal market
(Christmas butter)
 - = the sale of low-priced skimmed-milk powder intended for
animals other than calves
(German delegation)
- the conversion rate for the co-responsibility levy on milk
(German delegation)
- preventive distillation of Charente wine
(French delegation)
- imports of poultry into the United Kingdom
(French delegation)
- Newcastle disease
(United Kingdom delegation)
- imports of sheepmeat into France
(United Kingdom delegation)
- French national aid
(United Kingdom delegation).

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1724/80 adopting general rules concerning special measures for soya beans harvested in 1980.

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision under the Treaties, concerning fishery activities in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Member States, taken on a temporary basis pending the adoption of permanent Community measures.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

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794th Council meeting

- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 4 October 1982

President: Mr Henning GROVE
Minister for Fisheries
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary, European
Affairs and Agriculture

Germany:

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

France:

Mr Louis le PENSEC
Minister of the Sea

Italy:

Mr Calogero MANNINO
Minister for Shipping

Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE
Minister for Fisheries
Mr Lars Emil JOHANSEN
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Administration
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State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Greece:

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State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DALY
Minister for Fisheries

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO
Deputy Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
Mr George YOUNGER
Secretary of State for Scotland
Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Georges CONTOGEOORGIS
Member

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

The Council resumed its examination of all the problems arising in the fisheries sector, as regards both internal and external aspects.

With regard to the most fundamental problems such as TACs, quotas, access, conservation measures and structural policy, the Council agreed to convene another meeting before the end of October in the hope of reaching a final conclusion on the subject.

Agreement was, however, reached with regard to the allocation of catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish waters, the Norwegian economic zone and the fishery zone around Jan Mayen, and Faroese waters.

It also adopted two Regulations for 1982 concerning fishing arrangements between the Community and the Kingdom of Norway and on certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway. In addition, it agreed to the signing of an Agreement between the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea and the Community.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agriculture

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

- fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the representative market price and the threshold price for olive oil and the percentages of the consumption aid to be retained in accordance with Article 11(5) and (6) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2194/81 laying down the general rules for the system of production aid for dried figs and dried grapes.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Community a Regulation repealing the definitive anti-dumping duty applying to imports of certain sodium carbonate originating in the Soviet Union.

Relations with Portugal

The Council decided to sign, subject to conclusion, the Traditional Protocol between the EEC and the Portuguese Republic.

This Transitional Protocol makes provision for a number of derogations in Portugal's favour from the 1972 Agreement, particularly as regards further tariff dismantling vis-à-vis the Community (extension of the tariff "freeze" on certain sensitive products) and the possibility of recourse for a further period to the "new industries" clause.

In this way, the two Parties intended to take account of Portugal's industrial development and restructuring difficulties, to intensify co-operation between them and to contribute to bringing the two Parties closer together with a view to Portugal's accession to the Communities.

Transport

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Directive laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels.

ECSC

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

- Société Nationale de Crédit à l'Industrie (S.N.C.I.), Belgium
- Nordisk Faergefart AIS, Denmark
- Bayerische Landesbank Girozentrale, Germany
- Società Europea Tubifici e Acciaierie (SETA) Italy
- The Royal Bank of Scotland, United Kingdom
- Caledonia Airmotive Ltd, United Kingdom
- Chemical Bank Ltd, United Kingdom
- National Westminster Bank Ltd, United Kingdom

Appointments

Acting on a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mr Jean DULIEGE, Administrateur civil, Sous-directeur des Professions de Santé, Direction générale de la Santé, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners, to replace Mr Pierre CHOISSELET, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 25 March 1983.

Acting on a proposal from the Greek Government, the Council also appointed the Greek members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners for the remainder of that Committee's term of office, i.e. until 25 March 1983:

A. Experts from the practising profession of dentistry

- (a) Member : Mr Brice Guy, President of the Greek Federation of Dentists
- (b) Alternate member: Mr Viglas Panayiotis, Dental Practitioner, President of the Association of Dentists of Attica

B. Experts from the relevant faculties of the universities or comparable institutions

- (a) Member : Mr Mitsis Fotis, Lecturer in the Dental Faculty of the University of Athens
- (b) Alternate member: Mr Iacovidis Dimitrios, Assistant lecturer in the Dental Faculty of the University of Salonika

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

- (a) Member : Mrs S. Kouri-Sarofonitou, Dental practitioner
- (b) Alternate member: Mrs A. Frentzou, Dental practitioner, Inspector at the Ministry of Health and Social Security

