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I

INAUGURAL SESSION - SIXTH TERM OF THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The inaugural meeting of the Committee's sixth term was held in Brussels on 17 October, and chaired by the oldest member, Mr CHABROL. The newly-appointed members were welcomed on behalf of the EC Council by the Council President-in-office, Dr Otto SCHLECHT, State Secretary at the Federal German Ministry for the Economy, and on behalf of the EC Commission by Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT, Member of the Commission.

ELECTIONS

Mrs Fabrizia BADUEL GLORIOSO was elected Chairman of the Economic and Social Committee which means that for the first time a woman is to head an Institution of the European Community.

Mrs BADUEL GLORIOSO has been in charge of the International Department of the CISL (Italian trade union confederation) since 1965 and has been a member of the Committee since 1970. She succeeds Mr Basil de FERRANTI who was Chairman since 1976.

The two new Vice-Chairmen of the Committee are Mr Edmond RENAUD, a former President of the French Fédération nationale des Transports routiers (national road haulage federation) and Mr Tomas ROSEINGRAVE, who is National Director of Muintir Na Tire (Irish Community Development Movement).

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In addition to the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen named above, the Committee's new Bureau is made up as follows :

Gr. I - Employers

J. AMMUNDSEN (DK)
J. BERNAERT (B)
W. HIPPE (D)
P.J. LOUGHREY (Irl)
A. MASPRONE (I)
W.J.N. MILLER (GB)

Gr. II - Workers

A. DELOURME (B)
K. FRIEDRICHS (D)
J. van GREUNSVEN (NL)
T. JENKINS (GB)
A. LAVAL (F)
P. NYRUP-RASMUSSEN (DK)

Gr. III - Various Interests

M. BERNIS (L)
R.C. BUTLER (GB)
Y. CHABROL (F)
W. HENNIG (D)
G.H.E. HILKENS (NL)
V. PIGA (I)

The Assembly elected the following members as
Section Chairmen :

Industry Section	Mr	van CAMPEN (NL)
External Relations Section	Mr	de PREGICOUT (F)
Energy Section	Mr	HATRY (B)
Social Section	Mr	HOUTHUYS (B)
Transport Section	Mr	HOFFMANN (D)
Regional Development Section	Mr	MILNE (GB)
Agricultural Section	Mr	EMO CAPODILISTA (I)
Economic Section	Mr	ROLLINGER (L)
Environment Section	Miss	ROBERTS (GB)

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Mrs BADUEL GLORIOSO being congratulated by Mr CHABROL on her election as the new Chairman of the Committee.

SPEECH BY MRS BADUEL GLORIOSO

After her election as Chairman, Mrs Fabrizia BADUEL GLORIOSO thanked the members for the confidence they had manifested for her and said, *inter alia* :

"In front of us lie two difficult years. In order to ensure its very survival the Community is going to have to tackle three issues at the same time : the problem of strengthening the Community internally, the accession of three new Member States, the renewal of the Lomé Convention and, on a more general plane, relations with the Mediterranean and developing countries.

This political "package" of decisions which have to be put into effect in a short space of time is an inheritance which has to be dealt with and put to the man in the street (together with everything else which has been accumulated in the twenty years of the Community) when the European Parliament is elected by direct suffrage in June 1979.

In my view, rather than presenting the electorate with a review of the past, the political parties ought to submit detailed programmes as to how the second-stage Community (Europe 2?) should be made up, with the prime objective of bringing Europe out of the crisis.

These deadlines mean that we are going to have to think about giving our Committee a more active and incisive role. I say active because we should continue to debate and express our views on the wide range of topics on which we are consulted or which we take up on our own initiative. But our work must also be incisive. Opinions requested must be delivered quickly; our links with the European Parliament must be strengthened; our links with the Council and our more traditional relations with the Commission must also be improved so as to ensure that due account is taken of our Opinions.

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Arrangements for questioning the Commission on specific matters could perhaps prompt the Community Institutions to pay more heed to our Opinions in general and to the contribution which we, as representatives of the European economic and social interest groups, make towards Community decision-making.

The Economic and Social Committee is an important pillar of democracy (as witness the fact that similar bodies exist in almost all the Member States) and of our conception of democracy, and democracy is, after all, a condition for Community membership. Naturally, I am talking about parliamentary and pluralistic democracy. Yet our idea of pluralism goes beyond the existence of more than one political force, it also entails participation of economic and social interest groups".

SPEECH BY DR OTTO SCHLECHT, PRESIDENT-IN-OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL

Addressing the Assembly, Dr SCHLECHT observed that the Community was facing a number of crucial decisions and that the oil crisis had triggered a serious economic recession which had exposed several structural problems.

