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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE
6279/82 (Presse 41)

763rd meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 20, 21 and 22 April 1982

President: Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER,
State Secretary for European Affairs
and Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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 Bjoern WESTH
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

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

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON
Minister for Agriculture

Mr André CELLARD
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giuseppe BARTOLOMEI
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY
Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Lakes, Rivers and
Forests

Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

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

For the Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

FIXING OF THE PRICES OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AND RELATED MEASURES

The Council resumed its discussion of the agricultural prices for the 1982/1983 marketing year. The discussion dealt mainly with price levels, agri-monetary problems, the measures to be taken regarding small milk producers, the "acquis communautaire", and lastly the problem of inflation, which in some countries had reduced farm incomes.

The Council made considerable progress on the various issues. On price levels and the dismantling of monetary compensatory amounts positions became notably less divergent.

The very important question of small milk producers, on which several delegations are in agreement, will be examined later.

The Council discussed the questions concerning adjustment of the "acquis communautaire" for Mediterranean products in some depth. Progress was made on reconciling the various points of view on wine, fruit, vegetables and citrus fruit. The Council noted that the question of olive oil would have to be examined in even greater depth.

The Council also expressed its intention of responding to the difficulties created by the particularly high rates of inflation in some countries and their effect on farm incomes.

In the light both of the progress made and the problems remaining, the Council agreed to return to the entire subject on 28 April 1982 at 16.00.

Pending the resumption of proceedings, the Council decided to extend the current marketing year for milk products, beef and veal and sheepmeat and goatmeat until 3 May 1982. It also extended the Regulation fixing the flat-rate production aid and the guide price for certain dried fodder for the period 26 April to 3 May 1982.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

New Mediterranean financial protocols

The Council approved the outcome of the negotiations conducted by the Commission on the new financial protocols with Morocco, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Israel. It decided to sign the Protocols, subject to their approval.

Relations with Yugoslavia

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3810/81 establishing ceilings and Community surveillance for imports of certain products originating in Yugoslavia (1982).

Appointments

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision renewing the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (1982-1985):

I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Belgium	Mr Jean DEQUAN
Denmark	Mr Arne HØJSTEEN
Germany	Mr Horst LEMKE
Greece ⁽¹⁾
France	Mr André RAMOFF
Ireland	Dr Arthur O'REILLY
Italy	Avv. Armando GALLO
Luxembourg	Mr Norbert FELTGEN
Netherlands	Mr H.A.J.M. VRIJHOEF
United Kingdom	Mr M. WESTON

II. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS

Belgium	Mr Francis BUCHET
Denmark	Mr Erik TØTTRUP
Germany	Mr Helmut BRUMHARD
Greece	Mr BOUMIS
France	Miss Marie-José MONTALESCOT
Ireland	Mr Tony BROWN
Italy	Mr Vincenzo ROMANO
Luxembourg	Mr Eugène MÜLLER
Netherlands	Mrs Gertrude DE LANGE
United Kingdom	Mr William G.T. THORPE

III. REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS

Belgium	Mr G. SAUVAGE
Denmark	Mr Christian AAGAARD HANSEN
Germany	Mr F. KEMPF
Greece	Mr G. DASSIS
France	Mr Michel THISSIER
Ireland	Mr F. KENNEDY
Italy	Mr C. DI NAPOLI
Luxembourg	Mr Jean REGENWETTER
Netherlands	Mr P.H. HUGENHOLTZ
United Kingdom	Mr F. JARVIS

(¹) The Council will in due course appoint the member to occupy the seat of representative of the Greek Government.
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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

6435/82 (Presse 46)

764th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 26 and 27 April 1982

President: Mr Leo TINDEMANS,
Minister for External Relations
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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, European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Kjeld OLESON	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 Horst SCHULMANN	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Grigoris VARFIS	State Secretary, 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, with responsibility for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Gerry COLLINS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Italy:

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

Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCH

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr Max van der STOEL

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr H. van den BROEK

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr W. DIK

State Secretary,
Ministry of Economic AffairsUnited 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 Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Vice-President

Mr Edgard PISANI

Member

Mr Antonio GIOLITTI

Member

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Member

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PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council prepared for the 7th meeting of the Conference at Ministerial level on the accession of Portugal to the European Communities, which was held on 26 April 1982.

The Council also approved the directives for the Commission for the negotiation of a Protocol amending certain provisions of the EEC-Portugal Agreement concerning arrangements to apply after 31 December 1982 particularly as regards the tariff freeze and procedures for applying the "emergent industries" clause.

RELATIONS WITH THE ACP STATES

In preparation for the 7th meeting of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers to be held in Libreville (Gabon) on 13 and 14 May 1982, the Council examined the position to be adopted by the Community at that meeting on the various matters on the agenda.

If necessary, the Council will finalize the Community position in Libreville.

TEXTILES: TURKEY

The Council discussed the draft arrangements proposed to it by the Commission concerning exports of cotton yarn to the Community.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining this matter.

REFORM OF THE REGIONAL FUND

The Council held a policy discussion on the main amendments proposed by the Commission to the Regulation establishing a European Regional Development Fund.

The Council devoted particular attention to the two main aspects of this matter. Firstly it discussed the question of the geographical concentration of the quota section, the relationship between the quota section and the non-quota section of the Fund and the purposes of the two sections. Secondly it discussed the Commission proposal to introduce into the Regulation provisions concerning co-ordination of Member States' and Community regional policies, namely the principle, aims and means of such co-ordination.

In conclusion, it instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee actively to continue examining the matter in the light of the positions expressed by delegations during this first discussion.

EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN

The Council discussed the progress made on the Commission proposals on the simplification and rationalization of the EFTA rules of origin. It concluded by calling on the Industry Council on 4 May to continue examining the matter.

PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT FOR CHARGE-CHROME

The Council briefly discussed the reservations remaining regarding the opening of a Community tariff quota for certain qualities of ferro-chrome. The Council agreed that this matter should be discussed further at the meeting of Industry Ministers.

TEXTILES: ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREFERENTIAL MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

The Council approved the report by the Permanent Representatives Committee on the progress of talks between the Commission and the preferential Mediterranean countries regarding the conditions of their textile exports to the Community.

In this connection the Council approved the arrangements already finalized with Egypt and Spain.

UNIFORM ELECTORAL PROCEDURE

The Council discussed the procedure to be followed for examining the European Parliament's proposal of 10 March 1982 on a uniform procedure for electing Members of the European Parliament.

Concluding the discussion, during which the political importance as well as the difficulties of this question became apparent, the Council agreed on arrangements under which the examination of this matter could begin on the basis of Article 138 of the EEC Treaty and according to the procedures laid down therein. It instructed a High Level Working Party, which would report regularly to the Permanent Representatives Committee, to prepare for this examination.

BUDGETARY PROBLEMS

The President reported to the Council on the meetings he had had with the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Commission in the context of the inter-institutional budgetary dialogue.

The Council had a brief discussion on the continuation of this dialogue and decided that the Budget Council should meet on 11 May 1982 to define its position.