Lastly, acting on a proposal from the Greek Government, the Council appointed the Greek members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 17 February 1983:

A. Experts from the practising profession

(a) Member : Mr Sotiropoulos Nicolaos

(b) Alternate member: Mr Exarchopoulos Georgios

B. Experts from the veterinary teaching institutions

Member : Mr Leontidis Sotirios, Lecturer in the
Faculty of Veterinary Science of the
University of Salonika

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

(a) Member : Mr Dimitriou Dimitrios, Veterinary surgeon,
Director at the Ministry of Agriculture

(b) Alternate Member: Mr Tsanglas Ilias, Veterinary surgeon at the
Ministry of Agriculture.

PRESS RELEASE

Luxembourg, 19 October 1982
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795th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 18 and 19 October 1982

President: Mr Niels Anker KOFOED,

Minister for Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

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State Secretary for
European Affairs and
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Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL
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Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR
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Mr André CELLARD
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Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mrs Peggy FENNER
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Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER - Member

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

The Council held an exchange of views on all the problems raised by the adjustment of the "acquis communautaire" in the fruit and vegetables and olive oil sectors in the light of the enlargement of the Community.

As regards fruit and vegetables, a number of points emerged during the discussion which may help to reconcile positions subsequently.

As regards olive oil, the Council thought it advisable to carry out a detailed examination of various ideas put forward during the discussion, with the aid of the Commission, in an attempt to find a basis for adjustment of the "acquis communautaire".

EXCHANGE RATES TO BE APPLIED IN AGRICULTURE

The Council decided to apply the following new exchange rates for agriculture in Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

- Belgium and Luxembourg:

1 ECU = 44.9704 Belgian francs/Luxembourg francs from:

- 1 November 1982 for the pigmeat sector,
- 1 November 1982 for the olive oil sector,
- 16 December 1982 for the wine sector,
- 1 January 1983 for the fishery products sector,
- for other products the date of entry into force of the 1983/1984 milk marketing year.

- France:

1 ECU = 6.37174 French francs from:

- 1 November 1982 for the pigmeat sector,
- 1 November 1982 for the olive oil sector,
- 16 December 1982 for the wine sector,
- 1 January 1983 for the fishery products sector,
- 1 April 1983 for the milk and milk products sector,
- 4 April 1983 for the beef and veal sector,
- 4 April 1983 for the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector,
- 1 July 1983 for the sugar and isoglucose sector,
- 1 August 1983 for the cereals, eggs and poultrymeat, ovalbumin and lactalbumin sectors,
- 1 July 1984 for the seeds sector,
- the beginning of the 1983/1984 marketing year for the other products for which there is a marketing year,
- 1 April 1983 in all other cases.

UNITED KINGDOM IMPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND BUTTER

The Council reached agreement in principle on a compromise worked out by the Presidency regarding the fixing of quantities of butter which the United Kingdom is authorized to import from New Zealand for the 1983 year and on revision of the import levy.

The above Regulation could be adopted as an "A" item at a forthcoming Council meeting after finalization of the texts by the General Secretariat.

PROBLEMS IN THE ITALIAN SUGAR SECTOR

Pending receipt of the report on future arrangements governing the sugar sector, particularly as regards quota arrangements, which the Commission is due to submit to the Council before 1 January 1984, the Council held an initial discussion on this subject after the Italian delegation had submitted a memorandum from the Italian Government.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LISTS OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES
APPROVED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPORTING FRESH MEAT INTO THE COMMUNITY

The Council formally adopted (in part A) in the official languages of the Communities seven Decisions listing the establishments approved for the purpose of importing fresh beef and veal, sheepmeat and pigmeat into the Community in accordance with Community health requirements,

- in the Republic of Austria,
- in the Republic of Finland,
- in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic,
- in the Hungarian People's Republic,
- in the Swiss Confederation,
- in the People's Republic of Bulgaria,
- in the Kingdom of Sweden.

It also amended the list of establishments now approved for imports from the Argentine Republic.

During the discussion the Council noted a statement by the Commission representative in which the Commission undertook to do everything possible to improve the inspection system, in particular by speeding it up, and to that end to post Commission experts to the countries concerned (including those in South America) as from the beginning of 1983.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council heard statements on the following subjects:

- Distillation of Charentes wine
(French delegation)
- Arrangements for the purchase of quality olive oil by the
intervention agencies (Greek delegation)
- Extension of Ireland's derogation from the measures to combat
foot-and-mouth disease (Irish delegation).