A major political effort had had to be made in the Community in order to prevent recourse to "panaceas" smacking of protectionism or dirigism. But the Community should not confine itself to stopping irrational, dangerous measures. The recession had made it very clear that Community action was the only effective way of safeguarding and promoting the interests of all. National "go it alone" measures were doomed to failure in, for instance, the currency policy field. Purely national measures were no longer capable of mastering inflation and unemployment, or securing stable growth.

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To the right, Dr SCHLECHT, President-in-office of the Council addressing the inaugural session of the Committee. On the left, Mr CHABROL, the interim Chairman.

Such was the rationale underlying the endeavours of the Copenhagen and Bremen European Council meetings to achieve European monetary stability. The Council of the Economic and Financial Ministers had made further progress the day before, and all concerned were convinced that, despite the major technical difficulties, the time schedule could be met and the appropriate decisions could be taken at the European Council of early December.

Dr SCHLECHT went on to say that the membership application of Greece, Portugal and Spain were of similar crucial importance for the future of the Community. The political, socio-economic and cultural aspects and motives were interwoven. It was universally accepted that there was no alternative to further enlargement, despite the many teething troubles which this would entail. The Nine would have to display great solidarity, indeed altruism, if the problems of the three Mediterranean applicants were to be satisfactorily resolved. Germany had submitted an ambitious programme for its Council Chairmanship : completion of negotiations with Greece, opening of negotiations with Portugal and swift preparations for negotiations with Spain.

Turning to Lomé II and the GATT negotiations, Dr SCHLECHT said that a major effort would be needed to safeguard and promote free world trade. In a world of rapid structural change, trade restrictions were a permanent temptation. It might seem logical to tackle unemployment by clamping down on foreign competition but the net long-term result of such a policy would be to stop structural change. This would be extremely hazardous for the Community in view of its heavy dependence on foreign trade.

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The Community could not use structural change as a pretext for not opening up its markets to the developing countries and the young industrialized nations. How could the Community expect to export high-value products and promote world trade if it refused to open up its domestic markets? At the same time structural change did have a direct impact on Community industry. New ways of exploiting advanced technologies would therefore have to be found in order to safeguard the efficiency of the Community's industries and create new, higher-productivity jobs. New working methods would also influence employment and training policies. Dr SCHLECHT stressed the Committee's role, and its importance for the Community.

A glance at the list of members showed that to all intents and purposes the Committee was a standing conference of Community economic and social groups. The Community would be ill-advised not to make the most of this.

Just as it made good political and legal sense for the Council to tap the members' experience and specialist knowledge, so the members in turn should act as Community ambassadors in their home countries and fields of interest, and keep the public abreast of developments in the Community. Members work was thus important in two ways. They advised the Community's authorities, and thus contributed to the decision-making process. But they also channelled information to the economic and social mandarins in their regions and interest groups. That was a major contribution to the operation of the democratic machinery.

SPEECH BY MR CHRISTOPHER TUGENDHAT

Addressing the Committee on behalf of the Commission, Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT, Member of the Commission, said there was little doubt that the constitution as well as the composition of the Economic and Social Committee pointed the way to find the kinds of solutions to our problems which we were seeking. There are very few strands in our society that are not represented here. Certainly we must attach a great importance to direct elections to the European Parliament which may well prove a turning point in the

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Community's progress. Important as they are, there is in modern society a role to play not only for the elected representatives but also for a body that brings together the major economic groupings in this society. The amalgam of opinion provided on the one hand by the elected body and, on the other, by the representatives of economic and social circles, produces a wider view and a better way of tackling the problem.

At this time we are going through a particularly difficult period, unemployment, industrial reorganization, the cost of energy and its supply. All these contribute to an extremely difficult situation. While we have made progress in some areas, the underlying figures on inflation and on unemployment show that the present situation remains unsatisfactory. These are the tests to which we are now put and which we have to face at this moment. This assembly here represents the hopes and aspirations of nine countries. I wish you the very best of luck and success in your endeavours.

II

162nd PLENARY SESSION

After the Inaugural Plenary Session on 17 and 18 October 1978, the Economic and Social Committee held its 162nd working Plenary Session on 19 October 1978.

Adoption of Opinions

1. AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICE IN ITALY

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on the Development of an Agricultural Advisory Service in Italy.

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Gist of the Commission Proposal

The Commission proposal concerns a common measure aimed at developing agricultural advisory work in Italy on the basis of programmes and measures for the balanced development of agriculture in order to remedy the serious structural deficiencies and the extremely low agricultural productivity which affect the greater part of the country.

The measure should provide farmers with a permanent access to information and advice in such a way that they can use it to maximum advantage in their own situation. Special attention should be given to the basic and advanced training of advisory leaders and to general and specialist advisers.