1982 FOOD AID PROGRAMME

The Council adopted the Community's 1982 food aid programmes covering the following quantities: cereals: 927,663 tonnes; skimmed milk powder: 150,000 tonnes; butteroil: 45,000 tonnes. Details of allocation between the beneficiaries are as follows

1982 cereals food aid programme

Recipient	Quantities allocated (in tonnes)
1. <u>Countries</u>	
Angola	10,000
Bangladesh	140,000
Cape Verde	token entry
Comoros	token entry
Djibouti	token entry
Egypt	140,000
Ethiopia	20,000
Ghana	10,000
Guinea-Bissau	token entry
Guinea (Conakry)	10,000
Haiti (1)	10,000
Kenya	15,000
Lebanon	token entry
Lesotho	6,000
Madagascar	15,000
Mali	15,000
Mauritania	10,000
Morocco	token entry
Mozambique	25,000
Nicaragua	token entry
Niger	token entry
Peru	token entry

(1) Through a specialized agency.

Recipients	Quantities allocated (in tonnes)
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Sao Tomé e Príncipe	token entry
Senegal	20,000
Somalia	35,000
Sri Lanka	37,000
Sudan	13,000
Tanzania	20,000
Upper Volta	8,000
Zaire	10,000
Zambia	token entry
	<hr/> 569,000

2. Bodies

ICRC	15,000	fad
LICROSS	2,000	fad
UNHCR	62,000 ⁽¹⁾	fad
UNHWA	42,000	fad
WFP (projects)	55,000	fad
WFP (IEFR)	30,000	fad
	<hr/> 206,000	

3. Reserve

152,663

TOTAL 927,663

⁽¹⁾ of which 50,000 tonnes for the Afghan refugees in Pakistan and 12,000 tonnes for the refugees in Thailand.

1982 skimmed-milk powder food-aid programme

Recipient	Quantities allocated (in tonnes)
1. <u>Countries</u>	
Angola	500
Bangladesh	token entry
Burundi	100
Cape Verde	400
Central African Republic	token entry
Chad	token entry
Comoros	400
Djibouti	200
Ecuador	500
Egypt	10,000
Equatorial Guinea	token entry
Ethiopia	2,000
Ghana	2,000
Grenada	350
Guinea-Bissau	token entry
Guinea (Conakry)	token entry
Honduras	token entry
India	31,000
Indonesia	2,000
Jamaica	1,500
Jordan	token entry
Kenya	token entry
Lebanon	1,100
Lesotho	300
Madagascar	token entry
Mali	600

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Recipient	Quantities allocated (in tonnes)
Malta	200
Mauritius	500
Mauritania	1,000
Morocco	1,500
Mozambique	750
Nicaragua	3,200
Niger	250
Pakistan	2,000
Peru	1,000
Philippines	1,000
Rwanda	token entry
Senegal	2,000
Sierra Leone	500
Somalia	3,500
Sri Lanka	token entry
Sudan	500
Syria	token entry
Tanzania	2,000
Thailand	token entry
Togo	token entry
Uganda	500
Upper Volta	token entry
Yemen (North)	token entry
Zaire	token entry
Zambia	token entry
Zimbabwe	1,500
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	74,850
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Recipient	Quantities allocated (in tonnes)
2. <u>Bodies</u>	
ICRC	2,000
LICROSS	1,800
UNHCR	token entry
UNRWA	1,360
WFP	32,000
NGO	27,000
	<hr/> 64,160
3. <u>Reserve</u>	<hr/> 10,990
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TOTAL	<hr/> <hr/> 150,000

1982 milk fats food aid programme

Recipient	Quantities allocated (in tonnes)
<u>1. Countries</u>	
Bangladesh	3,500
Burundi	50
Cape Verde	300
Comoros	100
Djibouti	100
Ecuador	token entry
Egypt	2,800
Equatorial Guinea	token entry
Ethiopia	1,000
Ghana	600
Grenada	30
Guinea-Bissau	175
Guinea (Conakry)	token entry
Guyana	100
Honduras	600
India	12,700
Jamaica	200
Lebanon	1,000
Lesotho	200
Mali	200
Mauritania	1,000
Morocco	200
Mozambique	200
Nicaragua	300
Niger	token entry
Pakistan	2,000
Peru	500
Philippines	100

Recipient	Quantities allocated (in tonnes)
St Kitts-Nevis	token entry
Sao Tomé e Príncipe	100
Senegal	token entry
Sierra Leone	200
Somalia	1,500
Sri Lanka	100
Sudan	token entry
Syria	token entry
Tanzania	400
Thailand	token entry
Upper Volta	token entry
Yemen (North)	token entry
Zambia	token entry
Zimbabwe	token entry
	<hr/> 30,255
2. <u>Bodies</u>	
ICRC	1,000
LICROSS	500
UNHCR	token entry
UNRWA	3,900
WFP	6,000
NGO	2,000
	<hr/> 13,400
3. <u>Reserve</u>	<hr/> 1,345
TOTAL	<hr/> <hr/> 45,000

MANDATE OF 30 MAY

The Council continued its discussions on the Commission report to the Council pursuant to the Mandate of 30 May. It agreed to break off its discussions in order to give the Presidents of the Council and of the Commission and the delegations time for further consideration.

The Council will resume its discussions in the near future.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Food aid

The Council recorded its agreement on the granting of 5,000 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder to India, drawn from the reserve remaining from the 1981 programme.

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the Community and the ACP countries concerned on guaranteed prices for cane sugar for 1981/1982 and a Regulation fixing these prices for the OCT.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning an interim extension of the Protocol annexed to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and the European Economic Community on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau.

Customs union

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

- amending (following the decisions of the Fisheries Council at the end of 1981) Regulation No 562/81 on the reduction of customs duties on imports into the Community of certain agricultural products originating in Turkey;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp originating in Turkey (1.7.1982 - 30.6.1983).

Atomic questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decisions required to make certain amendments to the Co-operation Agreements between Euratom and Sweden on the one hand and Switzerland on the other hand in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion.

Appointment

The Council appointed Mr Dominique BAUDE member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work in the workers' representatives category in place of Mr ATLAN, member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 1 April 1985.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

6436/82 (Presse 47)

765th meeting of the Council
- Economic and Financial Questions -

Luxembourg, 26 April 1982

President: Mr Willy de CLERCQ,
Minister for Finance of
the Kingdom of Belgium

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

Mr Mark EYSKENS
Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Ivar NØRGAARD
Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Horst SCHULMANN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Yanis POTTAKIS
State Secretary,
Ministry for Co-ordination

France:

Mr Jacques DELORS
Minister for Economic Affairs
and Finance

Ireland:

Mr Ray McSHARRY
Deputy Prime-Minister
Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Mario SARCINELLI
Director-General with
the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance
Mr Ernest MUHLEN
State Secretary, Ministry of
Finance

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE
Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Nicolas RIDLEY
Financial Secretary to the
Treasury

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI
Vice-President

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The meeting was also attended by:

Mr J. van YPERSELE de STRIHOU

Chairman of the Economic and
Financial Policy Co-ordination
Group

Mr I. BYATT

Chairman of the Economic Policy
Committee

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF 29 AND
30 MARCH 1982

The Council examined some of the chapters of the Presidency's conclusions on the proceedings of the European Council on 29 and 30 March 1982, with particular interest to the Council in its composition of Ministers for Economic and Financial Affairs, namely investment policy, the European Monetary System and international economic policy, with a view to establishing what action should be taken on these chapters of the conclusions.

The Council confirmed that the item "European Monetary System" would be included on the agenda for its meeting on 17 May 1982. At that meeting the Council would also continue its discussion of a number of problems arising with respect to international economic policy so as to define a common position for the Economic Summit in Versailles.