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural questions

The Council took note of the Commission report on the foreseeable developments in the planting and replanting of vines in the Community and on the ratio between production and utilization in the wine sector.

In addition, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 2764/75 laying down the rules for calculating a component of the levy on pig carcasses and (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff;
- the Directives
 - = laying down the basic rules necessary for testing migration of the constituents of plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs;
 - = amending Directive 78/664/EEC laying down specific criteria of purity for antioxydants which may be used in foodstuffs intended for human consumption.

Commercial policy and Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on fibre building board (hardboard) originating in Romania.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff.

Food aid

The Council recorded its agreement on emergency food aid for the victims of the drought in Sri Lanka which consisted of the supply of 10,000 tonnes of cereals.

Economic and financial questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1736/79 of 3 August 1979 on interest subsidies for certain loans granted under the European Monetary System. The aim of this Regulation is to ensure the continuity of the EMS interest subsidies decided in 1979 for loans granted in the context of the New Community Instrument.

ECSC

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

- Arbed-Finanz Deutschland GmbH (AFDG), Germany
- IDELUX (Association intercommunale d'Equipement Economique de la Province de Luxembourg), Arlon and S.A. MAGOLUX, Messancy, Belgium

The Council also gave its assent under Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a global loan to Finance for Industry Plc, London.

Finally, the Council gave its assent under Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty to the financing of the construction by Electricité de France, of two coal-fired thermal power stations situated at Le Havre and Cordemais respectively.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Luxembourg Government, the Council appointed Dr Guy DESORBAY, Médecin chef de service stagiaire à la Direction de la Santé, alternate member of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, in place of Dr Pierrette HUBERTY-KRAU, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 16 March 1983.

PRESS RELEASE
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796th Council meeting

- Justice -

Conference of the Ministers of Justice
meeting within the Council

Luxembourg, 25 October 1982

President: Mr Erik NIN-HANSEN,
Minister of Justice
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium

Mr Jean GOL
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Justice and
Institutional Reform

Germany

Mr Hans ENGELHARD
Federal Minister of Justice

France

Mr Robert BADINTER
Minister of Justice

Italy

Mr Clelio DARIDA
Minister of Justice

Netherlands

Mr J. de RUITER
Minister of Justice

Denmark

Mr Erik NINN-HANSEN
Minister of Justice

Mr Niels MADSEN
State Secretary,
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Greece

Mr George MANGAKIS
Minister of Justice

Ireland

Mr Sean DOHERTY
Minister of Justice

Luxembourg

Miss Colette FLESCH
Vice-President of the
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Minister of Justice

United Kingdom

Mr Peter FRÄSER
Solicitor General for Scotland,
Lord Advocate's Department

Commission

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES
Member

CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNITY LAW

The Council discussed the question of the consolidation of Community law. It heard a statement from the Commission on the work carried out on the matter since 1974 and the Commission's intention of submitting proposals on the matter to the Council. Following its exchange of views the Council adopted the following statement:

"The Council of the European Communities,

- recalling the resolution on the consolidation of Community law made by the Council at its 315th meeting on 26 November 1974 as well as the statement on consolidation made by the Council at its 537th meeting on 9 October 1978;
- noting the statement of the Commission on the state of progress achieved since 1978, and its intentions in respect of the work to be carried out in the future, in the field of consolidation of Community law,
- reconfirming the importance it attaches to the consolidation of Community law in order to improve its accessibility,
- noting that legislative consolidation presents advantages as compared with the publication of co-ordinated versions intended merely for information,
- urges the Commission to intensify its work to submit proposals on consolidated texts,
- reconfirms its undertaking to examine those proposals as quickly as possible without bringing into question the substance of the texts."

PROTOCOL ON THE INTERPRETATION BY THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE ROME
CONVENTION ON THE LAW APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

When, at a Council meeting of Ministers of Justice held in Rome on 19 June 1980, the Rome Convention on the law applicable to contractual obligations was opened for signature the representatives of the Governments of the Member States adopted a joint declaration annexed to the Rome Convention according to which the Governments declared themselves ready to examine the possibility of conferring jurisdiction for the interpretation of the Convention on the Court of Justice of the European Communities and, if necessary, to negotiate an agreement to this effect.