Finally, it should be pointed out that this proposal results from certain guidelines laid down by the Commission in its communication concerning the development of the Mediterranean regions of the Community, which was approved in principle by the Economic and Social Committee in its Opinion of 13 July 1978 (Doc. CES 841/78).

Opinion of the Committee

The Economic and Social Committee adopted its Opinion unanimously and is very favourably impressed by the fact that the Commission has decided to accompany the measures for reforming the Community's Mediterranean areas in terms of structure and production by this special measure to develop technical assistance and advisory services.

In the Committee's view, the proposal for a Regulation takes on particular importance if it is regarded as a significant measure designed to trigger and foster a spontaneous development process.

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However, the Committee considers that it does not seem possible in organizational terms to deal with the outline plan and its constituent plans within a year; it would therefore seem advisable at least to introduce three-year periods.

This Opinion was based on material prepared by the Section for Agriculture under the chairmanship of Mr EMO CAPODILISTA - Italy - Various Interests. The Rapporteur was Mr RAINERO - Italy - Various Interests.

2. DEGERMING OF MAIZE

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) providing for an Aid for Degerming Maize.

Gist of the Commission Proposal

Since maize germ oil is in great demand on the Community seed oil market, since available supplies of maize germ are at present considerably lower than the quantity that could be used in the Community and since it is necessary to improve the Community market supply, the Commission considers that the use of maize germ for producing oil should be encouraged by providing for the granting of an aid based on the cost of degerming.

The amount of the aid would be 1.7 units of account per 100 kilograms of maize germ. This system of aid would apply for only a limited period so that its effectiveness could be assessed.

Opinion of the Committee

The Economic and Social Committee adopted its Opinion unanimously.

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It notes that when the latest farm price proposals were being adopted, the Commission notified the Council of its intention to examine the question of aid for the degermination of maize. The Commission proposal now under discussion stems from this statement of intent.

The Committee notes that the object of the proposed aid scheme is to overcome a specific economic problem. It consequently approves the level of aid proposed.

The Committee nevertheless feels that the proposal should lay down the qualitative criteria which maize germs will have to satisfy in order to be eligible for aid.

This Opinion was based on material prepared by the Section for Agriculture under the chairmanship of Mr EMO CAPODILISTA - Italy - Various Interests. The Rapporteur was Mr MASPRONE - Italy - Employers.

3. COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF

(Points 3 to 6 were taken together)

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) No. 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff.

Gist of the Commission Proposal

The amendment of Regulation (EEC) No. 950/68 is, for the introduction of the European unit of account in the tariff sector from 1 January 1979 onwards, has made it necessary to amend some of the provisions in Council Regulations (EEC) Nos. 950/68 and 1544/69 relating to the importation of (a) goods sent in small consignments to private individuals and (b) goods contained in travellers' personal baggage.

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In both cases, a flat rate ad valorem customs duty of 10% is charged, provided that the total value of the goods does not exceed 60 units of account and the goods are not of a commercial nature.

The Commission is now proposing, on the basis of the present definition of the European unit of account, that this figure of 60 units of account be changed to 100 European units of account.

It is also proposing that this opportunity should be used to bring together under the Preliminary provisions of the Common Customs Tariff all these provisions on flat rate customs duties applicable to imports of a non-commercial nature.

4. TRAVELLERS' PERSONAL LUGGAGE

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC No. 1544/69 on the Tariff Treatment Applicable to Goods Contained in Travellers' Personal Luggage.

Gist of the Commission Proposal

The introduction of the European unit of account in the tariff sector from 1 January 1979 onwards has made it necessary to update the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1544/69 of 23 July 1969 on the tariff treatment applicable to goods contained in travellers' personal luggage.

This Regulation provides that goods contained in the personal luggage of travellers coming direct from non-EEC countries are to be exempt from common customs duties if they have no commercial character and their

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total value does not exceed twenty-five units of account per person. Member States are allowed to reduce this exemption to ten units of account for travellers under fifteen years old.

The Commission is now proposing, on the basis of the current definition of the European unit of account, that forty and twenty European units of account be substituted for the figures of twenty-five and ten units of account respectively.

5. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND SMALL CONSIGNMENTS

Proposal for a Fourth Council Directive amending Directive 69/169/EEC on the Harmonization of Provisions laid down by Law, Regulation or Administrative Action relating to Exemption from Turnover Tax and Excise Duty on Imports in International Travel;

Proposal for a Second Council Directive amending Directive 74/651/EEC on the Tax Reliefs to be allowed on the Importation of Goods in Small Consignments of a Non-commercial Character within the Community;

Amendment to the Proposal for a Council Directive on the Exemption from Taxes on Importation of Small Consignments from Third Countries of Goods of a Non-commercial Nature.