As regards investment policy, the Council heard a statement from Mr ORTOLI, Vice-President of the Commission, and held an initial exchange of views. The Council agreed to examine this item further in preparation for the next meeting of the European Council on 28 and 29 June 1982, on the basis of a document on the matter to be submitted by the Commission.

CREDIT INSURANCE

The Council reached agreement on the stand to be adopted by the Community at the forthcoming negotiations between the Participants in the Arrangements on Export Credits, to be held in Paris on 6 and 7 May 1982 with a view to amending certain provisions of the Arrangement on Guidelines and the Arrangement on Ships.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NCI II

The Council adopted the Decision applying the Decision on the NCI II. Under this Decision, a single tranche of borrowing is authorized for the entire NCI II, namely 1,000 million ECU.

IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE

In preparation for the forthcoming meeting of the IMF Interim Committee in Helsinki on 12 and 13 May 1982, the Council recorded its agreement on the draft statement to be made by the President on behalf of the Community.

INDEXATION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council examined the principles of indexation in the Community on the basis of a Commission communication and of the opinions expressed by the Monetary Committee and the Economic and Financial Policy Co-ordination Group.

In concluding its examination, the Council took note of the importance of the problem and asked the Commission, once it had made all the necessary contacts, to continue its work on all these problems in the light of the opinions expressed by the Monetary Committee and the Economic and Financial Policy Co-ordination Group, of the positions adopted within the Council and of the developments which had in the meantime taken place in this area in the Member States.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

6438/82 (Presse 49)

766th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 28, 29 and 30 April 1982

President: Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER,
State Secretary for European Affairs
and Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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 Bjoern WESTH
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

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

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Minister for Agriculture

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Mr Giuseppe BARTOLOMEI
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY
Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Lakes, Rivers and
Forests

Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

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

For the Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

FIXING OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES FOR 1982/1983 AND RELATED MEASURES
ADJUSTMENT OF THE "ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE"

The Council reached a very broad consensus on the overall compromise covering the "acquis communautaire" and the prices and related measures, but noted that some reservations remained. It accordingly agreed to resume its proceedings in the near future in order to arrive at a conclusion on all the issues involved.

Pending the resumption of its proceedings, the Council decided to extend until 17 May 1982 the marketing year in progress for milk products, beef and veal, sheepmeat and goatmeat and cauliflowers. It also extended the validity of the Regulation fixing the flat-rate production aid and the guide price for certain dried fodder products for the period from 3 May to 17 May 1982.

OTHER DECISIONS

Fisheries policy

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

- the Regulations laying down for 1982 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to:
 - = vessels registered in the Faroe Islands;
 - = vessels flying the flag of Spain.
 - 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.
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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

6675/82 (Presse 51)

767th meeting of the Council

- Industry -

Brussels, 4 May 1982

President: Mr Mark EYSKENS

Minister for Economic Affairs
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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

Belgium:

Mr Mark EYSKENS
Minister for Economic
Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Erling JENSEN
Minister for Industry

Germany:

Otto Graf LAMBSDORFF
Federal Minister for
Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Dimitrios PITSIORIS
State Secretary,
Ministry of Industry and Energy

France:

Mr Pierre DREYFUS
Minister for Industry

Ireland:

Mr Albert REYNOLDS
Minister for Industry and
Energy

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA
Minister for Industry

Luxembourg:

Mr Paul HELMINGER
State Secretary,
Ministry of Economic Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr J.C. TERLOUW
Deputy Minister-President,
Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Norman LAMONT
Minister of State,
Department of Industry

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI, Vice-President
Vicomte Etienne DAVIGNON, Vice-President
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES, Member
Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN, Member
Mr Ivor RICHARD, Member

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COMMUNITY IRON AND STEEL POLICY

1. The Council gave its assent on pricing policy, but bore in mind the provisional reservations by the United Kingdom and Danish delegations pending clarification of some points.
2. The Council agreed in principle to the extension of the market organization system for twelve months.

Certain Commission proposals on the products covered by this system, the questions raised by the various delegations, and the matter of whether the system should be extended for eighteen months will be examined further by the Permanent Representatives Committee with a view to a final decision by the Council, possibly at its meeting on Wednesday 26 May.

3. At its forthcoming meeting, on Wednesday 26 May, the Council will also examine the Commission proposal on social measures.

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COMMUNITY INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

On the basis of the Commission communication of October 1981 and in the light of the conclusions of the European Council on 29 and 30 March 1982, the Council held a policy debate on the implementation of the Community's industrial strategy. It also had for this purpose a report on the proceedings of the Working Party of Directors-General for Industry of the Governments of the Member States on this subject. It took note of this report and also of a memorandum on the subject from the Presidency.

In conclusion, the Council asked the Commission to continue its efforts in the light of today's discussions with the aim of submitting other specific proposals in addition to those already laid before the Council, so that it could discuss them in good time.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Council noted that because of one continuing difficulty it was unable at this stage to adopt three recommendations before it in the telecommunications sector. The Council agreed to discuss the matter again at its next meeting.

PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT FOR CHARGE CHROME

The Council referred briefly to the remaining problems concerning the opening of a tariff quota for the current year in respect of certain ferro-alloys known as charge chrome. The Council will discuss this matter again at its next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy and customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- Regulations:

- = opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain textile products under Community outward processing traffic;
- = extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on mechanical wrist-watches originating in the Soviet Union;
- a Decision concerning the conclusion of the agreement between the EEC and Spain comprising agreed minutes and a temporary agreement on concerted disciplines concerning imports of cheese into Spain.

Research

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision authorizing the Commission to enter into negotiations for an agreement between the Community and the COST States on the implementation of a concerted action project in the field of shore-based maritime navigation aid systems.

The Council gave its assent, under Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty, to two coal research programmes concerning:

- mining engineering
- product beneficiation.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty, for the part-financing of a project of Hellenic Ferroalloys S.A., Volos, Greece, concerning the mining and enrichment of chromite and the processing of ferrochromium.

Export credits

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decisions on the position to be adopted by the Community at the international negotiations on the amendment of certain provisions of:

- the Arrangement on Guidelines for Officially Supported Export Credits;
- the OECD Understanding on Export Credits for Ships.

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 on the exchange rate to be applied in agriculture.

Under this Regulation the following new green rates will apply from 6 May:

1 ECU = 42.9772 Belgian francs/Luxembourg francs
" " = 8.18382 Danish kroner
" " = 6.19564 French francs
" " = 63.7637 Greek drachmas

The new parity for the Italian lira (1 ECU = Lit 1289.00) will apply to the main products as follows: from 6 May for wine, 17 May for milk, beef and veal, sheepmeat and goatmeat, 1 July for sugar, iso-glucose and seeds, 1 August for cereals, eggs and poultry, 1 November for pigmeat, 1 January 1983 for fishery products, from the start of the 1982/1983 marketing year for the other products for which the marketing year had not yet begun on 1 April 1982, and from 6 May 1982 in all other cases.

Nominations

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mr Chr. Aagaard HANSEN, Landsorganisationen i Danmark, Uddannelsesafdelingen, as a member, and Mr Vilhelm PEDERSEN, Uddannelsessekretaer, Specialarbejderforbundet i Danmark, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of, respectively, Mr Niels ENEVOLDSEN, member and Mr Chr. Aagaard HANSEN, alternate member, who have resigned, for the remainder of their term of office, which runs until 16 September 1983.