The Ministers of Justice examined the possibility of drawing up such an agreement on the basis of a proposal whereby certain powers would be conferred on the Court. Some progress was made in the discussions and the Ministers of Justice decided to ask the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue their efforts to reach agreement, account being taken of the proposals made at the meeting of the Ministers of Justice.

EXTENSION OF THE CONVENTION ON JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF
JUDGMENTS IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council signed the Convention on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the 1968 Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and to the 1971 Protocol on its interpretation by the Court of Justice with the adjustments made to them by the 1978 Convention on the Accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, of Ireland and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

It will be remembered that in accordance with Article 3(2) of the Act concerning the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities, Greece undertook to accede to the Brussels Convention on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, concluded under Article 220 of the EEC Treaty, and to the 1971 Protocol on its interpretation by the Court of Justice, and to this end it undertook to enter into negotiations with the other Member States in order to make the necessary adjustments thereto. These negotiations began in December 1981 and culminated in the Accession Convention signed today.

The Brussels Convention, which was concluded in 1968 between the original Member States of the European Community, is in force. It is accompanied by a Protocol on the interpretation of the Convention by the Court of Justice concluded in 1971, which is also in force between the original Member States. Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom acceded to the Convention and the Protocol by a Convention of 1978 which is in the process of being ratified; an exchange of information among the Ministers of Justice showed that prospects were good for an early entry into force of that Convention.

The aim of the 1968 Convention is to simplify the necessary formalities for the mutual recognition and enforcement of judgments. To this end the Convention lays down in the first place the rules of jurisdiction as regards the tribunal to which civil and commercial matters should be referred.

It then lays down a procedure which is simplified, as compared with traditional rules, and rapid, because it is not adversary in the initial stage, for the enforcement of judgments delivered in another Member State.

However, in the event of non-enforcement or substantive opposition by the party against whom enforcement is sought, more structured proceedings intended to offer maximum guarantees and thus of an adversary nature are provided for.

The Brussels Convention and the Protocol have both acquired considerable practical importance: hundreds of judgments based on the Convention have been delivered in the Member States and a series of judgments by the Court has settled fundamental questions of its interpretation.

The accession of Greece to the 1968 Convention and to the 1971 Protocol will achieve the enlargement of the Community in an important field for the citizen and the exercise of his rights.

ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL FOR DISPUTES BETWEEN THE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR STAFF

The Council held an exchange of views on the establishment of a body of first instance to deal with disputes between the Community institutions and their staff, the main function of which will be to lighten the workload of the Court of Justice in this type of dispute.

At its meeting on 26 November 1974, the Council of Ministers of Justice agreed in principle that it would be desirable to create a Court of first instance which would rule on disputes between the Institutions and their staff and invited the Commission to submit appropriate proposals or drafts.

The Commission presented a proposal for a Regulation on the matter on 4 August 1978.

The Council today examined this proposal and, in view of the difficulties encountered, a proposal from the Presidency to set up an administrative appeal board which would give binding decisions under the supervision of the Court of Justice. The Council referred the Presidency's proposal to the Permanent Representatives Committee for further examination, in particular of its financial implications, and to enable the opinion of the staff representatives to be obtained.

RATIFICATION OF THE LUXEMBOURG CONVENTION ON THE COMMUNITY PATENT

Having heard a Commission statement on the ratification of the Luxembourg Convention on the Community patent, the Ministers of Justice held an exchange of information on the progress procedures for ratifying this Convention in the Community Member States.

PROPOSAL FOR A BANKRUPTCY CONVENTION

The Ministers of Justice noted a Commission statement on the proposal for a Bankruptcy Convention.

APPROXIMATION OF LAWS UNDER THE EUROPEAN ACT

The Ministers of Justice noted a statement by the German delegation on the approximation of laws under the European Act.

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The Ministers of Justice proposed to meet in future at closer intervals than in the past.

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At the end of the meeting the Ministers for Justice discussed questions relating to political co-operation.

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797th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 25 and 26 October 1982

President: Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for External relations

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Jakob Esper LARSEN Undersecretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Otto Graf LAMBSDORFF Federal Minister for the Economy

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

Greece:

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

France:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON Minister for External Relations

Mr Michel JOBERT Minister of State,
Minister for External Trade

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

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Nicola CAPRIA Minister for External Trade

Mr Mario FIRET State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCHE

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Paul HELMINGER

State Secretary, Ministry for
Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Mr W. DIK

State Secretary for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Francis PYM

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Peter REES

Secretary of State for Trade

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Etienne DAVIGNON

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Vice-President

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

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Mr Edgard PISANI

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EEC-CYPRUS RELATIONS

The Council adopted the position to be taken by the Community delegation at the 8th meeting at Ministerial level of the EEC-Cyprus Association Council, which was held in the late afternoon of 25 October.