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Gist of the Commission Proposal

The three proposals are basically amendments to existing (1st and 2nd cases) or planned (3rd case) provisions which have been made necessary by the use of the European unit of account to express tax exemptions from 1 January 1979 onwards.

In the proposal for a fourth directive amending Directive 69/169/EEC, the Commission has seen fit to give a Community definition of "personal luggage", since in the past this expression has given rise to abusive interpretations.

6. POSTAL CHARGES FOR PRESENTATION TO CUSTOMS

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on the Abolition of Postal Charges for the Presentation to Customs of Consignments of Goods from another Member State which are Relieved of Internal Taxes Payable at Importation.

Gist of the Commission Proposal

The aim of this Proposal is to abolish all postal charges for the presentation to customs of consignments of goods from another Member State which are relieved from turnover taxes and excise duties payable at importation.

Opinion of the Committee on items 3 - 6 above

The Committee adopted unanimously its Opinions on these four proposals.

Although the Committee has just approved a variety of Opinions on customs matters, they all in fact deal with one and the same topic : customs duty exemptions

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granted to travellers, and small consignments of goods of a non-commercial nature. The Commission uses both the "Regulation" and "Directive" instrument, depending on whether the subject is customs duties or fiscal charges, travellers coming from a Member State or travellers coming from outside the Community. This explains the large number of different amending proposals.

It agrees with the proposed adjustments which are designed to take effect when the European unit of account is introduced. Basically, they involve the same or even a slight increase in present customs exemption levels.

The Committee nevertheless regrets that intra-Community exemptions - which are among the most tangible evidences of progress towards European unity - have stayed unchanged even though the level no longer corresponds to people's standard of living. The Committee regrets that the proposal to raise intra-Community exemptions to 200 units of account is still awaiting the Council's attention. The Committee urges that this, as well as the proposals currently under discussion, be discussed as soon as possible. In the view of the Committee, all these subjects are facets of a single problem.

As far as tax exemptions are concerned, the Commission has proposed a definition of personal luggage which meets with the approval of the Committee. It is not a particularly accurate definition but it is impossible and would even be dangerous for the traveller if the definition were too restrictive.

The Committee has also approved the proposal to abolish charges for the presentation to customs of postal parcels. This is because such taxes are seen by the consumer as customs duties and so give the Community a bad name.

The Opinion on item 3 was based on material prepared by the Section for Industry, Commerce, Crafts and

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Services under the chairmanship of Mr HEMMER - Luxembourg - Employers. The Rapporteur was Mr MARVIER - France - Various Interests. The Opinions on items 4, 5 and 6 were based on material prepared by the Rapporteur-General, Mr MARVIER - France - Various Interests.

7. MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS ON MERCHANT SHIPS

dum Proposal for a Council Decision on the Memorandum of Understanding of 2 March 1978 between certain Maritime Authorities on the Maintenance of Standards on Merchant Ships.

Gist of the Proposal

With a view to stepping up safety at sea and the prevention of maritime pollution, the European Council of 7-8 April 1978 urged the Council, at the Commission's proposal, to adopt without delay appropriate Community measures so as to ensure that the relevant international rules and, in particular, those relating to minimum standards in connection with the operation of vessels are put into effect quickly.

The Commission proposes that the agreement concluded at The Hague on 2 March 1978 between the maritime authorities of eight North Sea countries (six Member States and two third countries) on the maintenance of standards on merchant ships be adopted at Community level.

In the draft Council Decision, the Commission proposes that Member States which are not already signatories to this agreement take the necessary steps to ensure that their maritime authorities apply to become parties in it. Such an extension of the agreement would have the effect that throughout the Community the shipping and port authorities of both present and future Member States could exercise more uniform and concerted and thus more effective, surveillance for substandard ships using Community waters and ports.

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Opinion of the Committee

The Economic and Social Committee adopted its Opinion unanimously approving the Commission's proposal that the Member States take the necessary steps to ensure that their maritime authorities, to the extent that they do not participate, make application to participate in the memorandum of understanding signed in The Hague on 2 March 1978 on the Maintenance of Standards in Merchant Ships. The Committee urges the Council to make every endeavour to see that applications - of the non-member countries concerned too - are made before the end of 1978.

This Opinion was based on material prepared by the Rapporteur-General, Mr HENNIG - Germany - Various Interests.

8. 1979 COMMUNITY QUOTA - ROAD TRANSPORT

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 3164/76 on the Community Quota for the Carriage of Goods by Road between Member States.

Gist of the Commission Proposal

The Community quota system was instituted by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1018/68 of 19 July 1968.