On a proposal from the German Government, the Council appointed Dr med. dent. Horst SEBASTIAN, Präsident des Bundesverbandes der deutschen Zahnärzte e.V., as a full member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners, in the category of experts from the practising profession, in place of Mr Werner EGGERS, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 25 March 1983.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

6854/82 (Presse 55)

768th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 10 and 11 May 1982

President: Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER,
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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 Josef ERTL
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

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

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giuseppe BARTOLOMEI
Minister for Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Denmark:

Mr Bjoern WESTH
Minister for Agriculture

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY
Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Lakes, Rivers and
Forests

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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

For the Commission:

Mr Poul DALSGER
Member

AGRICULTURAL PRICES AND RELATED MEASURES

The Council resumed its work on the fixing of prices and related measures. It reached a compromise to which at this stage nine delegations gave their agreement. All delegations expressed their determination to reach unanimous agreement. Consequently the Council agreed to resume its discussions on Monday 17 May 1982 with a view to achieving agreement on the entire question, if at all possible.

To this end it asked the Council Secretariat to undertake the legal finalization of all the texts on which a decision would have to be reached.

Pending this further meeting, the Council extended the marketing years for milk products, beef and veal, and sheepmeat and goatmeat until 19 May and the marketing years for certain dried fodder products and for cauliflowers for the period 17 to 19 May.

It also approved a 1.7 reduction in the green drachma.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council heard a statement from the Danish delegation on the measures taken by Denmark to combat foot-and-mouth disease.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Fisheries Policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200 nautical mile zone off the coast of the French Department of Guyana
- the Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands establishing measures for salmon fishing in North Atlantic waters.

Research

The Council also gave its assent pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty in respect of a Commission memorandum on the establishment of a 2nd research programme on safety in mining.

In addition, the Council gave its assent pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty with a view to obtaining financial aid for setting up and implementing an iron and steel research programme.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

769th meeting of the Council

- Preparation of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers -

Gabon, 13-14 May 1982

The official press release was unavailable. A summary of the meeting has been reproduced from Bulletin of the European Communities, No. 5-1982

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
769th Libreville, Gabon 13 and 14 May				Special meeting to prepare for meeting of ACP-EEC Council of Ministers. ³

ACP States and OCT

ACP-EEC Convention

ACP-EEC Council of Ministers

2.2.51. The ACP-EEC Council of Ministers held its seventh meeting in Libreville, Gabon, on 13 and 14 May.¹ Community preparations for this had been finalized on the spot at meetings of the EEC Council representatives. It was preceded on 12 May by the first meeting of the Ministerial Committee set up under Article 108 of the second Lomé Convention to keep track of implementation and propose guidelines for financial and technical cooperation.²

Discussions centred on the Stabex problem,³ and in particular the shortfall in resources for 1981, the sugar protocol and financial and technical cooperation.

There were also talks on trade, industrial and agricultural cooperation, Sysmin and the least-developed, landlocked and island countries. The Nigerian Minister raised the question of the situation of ACP migrant workers and students in the Member States; it was decided that preparatory work on following up this point would be carried out by the co-chairmen of the ACP-EEC Committee of Ambassadors.

Lastly, as has become traditional, the ACP-EEC Council spent part of its time in an open discussion on points of common interest, with no official position being adopted by the parties, and no conclusions being reached or minutes taken. This year the dis-

cussions centred on hunger in the world and the follow-up to the Paris Conference on the Least-developed Countries.

2.2.52. Belize and Zimbabwe acceded to the sugar protocol.⁴ A formal decision was taken to allocate Zimbabwe an annual quota of 25 000 tonnes, plus 6 000 tonnes for the end of the 1981/82 sugar year. A quota would be reallocated to Kenya. Applications from Congo and Ivory Coast were being examined.

2.2.53. As regards financial and technical cooperation, the ACP-EEC Council heard the report of the Ministerial Committee set up under Article 108⁵ and adopted the resolution drawn up by the Committee.

2.2.54. Regarding southern Africa, the ACP States made statements supporting in detail the resolution adopted by the Joint Committee in Harare in February⁶ and calling for a joint resolution along the same lines; the statement by the EEC Council stressed above all the economic aspect of cooperation with southern Africa and was more general in tone on the political aspects. The Community refused to agree to any conclusion that would go beyond the jurisdiction of the EEC Council and the Lomé Convention.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

6888/82 (Presse 56)

770th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 11 May 1982

President: Mr Philippe MAYSTADT,
Minister for the Budget,
Kingdom of Belgium

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

Belgium:

Mr Philippe MAYSTADT
Minister for the Budget

Denmark:

Mr Otto MØLLER
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Horst SCHULMANN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr E. DRETTAKIS
Minister for Finance

France:

Mr André CHANDERNAGOR
Minister attached to the
Foreign Secretary,
responsible for European
Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Sylvester BARRETT
Minister of State,
Department of Finance

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Jonkheer R.A. van SWINDEREN
Deputy Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr Nicholas RIDLEY
Financial Secretary to the
Treasury

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE BUDGET

The Council continued preparations for the inter-institutional dialogue on the budget.

With the aim of organizing the talks in such a way that they would be concluded by mid-June, i.e. before the preliminary draft budget for 1983 was discussed by the Council subsidiary bodies, the Council defined the brief to be given to the Presidency on the various matters on which disputes had arisen during the budgetary procedures on previous occasions.

On the basis of this brief, the Presidency will make technical preparations for the meeting of the Presidents of the three Institutions at the end of May. The discussions are scheduled to end towards the middle of June with a joint meeting of the Council and a delegation from the European Parliament.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

7080/82 (Presse 62)

771st meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 17 and 18 May 1982

President: Mr Paul KEERSMAEKER,
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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 Bjoern WESTH
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
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Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR
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France:

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Italy:

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Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY
Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Lakes, Rivers and
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Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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

For the Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN	- President
Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI	- Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI	- Vice-President
Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON	- Vice-President
Mr Poul DALSGER	- Member

AGRICULTURAL PRICES FOR 1982/1983

RELATED MEASURES AND MEDITERRANEAN ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE

At its meeting on 10 and 11 May the Council reached an overall compromise which was agreed to by nine delegations, with the United Kingdom delegation maintaining a reservation on this compromise as a whole.

At the current meeting on the basis of this compromise the Council adopted, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 43 of the Treaty, the Regulations fixing the agricultural prices for the 1982/1983 marketing year and related measures.

Three Member States - Denmark, Greece and the United Kingdom - taking the view that for reasons of principle the voting procedure should not be used in this particular instance, did not vote on these Regulations.

The Council also noted the agreement in principle of a majority of the delegations on a number of provisions adjusting the acquis communautaire for Mediterranean products - in particular wine - and the Directives relating to agricultural structures.

The Council will be asked to take a formal decision on these provisions, in particular as regards the Mediterranean acquis communautaire and agricultural structures, after it has received the Opinion of the European Parliament and the texts have been finalized.

The Regulations adopted are listed below.