It also finalized the directives allowing the Commission to begin negotiations with Cyprus on defining the trade arrangements to apply between the two parties in 1983.

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ACCESSION OF SPAIN

On the occasion of this Council meeting, the 12th meeting of the Ministerial Conference for the accession of Spain to the European Communities was also held. The Spanish delegation was led by Mr José Pedro PEREZ-LORCA, the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

The Council had a debate on the current state of affairs in its relations with Japan. It deplored the absence of any significant progress in the consultations with this country. It agreed to revert to the question of EEC/Japan relations at an early forthcoming session.

CENTRAL AMERICA

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining this dossier in the light of its discussions today.

COMPENSATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR 1982

The Ministers reached agreement on the conclusions regarding compensation to the United Kingdom for 1982. However, one delegation said it would make its final position on this matter known within a few days.

GATT

The Council examined the problems arising at the stage reached in the preparatory work for the GATT ministerial meeting and took the necessary measures to supplement, at the earliest opportunity, the policy guidelines it adopted at its meeting last July.

MFA: BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

The Council took note of the outcome of the negotiations concluded so far. It also confirmed the current negotiating directives and noted that the Commission will make a final attempt, taking account of adjustments agreed in certain cases, to reach agreement also with those countries which have not yet concluded their negotiations with the Community. The Commission will report to the Council in due course to enable it to decide whether the Community should continue to participate in the MFA.

STEEL

- External aspects

The Council held an exhaustive discussion, following which it asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining this matter so that the Commission would be able to commence talks with the third countries concerned without delay.

LAW OF THE SEA

The Council took note of a statement by Commissioner NARJES introducing the Commission's communication on the results of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and Community signing of the Final Act of the Conference and of the Convention.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

GATT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Economic Community and Indonesia, negotiated under Article XXVIII of GATT dealing with tariff concessions in GATT list XXI.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent

- under Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty, concerning the Dresdner Bank A.G., FRG;
- under Article 54, 2nd paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty, to the partial financing of an investment project by OXYLUX S.A. aimed at improving the supply of nitrogen to steelworks;
- under Article 54, 2nd paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty, to the co-financing of a coal handling terminal in Jarrow, United Kingdom.

Appointments

On a proposal by the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr J.M. CURRIE, Office of the United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the European Communities, as an alternate member of the European Social Fund in place of Mr WILSON, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 9 November 1982.

Also on a proposal by the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr Mark WESTON, Manpower Services Commission, Employment Service Division (Branch B), as a member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers, in place of Mrs V. BAYLISS, a member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 20 September 1984.

Furthermore, on a proposal by the Irish Government, the Council appointed Mr Desmond BRANIGAN, Advisory Service, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, as a full member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, in place of Mr Peter CASSELS, a full member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 1 April 1985.

PRESS RELEASE

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798th Council meeting

- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 25 and 26 October 1982

President: Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN,
Minister for Finance
of the Kingdom of Denmark

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary, European
Affairs and Agriculture

Germany:

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

France:

Mr Louis le PENSEC
Minister of the Sea

Italy:

Mr Calogero MANNINO
Minister for Shipping

Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Denmark:

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

Greece:

Mr Panayiotis KATSAROS
State Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DALY
Minister for Fisheries

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO
Deputy Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
Mr George YOUNGER
Secretary of State for Scotland
Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN - President
Mr Georges CONTOGEOORGIS - Member
Mr Richard BURKE - Member

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

As agreed at the last meeting, the Council continued its discussions in an attempt to reach agreement on a common fisheries policy.

This meeting was devoted to identifying the major problems, in particular as regards access and quotas, and to bringing the positions of the Member States on these problems closer together. To this end the Commission submitted a final compromise formula. Nine delegations were able to accept it, while the Danish delegation was not in a position to agree to it at this stage. The Council consequently agreed to allow the Danish Government a ten-day period for it to decide its position on the compromise.

OTHER DECISIONS

Agricultural questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Directive amending Directive 69/208/EEC on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants;
 - the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2099/82 as regards the date of transfer of the skimmed-milk powder to the Italian intervention agency.
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