Since Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3164/76 of 16 December 1976 was adopted there has been no time-limit on the system. It is also provided in this Regulation that the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, is to decide, by 30 November of each year, on any increase in the Community quota and on the allocation to the Member States of the extra authorizations resulting therefrom.

The Commission proposed that there should be an overall increase of 20% in the Community quota for 1979.

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As regards the allocation of the **extra** authorizations, it is proposed that the usual formula be adopted, i.e. 50% of the increase in the quota should be allocated on the basis of the rate of utilization of Community authorizations in 1977, the other 50% being distributed on a linear basis.

Opinion of the Committee

The Economic and Social Committee adopted its Opinion by 54 votes in favour, 12 against and 17 abstentions, approving the proposed 20% increase in the Community quota for 1979 from 2,835 to 3,402 authorizations.

It thinks that the quota must be increased in stages to cater for transport requirements and to give operators more openings, though it should not be allowed to have a major impact on the transport market where it covers only a small percentage of traffic.

This Opinion was based on material prepared by the Rapporteur-General, Mr RENAUD - France - Employers.

III

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Meeting between Business and Labour Representatives from the ACP and EEC Countries

On 28 September 1978 a new meeting was held in Luxembourg between representatives of business and labour circles in the countries that signed the Lomé Convention. The meeting was held at the initiative of the Joint Committee of the ACP/EEC Consultative Assembly.

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The Community delegation was made up of members of the Economic and Social Committee accompanied by representatives of the major European trade associations (UNICE, ETUC, COPA and CEEP).

The meeting was, in a way, a follow-up to the meeting held in Luxembourg on 9 June 1977 and provided an opportunity to highlight the usefulness of such contacts.

After a speech by Mrs MATHE, Ambassador of Botswana and Rapporteur of the Joint Committee, on procedures for involving business and labour circles, there was a debate on the role of the textile industry in the industrialized and developing countries.

Mention was made of the problems posed by imports of ACP textiles into the European Community. The keynote speaker was Mr CHEYSSON, member of the Commission.

It was decided that since such meetings were so fruitful for both sides they should become an annual event. Arrangements would be made to organize them in good time and in an efficient manner.

The Community delegation was headed by Mr de PRECIGOUT, member of the Economic and Social Committee, who was accompanied by Mr LOUET, the Committee's acting Secretary-General.

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IV

NEW REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS

Since last July the Committee has received requests to deliver Opinions on

1. Draft Council Regulation on the Importation Free of Common Customs Tariff Duties of Materials for the Use of the Blind and Other Handicapped Persons.
2. Draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1798/75 on the Importation Free of Common Customs Tariff Duties of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials.
3. Proposal for a Council Directive on the Approximation of the Laws of the Member States relating
 - to Headlamps which Function as Main-Beam and/or Dipped-Beam Headlamps and to Incandescent Electric Filament Lamps for such Headlamps
 - to End-Outline Marker Lamps
 - to Front Position (Side) Lamps
 - to Rear Position (Side) and Stop Lamps
 - to Direction Indicator Lamps
 - to Reflex Reflectors
 - to the Rear Registration Plate Lamps
 - to Front Fog Lamps and Filament Lamps for such Lamps
 - to Rear Fog Lamps
 - to Reversing Lamps
 - to Parking Lampsfor Wheeled Agricultural or Forestry Tractors.

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4. Proposal for a Council Directive on the Approximation of the Laws of Member States relating to the
 - Towing Hooks
 - Reverseon Wheeled Agricultural or Forestry Tractors.
5. Proposal for a Council Directive on the Approximation of the Laws of the Member States relating to the Roll-Over Protection Structures of Wheeled Agricultural or Forestry Tractors - Static Tests.
6. Proposal for a Council Decision adopting a Research and Development Programme for the European Economic Community in the Field of Reference Materials and Methods (Community Bureau of Reference - BCR) and Applied Metrology (Non-Nuclear Indirect Action) (1979 - 1982).
7. Proposal for a Council Directive on the Indication by Labelling on the Energy Consumption of Domestic Appliances.
8. Proposal from the Commission to the Council concerning a second Four-Year Energy Research and Development Programme.
9. Proposal for a Council Decision adopting a Research Programme for the European Atomic Energy Community on Codes and Standards for Fast Breeder Reactors (Structural Integrity of Components).
10. Proposal for a Council Decision adopting a Research and Development Programme of the European Economic Community in the Field of Recycling of Urban and Industrial Waste (Secondary Raw Materials - Indirect Action 1979 - 1982).