AGRI-MONETARY

1. Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

Council Regulations:

2. fixing the target price for milk and the intervention prices for butter, skimmed-milk powder and Grana Padano and Parmigiano cheeses for the 1982/1983 milk year
3. fixing the threshold prices for certain milk products for the 1982/1983 milk year
4. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1269/79 as regards the conditions for the marketing of reduced-price butter for direct consumption in the 1982/1983 milk year
5. amending Regulation (EEC) No 986/68 laying down general rules for granting aid for skimmed milk and skimmed-milk powder for use as feed
6. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1080/77 on the supply of milk and certain milk products at reduced prices to school children
7. amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products
8. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 in respect of the co-responsibility levy on milk and milk products
9. on provisions to support the incomes of small-scale milk producers during the 1982/1983 milk year
10. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 as regards the conditions for the entry of certain cheeses under certain tariff headings and Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff
11. amending Regulation (EEC) No 3661/81 on interim measures concerning application of the arrangements with Austria and Finland concerning cheese

BEEF AND VEAL

12. Council Regulation fixing the guide price and the intervention price for adult bovine animals for the 1982/1983 marketing year
13. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1357/80 introducing a system of premiums for maintaining suckler cows
14. Council Regulation on the granting of an additional premium for maintaining suckler cows in Ireland and Northern Ireland and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1056/81
15. Council Regulation on the implementation of the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals for recording market prices in the beef and veal sector
16. Council Regulation concerning the grant of a premium for the slaughter of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter in the United Kingdom during the 1982/1983 marketing year
17. Council Regulation on the grant of a calving premium in Greece, Ireland, Italy and Northern Ireland.

SHEEPMEAT

18. Council Regulation fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the basic price, the intervention prices and the reference prices for sheepmeat
19. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat.

DRIED FODDER,
PEAS AND FIELD BEANS

Council Regulation:

20. fixing the flat-rate production aid and the guide price for dried fodder for the 1982/1983 marketing year.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Council Regulations:

21. fixing certain prices and other amounts applicable in the fruit and vegetables sector for the 1982/1983 marketing year
22. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables
23. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit
24. fixing a guarantee threshold for tomato concentrate and whole-peeled tomatoes

SEEDS

Council Regulations:

25. fixing the guide price of castor seeds for the 1982/1983 marketing year
26. fixing the minimum price for castor seeds for the 1982/1983 marketing year
27. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1610/79 introducing supplementary aid for castor seed
28. fixing the guide price for soya beans for the 1982/1983 marketing year
29. fixing the minimum price for soya beans for the 1982/1983 marketing year
30. fixing the amount of aid for fibre flax and hemp for the 1982/1983 marketing year
31. fixing the guide price for linseed for the 1982/1983 marketing year
32. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the guide price for unginned cotton and the quantity of cotton for which aid may be granted in full
33. fixing the minimum price for unginned cotton for the 1982/1983 marketing year
34. concerning measures to promote the use of fibre flax for the marketing years from 1982/1983 to 1986/1987
35. providing for restrictions on the importation of hemp and hemp seed and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 in respect of hemp.

SUGAR

Council Regulations:

36. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the derived intervention price for white sugar, the intervention price for raw sugar, the minimum prices for A and B beet, the threshold prices and the amount of compensation for storage costs
37. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the sugar prices and the standard quality of beet.

OILS AND FATS

Council Regulations:

38. amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats
39. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the guarantee threshold for colza and rape seed and certain factors relating thereto
40. fixing the target prices and intervention prices for colza and rape seed and sunflower seed for the 1982/1983 marketing year
41. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the monthly increases in the target and intervention prices for colza and rape seed and sunflower seed

CEREALS AND RICE

Council Regulations:

42. fixing cereal prices for the 1982/1983 marketing year
43. fixing the monthly price increases for cereals, wheat and rye flour and wheat groats and meal for the 1982/1983 marketing year
44. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 fixing standard qualities for common wheat, rye, barley, maize and durum wheat
45. amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3103/76 on aid for durum wheat
46. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year those Community regions which qualify for aid for durum wheat and the amount of such aid
47. amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals
48. fixing rice prices for the 1982/1983 marketing year
49. fixing the monthly price increases for paddy rice and husked rice for the 1982/1983 marketing year
50. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2744/75 on the import and export system for products processed from cereals and rice and amending the Common Customs Tariff
51. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2742/75 on production refunds in the cereals and rice sector.

DRIED FODDER, PEAS AND FIELD BEANS

Council Regulations:

52. fixing, for the 1982/1983 marketing year, the aid activating price, the guide price and the minimum price for peas and field beans
53. laying down special measures for peas and field beans
54. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1117/78 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder.

TOBACCO

Council Regulations:

55. fixing for the 1982 harvest the norm and intervention prices and the premiums granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco, the derived intervention prices for baled tobacco and the reference quality
56. amending Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco.

SILKWORMS

Council Regulation:

57. fixing the amount of aid in respect of silkworms for the 1982/1983 rearing year.

OLIVE OIL

Council Regulations:

58. fixing the production target price, the production aid and the intervention price for olive oil for the 1982/1983 marketing year
59. fixing the monthly increases in the representative market price, the intervention price and the threshold price for olive oil for the 1982/1983 marketing year
60. on the financing of the remaining expenditure on the establishment of a register of olive cultivation.

PIGMEAT

61. Council Regulation: fixing the basic price and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period 1 November 1982 to 31 October 1983.

WINE

62. Council Regulation: fixing, for the period 16 December 1982 to 15 December 1983, the guide prices for wine.

COMMUNITY MEASURE FOR THE ERADICATION OF BRUCELLOSIS, TUBERCULOSIS
AND LEUCOSIS IN CATTLE

The Council gave its agreement to a Directive amending Directive 77/391/EEC, the purpose of which is to continue uninterrupted the programmes for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis in cattle for a further two-year period (three years for Greece). The cost of the operation, to be charged to the Community budget from 1983, will be 35 MECU.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

The Council adopted the amendment to Commission Decision 82/259/EEC of 6 April 1982 concerning certain protective measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Denmark. Under this new Decision, Denmark, without prejudice to protective measures applied by the Danish authorities around the latest outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the islands of Funen and Zealand, is authorized after 18 May 1982 to send consignments of live bovine animals and swine and certain fresh meat of animals and other meat-based products coming from those islands.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decision

The Council adopted a Regulation in the official languages of the Communities amending Regulation (EEC) No 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of interventions by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guarantee Section.

Trade policy and customs union

The Council adopted a Regulation in the official languages of the Communities imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on oxalic acid originating in China and collecting the amounts secured by way of provisional duty on oxalic acid originating in China and Czechoslovakia.

The Council also adopted regulations in the official languages of the Communities temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on:

- certain products intended for use in the construction, maintenance and repair of aircraft;
- a number of agricultural products.

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council recorded its agreement, as regards the Community, on Recommendation No 1/82 of the EEC-Austria and EEC-Switzerland Joint Committees on Community transit regarding the amendment of the Agreements between the EEC and Austria and the EEC and Switzerland on the application of the rules on Community transit.

The Council also recorded its agreement, as regards the Community, on the Decisions of the EEC-EFTA countries Joint Committees adding to and modifying Lists A and B annexed to Protocol No 3 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation.

Research

The Council adopted a Decision in the official languages of the Communities adopting a research and development programme (1982 to 1985) in the raw materials sector.

Approximation of laws

The Council adopted a Directive in the official languages of the Communities amending for the second time Directive 76/768/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products.

Appointment

On a proposal from the Italian Government the Council appointed Mr Antonio SERGI, Ufficio Internazionale CISL, alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers to replace Mr Francesco CHITTOLINA, alternate member who has resigned, until such time as the members of the Committee are replaced.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE
7120/82 (Presse 66)

772nd meeting of the Council
and the Ministers for Education
meeting within the Council
Brussels, 24 May 1982

President: Mr Daniel COENS,
Minister for Education of
the Kingdom of Belgium

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

Belgium:

Mr Daniel COENS
Minister for Education (Flemish)

Mr Michel TROMONT
Minister for Education (French)

Denmark:

Mr Flemming HEDEGAARD
Deputy Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Hermann GRANZOW
State Secretary,
Federal Minister for Education
and Science

Greece:

Mr Eleftherios VERYVAKIS
Minister for Education

France:

Mr Alain SAVARY
Minister for Education

Ireland:

Mr Martin O'DONOGHUE
Minister for Education

Italy:

Mr Guido BODRATO
Minister for Education

Luxembourg:

Mr Fernand BODEN
Minister for Education

Netherlands:

Jonkheer R.A. van SWINDEREN
Deputy Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Sir Keith JOSEPH
Secretary of State for Education
and Science

Commission:

Mr Ivor RICHARD - Member

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION
IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council and the Ministers for Education continued their discussion of education and training in the context of the employment situation in the Community, on the basis of a report drawn up by the Education Committee.

In concluding their discussion, the Council and the Ministers for Education recorded their agreement on the implementation of a further series of pilot projects, in support of the development of national policies, specifically designed to promote an active process of interplay between schools and the outside world and thus to stimulate a broader form of social and vocational preparation for adult life.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMAS AND PERIODS OF STUDY

The Council and the Ministers for Education adopted a report prepared by the Education Committee, as agreed at the meeting on 22 June 1981, on the academic recognition of diplomas and periods of study.

EFFECTS OF POPULATION CHANGES ON EDUCATION SYSTEMS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council and the Ministers for Education took note of an information note prepared by the Presidency on the work carried out by the Education Committee, pursuant to instructions given on 22 June 1981, on the effects of population changes on educational systems in the Community. The Education Committee was asked to continue its work and to report back to the next meeting.

EFFECTS OF NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEMS

The Council and the Ministers for Education heard a statement by Mr RICHARD, Commissioner, on the effects of new information technology on education and training systems.

Following an initial exchange of views, they asked the Education Committee to prepare a report for them in the course of 1983.

PRESS RELEASE

7207/82 (Presse 67)

773rd meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 25 May 1982

President: Mr Léo TINDEMANS,
Minister for External Relations
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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

Belgium:

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

Denmark:

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

Germany:

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

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

Mr André CHANDERNAGOR	Minister responsible to the Minister for External Relations, with responsibility for European Affairs
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Ireland:

Mr Gerry COLLINS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Italy:

Mr Mario FIORET	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCHE

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Douglas HURD

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

Mr Wilhelm HAERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Frans J.J. ANDRIESEN

Member

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Member

Mr Edgard PISANI

Member

UNITED KINGDOM BUDGET CONTRIBUTION

In view of the political agreement reached by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs on the night of 24-25 May regarding the United Kingdom's 1982 budget contribution, the Council agreed to enter this item on the agenda for its meeting on 21 and 22 June in order to adopt, on the basis of proposals from the Commission, the formal provisions implementing the political agreement.

GREENLAND - MEMORANDUM FROM THE DANISH DELEGATION

The Council took note of a statement by the Danish Minister in which he introduced his government's memorandum on the future status it wished to be accorded to Greenland, viz. the conclusion of a revision treaty excluding Greenland from the geographical scope of the Treaties and application of the provisions on the association of overseas countries and territories.

The President stated that he would arrange for the steps necessary for a study of this subject to be taken as soon as possible.

WESTERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT AT VERSAILLES

The Council held a discussion, based in particular on a communication from the Commission, on the guidelines for the Community representatives at the next Economic Summit at Versailles on 4 and 5 June 1982.

The Community will be represented at the summit by the Presidents of the Council and the Commission.

CONCILIATION PROCEDURE WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Council discussed the Commission proposal on the conciliation procedure adopted in 1975 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

The Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to submit a report for its meeting on 21 and 22 June in the light of this initial policy debate.

SUSPENSION OF IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA

The Council - the Representatives of the Member States for the European Coal and Steel Community - extended for an indefinite period the Regulation - the European Coal and Steel Community Decision - suspending imports of all products originating in Argentina under the same conditions as the decision taken in Luxembourg on 17 May 1982.

EGYPT

The Council prepared for the 2nd meeting at Ministerial level of the EEC-Egypt Co-operation Council which was held on the same day with Dr Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt in the chair (see Press Release CEE-RAE 2803/82 (Presse 68) of 25 May 1982).

MANIOC

The Council noted that the Commission had concluded negotiations with Thailand for the conclusion of a co-operation agreement relating to production, marketing and trade in manioc and with Indonesia for an agreement on imports of manioc from that country.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to enable it to state a position on the signing and conclusion of these agreements as soon as the procedures for informing the European Parliament had been carried out.

25.V.82

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial Policy and Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concerning the definitive collection of a provisional anti-dumping duty on certain welded steel tubes originating in Romania.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for yarn of poly (p - phenyleneterephthalamide) for use in the manufacture of tyres or of products used in the manufacture of tyres, falling within subheading ex 51.01 of the Common Customs Tariff.

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the application of Decisions No 5/81 of the EEC-Austria, EEC-Finland, EEC-Iceland, EEC-Norway, EEC-Sweden and EEC-Switzerland Joint Committees amending Protocols Nos 1 and 2 to the Agreements between the EEC and the said States.

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Research

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of the Co-operation Agreement between the EEC and the Kingdom of Sweden on a European Research and Development programme in the field of the recycling of urban and industrial waste.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision adopting a research and training programme (1982-1986) in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mr P. WILLEBERG a member and Mr M. HESSELHOLT an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training to replace Mr H.C. ADLER and Mr P. WILLEBERG respectively for the remainder of their term of office, which runs until 17 February 1983.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, Mr E.R. BUNT, Federatie Nederlandse Vakbeweging, a member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work to replace Mr A. DE BRUIN, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 1 April 1985.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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774th meeting of the Council

- Labour and Social Affairs -

Brussels, 27 May 1982

President: Mr Michel HANSENNE,
Minister for Employment and Labour
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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

Belgium:

Mr Michel HANSENNE
Minister for Employment
and Labour

Mr Jean-Luc DEHAENE
Minister for Social Affairs and
Institutional Reform

Germany:

Mr Heinz WESTPHAL
Federal Minister for Labour and
Social Welfare

France:

Mrs Nicole QUESTIAUX
Minister for National Solidarity

Mrs Yvette ROUDY
Minister responsible to the
Prime Minister, Minister for
Women's Rights

Italy:

Mr Angelo Gaetano CRUSCO
State Secretary,
Ministry of Labour

Netherlands:

Mrs Hedy d'ANCONA
State Secretary
Ministry of Social Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Bent Rold ANDERSEN
Minister for Social Affairs

Mr Svend AUKEN
Minister for Labour

Greece:

Mr A KAKLAMANIS
Minister for Labour

Ireland:

Mr Gene FITZGERALD
Minister of Labour and
Minister of the Public Service

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Labour and
Social Security

United Kingdom:

Mr Norman TEBBIT
Secretary of State for Employment

Commission:

Mr Ivor RICHARD
Member

PROTECTION OF WORKERS FROM HARMFUL EXPOSURE TO LEAD

At the end of a further wide-ranging debate, the Council was able to record its agreement to the proposal for a Directive on the protection of workers from harmful exposure to metallic lead and its ionic compounds at work.