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11. Proposal for a Multiannual Research Programme in the Field of Climatology (Indirect Action - 1979 - 1983).
12. Proposal for a Council Regulation for a Community Aid System for Intra-Community Trade in Power Station Coal.
13. Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive No. 75/726/EEC on the Approximation of the Laws of the Member States concerning Fruit Juices and Certain Similar Products.
14. Proposal for a Council Decision adopting Joint Research Programmes for Coordinating Agricultural Research.
15. Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) No. 816/70 laying down Additional Provisions for the Common Organization of the Market in Wine.

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on the Granting of Conversion and Permanent Abandonment Premiums in Respect of Certain Areas under Vines.

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) establishing a System of Premiums for the Cessation of Wine-Growing.

Communication from the Commission to the Council with a view to the Progressive Establishment of Balance on the Market in Wine.

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on the Control of the Wine-Growing Potential and amending in Particular Regulation (EEC) No. 816/70.

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Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) laying down Further Provisions on the Granting of Conversion and Permanent Abandonment Premiums in Wine Production.

Proposal for a Council Directive (EEC) on the Programme to Speed up the Conversion of Certain Areas under Vines in the Charentes Departments.

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on Collective Projects for the Restructuring of Vineyards.

16. Report by the Commission to the Council on the subject of Certain Fresh Meat of Pigs

Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive No. 64/433/EEC on Health Problems affecting intra-Community Trade in Fresh Meat.

17. Proposal for a Council Directive on the Methods of Measurement and Frequencies of Sampling and Analysis of the Parameters of the Quality Required of Surface Water intended for the Abstraction of Drinking Water in the Member States.

18. Proposal for a Council Decision adopting a Second R & D Programme of the European Economic Community in the Sector of Medical and Public Health Research consisting of Five Multiannual Concerted Projects.

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19. Proposal for a Council Decision introducing a Community System of Information on Accidents in which Products are involved, outside the Spheres of Occupational Activities and Road Traffic.
20. Proposal for a Council Directive amending for the 14th time Directive No. 64/54/EEC on the Approximation of the Laws of the Member States concerning the Preservatives Authorized for Use in Foodstuffs intended for Human Consumption.
21. Proposal for a Council Directive on the Application to Collective Investment Institutions of the Council Directive concerning the Harmonization of Systems of Company Taxation and of withholding taxes on dividends.
22. Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Acceptance by the Community of Resolution No. 119 (Revised) of the Economic Commission for Europe on the Standardization of the Forms Used for Authorization for International Goods transport by road.
23. Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on the Adjustment of Capacity for the Carriage of Goods by Road for Hire or Reward between Member States.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF FUTURE WORK

November Plenary Session

- Trade in Fresh Meat
- International Transport of Animals
- Common Customs Tariff (CCT) - Materials for the Blind
- CCT - Educational materials
- Standardization of Forms - International Transport
- Decommissioning of nuclear power plants
- Thermal water reactors
- Annual Report on Economic Situation
- Protection of workers - Bankruptcies
- Community action in the cultural sector
- the EC 1979 Generalized Tariff Preferences Scheme

Own-initiative Opinions

- Frontier workers

Studies

- Asbestos
- Consumer protection

December Plenary Session

- Mutton and lamb
- Fruit juices
- Roll-over protection - tractors
- Towing hooks - tractors
- Combined road/rail carriage
- Reference methods R & D
- Intra-Community trade in coal
- Environmental R & D
- Medical R & D
- Preservatives in foodstuffs
- Accidents in the home

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Own-initiative Opinion

- European Regional Development Fund Annual Report

Study

- Spain

VI

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(appointed on 19 September 1978)

BELGIUM

	<u>Group</u>	
Léon BERNAERT	I	Chairman of the Committee for Social Questions of the Belgian Business Federation (FEB/VBO)
Clément DE BIEVRE	I	Director of the Department for Economic Affairs of the Belgian Business Federation (FEB/VBO)
Jacques DE BRUYN	III	General Consultant of the Association of Belgian Banks (ABB/BVB)
Georges DEBUNNE	II	Secretary General of the Belgian General Federation of Labour (FGTB/ABVV)
Michel DE GRAVE	II	Attached to the Research Department of the Confedera- tion of Christian Trade Unions (Belgium) (CSC/ACV)

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Group III : Various Interests

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BELGIUM (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Alfred DELOURME	II	Assistant General Secretary of the Belgian General Federation of Labour (FGTB/ABVV)
Victor DE RIDDER	III	Chairman of the Central Statistics Council and lecturer at the University of Ghent
André DE TAVERNIER	III	Economic Adviser to the Executive of the Belgian Farmers' Union
Paul HATRY (*)	I	Managing Director of the Belgian Oil Confederation
Josef HOUTHUYS	II	Chairman of the Confederation of Christian Trade Unions (Belgium) (ACV/CSC)
Alfons MARGOT	III	General Secretary of the National Christian Union of the Middle Classes (NCMV)
Roger RAMAEKERS	III	President of the Consumer Council

DENMARK

Johannes AMMUNDSEN	I	Danish Employers' Federation's spokesman on International Affairs
Finn BREITENSTEIN (*)	I	Head of Department, Industrial Council

(*) new member

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DENMARK (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Karen GREDAL	III	Vice-President, Danish Consumers' Council
Erik Hovgaard JAKOBSEN (*)	III	Head of Department, Agricultural Council
Marichen NIELSEN	III	Senior Citizens' Welfare Officer; former member of the Folketing (Danish Parliament)
Preben NIELSEN	II	Economic Adviser in the Danish Trade Union Confederation (LO)
Poul NYRUP-RASMUSSEN	II	Economic Adviser in the Danish Trade Union Confederation (LO)
Mols SØRENSEN (*)	II	Business Manager, Member of the FTF's Business Committee, Danish Managers' Association
Kaj STORM-HANSEN	I	Adviser to the Danish Wholesalers' Association

GERMANY

Reinhard BLASIG (*)	I	General Manager of the Baden-Württemberg Employers' Association
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(*) new member

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GERMANY (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Helmuth CAMMANN	I	Secretary-General of the Federal Association of German Banks
Dietmar CREMER	II	Head of Section, Economic Policy Department at the Federal Council of the German Trade Union Federation (DGB)
Klaus Benedict van der DECKEN (*)	III	Jülich Nuclear Research Institute
Ursula ENGELEN-KEFER (*)	II	Official Adviser on Social Policy with the Federal Executive Board of the DGB
Hermann FREDERSDORF	III	Federal Deputy Chairman of the German Civil Servants' Trade Union (DBB)
Karl-Heinz FRIEDRICHS	II	Head of the Economic Department of the Executive Committee of the Trade Union for the Metal Industry
Werner HENNIG	III	Barrister at the higher regional court of Frankfurt (Main)
Hedda HEUSER	III	Executive Board Member of the German Doctors' Congress
Wolfgang HIPPE	I	Assistant Secretary-General of the Federation of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Bonn

(*) new member

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GERMANY (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Karl-Heinz HOFFMANN	II	Deputy Chairman of the Federation of Public Services and Transport Workers (Central Bureau of the OTV)
Johannes M. JASCHICK	III	Executive Member of the Board of the German Consumers' Association (AGV)
Heinrich KOLBENSCHLAG	III	Ex-Secretary-General, Former Executive Member of the Bureau of the Confederation of German Crafts
Gerd MUHR	II	Deputy Chairman of the German Federation of Trade Unions (DGB)
Lothar NEUMANN	III	Member of the Central Committee of the German Consumers' Association
Herbert NIERHAUS (*)	II	Member of the Executive of the DAG
Alois PFEIFFER	II	Member of the Federal Governing Board of the German Federation of Trade Unions (DGB)
Rudolf SCHNIEDERS	I	Secretary-General to the National Federation of Farmers' Unions

(*) new member

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GERMANY (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Fritz SEYDAACK	III	Spokesman of the Managing Board of Herten AG, Dusseldorf
Hans-Werner STARATZKE	I	Executive Member of the Central Committee of the Textile Industry's General Association
Käte STROBEL	III	Former Federal Minister for Youth, Family Affairs and Health
Maria WEBER	II	Deputy Chairman of the German Federation of Trade Unions (DGB)
Hans-Jürgen WICK	I	Secretary-General of the "Deutscher Raiffeisenverband e.V."
Heinz ZÜNKLER (*)	I	Managing Director of the Braunkohle shipping and forwarding company

FRANCE

René BONET	II	Expert of the Economic Department of the French Confederation of Labour (CFDT)
Jean POMER	II	General Secretary of the French Christian Workers' Federation (CFTC)

(*) new member

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FRANCE (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Pierre BOULNOIS (*)	III	Vice-Chairman of the CNJA (National Young Farmers' Association)
Roger BURNEL (*)	III	Chairman of the UNAF (National Union of Family Associations)
Gérard de CAFFARELLI	III	Executive Member of the National Farmers' Association (FNSEA) - President of COPA
Yves CHABROL	III	Honorary Chairman of the National Federation of Pharmacists
Yvan CHARPENTIE	III	Chairman of the French General Confederation of Executive Staffs (CGC)
Jean-Claude CLAVEL	III	Assistant Director for International Affairs at the Standing Assembly of Agricultural Chambers
Jacques du CLOSEL (*)	I	General representative of the National Chain-stores Federation
Jean COUTURE (*)	I	Adviser to the Chairman of the Société Générale
Georges CROESE	II	Member of the Governing Board of the General Confederation of Labour (CGT)