This Directive which, after the text has been finalized, will be formally adopted in the near future, is of particular importance in view of the range and importance of the sectors and the considerable number of workers concerned. It is the first individual Directive within the meaning of the Directive adopted on 27 November 1980 ⁽¹⁾ which introduced a set of framework provisions for future regulations at national and Community level in the field of the protection of workers against harmful agents.

This Directive comprises a set of standards for the implementation of atmospheric monitoring at the place of work and medical surveillance (both clinical and biological), and the measures to be taken in the event of the limit values laid down for lead-in-air concentrations and the biological parameters used for evaluating the level of lead in the body being exceeded. These measures may go as far as the removal of the worker(s) concerned from all exposure to lead or even, in the event of an incident occurring, the evacuation of a working area.

⁽¹⁾ See OJ No L 327, 3.12.1980, p. 8

The arrangements also include individual and collective hygiene standards and obligations concerning workers' information, general and specific information in the context of the implementation of the provisions referred to above.

Finally, this Directive, which does not lay down specific provisions for particular categories of workers (women on account of the risks associated with pregnancy, young people) allows the Member States the option of taking such more stringent protective measures as may prove appropriate to that end.

NEW ACTION PROGRAMME ON THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN
(1982-1985)

The Council examined a communication from the Commission on its new action programme on the promotion of equal opportunities for women.

The Council mainly discussed the economic and social context of the question and the objectives of the programme. At the close of its debate the Council signified its agreement to the Resolution (in Annex I) concerning the promotion of equal opportunities for women.

COMMUNITY ACTION TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT

At the end of a debate the Council signified its agreement to the Resolution in Annex II.

This Resolution lays down a number of fundamental guidelines for continuing the fight against unemployment. It is understood that the President will forward the text of the Resolution to the European Council for discussion scheduled for the end of June.

FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT

The Council expressed a favourable opinion ⁽¹⁾ on a Recommendation concerning the principles of a Community policy with regard to retirement age. One of the aims of this Recommendation is the gradual introduction of flexible retirement into the various pension systems in the Member States, recognized as one of the long-term objectives of their social policy. It applies to all employed workers within the meaning of domestic legislation. To achieve the objective of this Recommendation the Member States are invited to be guided by a number of principles designed to relax the rules relating to the age at which a retirement pension may be taken up: freedom to choose the retirement age from a specified age onwards or certain alternative arrangements (a fixed age with the option of applying for the retirement pension in advance of the prescribed age or of deferring it until later). In addition, provision is made for at least limited employment to be held following entitlement to a pension and for retirement preparation programmes. Such measures should not stand in the way of existing or future opportunities for elderly employed workers to obtain a gradual reduction in their working hours. Finally, mention is made of certain early retirement schemes which could not be regarded as forming part of a flexible retirement system. The Member States may, in addition, determine other schemes which would also be excluded from the scope of the Recommendation.

(1) The Council proposed to take a final decision on this text once it had received the Opinion of the European Parliament and the text had been finalized.

PROTECTION OF WORKERS FROM RISKS DUE TO EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS

The Council examined a proposal for a Directive for the protection of workers from harmful exposure to asbestos. The discussion centred on two main problems: the need to set binding limit values for exposure to asbestos in the Directive, and the level of these values.

At the close of its discussion the Council noted the work already carried out on this matter within the Council framework and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to press ahead with its examination of this point.

VOLUNTARY PART-TIME WORK

The Council held a policy debate on the proposal for a Directive on voluntary part-time work, which is a follow-up to the Council Resolution of 18 December 1979 on the adaption of working time and to the debate in the Standing Committee on Employment on 11 December 1980 ⁽¹⁾.

In conclusion, the Council agreed to continue the work on this proposal at Council level in the light of the general principles which had emerged from its discussions.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release No 12258/80 (Presse 190)

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FINAL REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PROGRAMME
OF PILOT SCHEMES AND STUDIES TO COMBAT POVERTY

The Council took note of the Commission's presentation of the final report on the assessment of the programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty, provided for in Article 1(2) of its Decision 77/779/EEC of 12 December 1977 amending Decision 75/458/EEC.

Taking into account the importance of this document, which had also been forwarded to the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, it noted that a full examination should be made both at national and at Community level of the various assessments and guidelines contained in the Commission report.

It consequently instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the report in the light, in particular, of the Opinions delivered by the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee and of any other factor which might prove necessary for assessing the guidelines contained in the report and to report back to it as soon as possible.

PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION OF ITS COMMUNICATION ON THE
RELATION BETWEEN TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND SAFETY STANDARDS

The Council took note of a communication from the Commission on the relation between technical standards and safety standards (problem of the elimination of barriers to trade in products and safeguarding of the safety measures for workers using such products).

In conclusion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine this communication and report back to the Council.

PROVISIONAL VERSIONANNEX I

Council Resolution
on the promotion of equal opportunities for women

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaties establishing the European Communities,

Having regard to the draft Resolution from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

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

Whereas various actions have already been undertaken at Community level to promote equal opportunities, in particular the three Directives concerning equal treatment for men and women adopted by the Council on the basis of Articles 100 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (*);

Whereas, moreover, all these actions, including those supported by the European Social Fund, have played an important part in improving the situation of women;

(*) Council Directive of 10 February 1975 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the application of the principle of equal pay for men and women (Directive 75/117 - OJ No L 45, 19.2.1975, p. 19).

Council Directive of 9 February 1976 on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions (Directive 76/207 - OJ No L 39, 14.2.1976, p. 40).

Council Directive of 19 December 1978 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security (Directive 79/7 - OJ No L 6, 10.1.1979, p. 24).

Whereas, despite the efforts so far made at both Community and national level, actual inequalities in employment persist and may well become worse under the present economic and social conditions;

Whereas, in a period of economic crisis the action undertaken at Community and national level should not only be continued but also intensified in order, in particular, to promote the achievement of equal opportunities in practice through the implementation of, inter alia, positive actions;

NOTES the Commission communication concerning a new Community action programme on the promotion of equal opportunities for women over the period 1982-1985, covering "the achievement of equal treatment by strengthening individual rights" and the "achievement of equal opportunities in practice, particularly by means of positive action programmes", and welcomes the initiative taken by the Commission;

APPROVES the general objectives of this communication, which are the stepping up of action to ensure observance of the principle of equal treatment for men and women and the promotion of equal opportunities in practice by means of positive actions, and EXPRESSES THE WILL to implement appropriate measures to achieve them;

NOTES also the comments made on the Commission communication by the various delegations within the Council which reveal, inter alia, certain specific features of national systems and ASKS the Commission to take account of them in the initiatives which it takes within the framework of its powers;

RECALLS the efforts which have been and are still being made in this area in the Member States;

NOTES that the Commission communication defines specific objectives and joint courses of action, most of which fall within the context of the follow-up to the implementation of the Directives adopted by the Council in the field of equal treatment for men and women;

CONSIDERS that, with due regard for the courses of action proposed, these objectives should guide the actions of the Community and the Member States in their efforts to apply on a broader basis and realize in practice the principle of equal treatment by the promotion, in particular, of equal opportunities without discriminating against women whatever the economic situation;

EMPHASIZES the importance, to this end, of strengthening or setting up national bodies for the promotion of women's employment and equal opportunities and RECALLS the responsibilities also devolving upon workers' and employers' organizations in the pursuit of these objectives;

CONFIRMS the need to take steps to increase public awareness and disseminate information to support the change in attitudes to sharing occupational, family and social responsibilities and asks the Member States to co-operate fully with the Commission in steps to increase public awareness.

REAFFIRMS the need to promote the employment of both men and women in all sectors and professions and a more balanced representation of women at different levels of responsibility at both national and Community level; considers that the public sector, including the Community institutions and bodies, should set an example in this respect;

UNDERLINES **the** desirability of avoiding special protection rules concerning women on the labour market in cases where originally well-founded concern for their protection is no longer justified;

CONSIDERS that account should be taken of the equal-opportunities dimension in preparing and implementing Community policies likely to affect it;

CALLS UPON the Commission to submit an interim report by 1 January 1984 on progress and achievement under the new programme, based in particular on information obtained from the Member States, together, if appropriate, with suitable proposals.

CALLS UPON the Member States to submit a first report to the Commission by 1 January 1985 on progress accomplished at national level and notes the undertaking by the Commission to submit an initial survey of the action undertaken before the end of 1985.

PROVISIONAL VERSIONCOUNCIL RESOLUTION ON COMMUNITY ACTION TO
COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the conclusions of the various meetings of the European Council, and in particular of the meeting on 29 and 30 March 1982, concerning employment,

Having regard to the conclusions of the Council meeting of 11 June 1981 composed of the Ministers for Economic Affairs and Finance and Ministers for Labour and Social Affairs,

Having regard to the Commission's contribution concerning a "Community action programme to combat unemployment",

Considering the conclusions **drawn** by the Presidency following the meeting of the Standing Committee on Employment on 27 April 1982 devoted to examination of the problems of unemployment in the Community on the basis of the aforementioned Commission document, the importance of which was emphasized,

Convinced of the need to take concerted action, both at Community level and nationally, to combat unemployment and to restore economic growth in a situation of monetary stability, while continuing the fight against inflation and **ensuring** the competitiveness of Community undertakings, and in the hope that such an approach may also contribute to the achievement of improved convergence of the Member State's economic policies

Convinced of the need to continue or to undertake within this framework specific action at Community level on employment

Recalling its Resolution of 27 May 1982 on the promotion of equal opportunity for women

Convinced that it is essential for both sides of industry, within the framework of their autonomy and of their responsibilities, to contribute to the achievement of the objective of the fight against unemployment and that efforts should be continued to improve the dialogue between and with both sides of industry at Community level.

HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION:

The Council reiterates its grave concern at the persistently high level of unemployment, particularly among young people, which is creating an intolerable situation.

It considers that private and public productive investment should be promoted so as to strengthen the competitive capacity of undertakings, encourage economic growth and raise employment.

Measures by Member States with regard to private and public investment, to be carried out in accordance with the situation prevailing in each country, should take account of the repercussions on employment, particularly in the private sector and ensure that such measures do not lead to an unacceptable increase in budget deficits.

The Council notes certain priority areas for investment suggested by the Commission in its aforementioned contribution.

Without prejudice to the importance the Community attaches to the measures taken to help the least-favoured regions, particular attention should also be given to those regions most affected by unemployment, by effective and consistent use of the appropriate Community instruments.

The Council considers that it is important that labour market policies be oriented in such a way as to ensure the availability of an adequate and appropriately qualified labour force.

The Council considers that, in addition to the problems of investment rationalization, the industrial restructuring programmes must simultaneously give particular attention to the employment problems. National and Community authorities and both sides of industry should encourage geographical and occupational mobility. The latter could include the redeployment of workers affected by the restructuring measures, so that such workers are able to take up jobs made available in sectors which are creating employment.

It considers that the possibilities should be examined for promoting the development potential of small and medium-sized undertakings, which are a source of innovation and hence a factor for creating employment, by providing them, in particular, with appropriate assistance in areas such as training, know-how, information and access to credit, with a view to making them more competitive on the market.

It stresses its interest in the job-creation process, which is also apparent in local initiatives and co-operatives and requests the Commission to submit the results of its research and its thoughts on the matter to it so that it can assess the contribution of such initiatives to creating employment.

The Council stresses the priority which the Community must give to vocational training for young people. It has noted that the Commission intends to submit proposals to it shortly for measures aiming to ensure that all young people coming onto the labour market, and particularly school leavers, receive vocational training and initial work experience, if necessary under special programmes or contracts of employment.

Such measures should be compatible with the measures to integrate young people into the labour market and with other special measures, particularly those to help the long-term unemployed, and should fit into the general framework of the strategy to be implemented to combat unemployment as a whole.

Given the potential value of experiments into and measures on the adaption and sharing of working time with a view to more flexible use of production resources and improving the employment situation, the Council also considers that, following the initial proposals made by the Commission for implementing the Council Resolution of 18 December 1979 on the adaption of working time, the dialogue with and between both sides of industry regarding the number of working hours must now be continued within the framework outlined in the Resolution. It notes that the Commission is to submit a memorandum on the matter to it before the end of 1982.

The Council notes that the Commission intends to promote better functioning and transparency of the labour market and to discourage obstacles to its effective operation with the participation of public authorities, employers and labour, in order to ensure that the proposed job-creation measures are successful and to facilitate implementation of the necessary training measures, in particular by developing forward-looking management of the labour market, local labour market intelligence and by improving employment services.

It requests the Commission to submit to the Council, taking account of this Resolution, appropriate proposals or communications as part of a co-ordinated Community approach to combatting unemployment, which could be submitted in the second half of this year to a special Council meeting, as suggested by the European Council at its last meeting, and which could be the subject of prior consultation with both sides of industry in the Standing Committee on Employment, taking into account the latter's areas of competence.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Social expenditure forecasts

The Council, having received a communication from the Commission intended to ensure the continuation of work on the European social budget on the basis of a programme of activities to be carried out in the next four years in connection with medium-term social expenditure forecasts and the financing of such expenditure, expressed a favourable opinion ⁽¹⁾ on a number of conclusions.

It agreed that, for the future programme, efforts should be concentrated on a sequence of short annual reports on expenditure and income in social protection in the Member States and medium-term expenditure forecasts and financing. These annual reports would be supplemented by two detailed analyses of social protection problems considered to be of priority importance. The Council stressed the desirability of involving management and labour in the work on forecasts to be carried out under this programme. At the end of the four-year period of the programme, the Commission is asked to draw up a report on progress achieved and to submit to the Council proposals for future activities.

(¹) The Council said it would take a decision once it had received the Opinion of the European Parliament.

Another social question

The Council took note of the fifth progress report of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work (period: 1980).

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation suspending the application of an indicative ceiling established by Regulation (EEC) No 3737/81 for imports of certain products originating in Norway.

Agricultural policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 in regard to the conditions of entry for certain cheeses falling under certain tariff headings and Regulation (EEC) No 950/78 relating to the Common Customs Tariff.