(*) new member

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FRANCE (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Claude EVAIN	I	Delegate of the President of the National Council of the French Employers' Federation (CNPF) in charge of international relations
Léon GINGEMBRE	III	Chairman of the Council Confederation of Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises
François GUILLAUME	III	Secretary-General of the National Federation of French Farmers' Associations (FNSEA)
André LAUR (*)	III	Vice-Chairman of the National Confederation for Farmers' Mutual Insurance, Cooperation and Credit
Antoine LAVAL	II	National Secretary of the French Trade Union Confederation (CGT-FO)
Jean MARVIER	III	Vice-Chairman of the National Confederation of Crafts and Trades
Charles MASSABIEAUX	II	Associate of the National Executive of the General Confederation of Labour (CGT)
Jean de PRECIGOUT	I	Honorary Chairman of the Confederation of Textile Industries

(*) new member

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FRANCE (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Edmond RENAUD	I	Former Chairman of the National Federation for Road Transport
Jean ROUZIER	II	National Secretary of the French Democratic Confederation of Labour - Force ouvrière (CGT-FO)
André SOULAT	II	National Secretary of the French Democratic Confederation of Labour (CFDT)
Gabriel VENTEJOL	III	Chairman of the French Economic and Social Council
Roland WAGNER (*)	I	Chairman of the Strasbourg Chamber of Commerce

IRELAND

John F. CARROLL	II	Vice-President of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union
Henry J. CURLIS	II	Senior Official of the General and Municipal Workers' Union
John N. KENNA	I	Director of Transport and Foreign Trade of the Confederation of Irish Industry

(*) new member

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IRELAND (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Patrick LANE (*)	III	President, Irish Farmers' Association
Anthony LEDDY (*)	III	Irish Creamery Milk Association
Patrick J. LOUGHREY	I	President of the Irish National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce
Patrick MURPHY	II	President, Federation of Rural Workers
A.G. PEARSON (*)	I	Director, Smith & Pearson Ltd. (Structural Engineers)
Tomàs ROSEINGTAVE	III	National Director, Muintir Na Tire (Irish Community Development Movement)
<u>ITALY</u>		
Romolo ARENA	I	Central Director, Head of Department for Participating in Manufacturing Companies of the Institute of Industrial Reconstruction (IRI)
Fabrizia BADUEL GLORIOSO	II	Head of the International Relations Bureau of the Italian Confederation of Trade Unions (CISL)

(*) new member

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ITALY (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Edoardo BAGLIANO	I	Chairman of Fiat's Committee on Community Problems
Aldo BONACCINI	II	National Secretary of the Italian General Con- federation of Labour (CGIL)
Umberto CECONI (*)	I	Trade Union Association for petro-chemical com- panies with a state holding (ASAP)
Mario DIDO	II	National Secretary of the Italian General Confede- ration of Labour (CGIL)
Francesco DRAGO (*)	II	In charge of the Inter- national Affairs Bureau of the UIL (Italian Labour Union)
Umberto EMO CAPODILISTA	III	Member of the administra- tive Council of FEDER- CONSORZI (Federation of Agricultural Consortia)
Bruno FASSINA	II	Executive Board Member of the Italian Confederation of Trade Unions (CISL)
Manlio GERMOZZI	III	Member of the Bureau and Secretary-General of the General Italian Confedera- tion of Crafts

(*) new member

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ITALY (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Enrico KIRSCHEN	II	National Secretary of the Federation of Workers in the construction and wood-working trades (Fe. NEAL-UIL) Italian Labour Union
Alberto MASPRONE	I	Special Assistant for Community problems - General Confederation of Italian Industry (Confindustria)
Vittorino MERA VIGLIA (*)	II	CISL (Confederation of Italian Trade Unions)
Pietro MORSELLI (*)	III	Confederation of Italian Cooperatives
Renato OGNIBENE (*)	III	Confederation of Italian Farmers
Guido PAGGI (*)	I	Confagricoltura
Vincenzo PIGA	III	Member of the Executive Committee of the Cooperative Credit Section of the National Labour Bank
Guido QUERINI (*)	III	Professor at Rome University
Giovanni RAINERO	III	Responsible for International agricultural relations and common agricultural policy in the National Confederation of Owner Farmers

(*) new member

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ITALY (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Aldo ROMOLI (*)	I	Confederazione Generale Industria Italiana (Confederation of Italian Industry); COREST/RORINT Montedison, Coordination of external relations; liaison with international bodies
Paolo SAVINI	I	Vice-Chairman of the Italian Association of large retail firms
Umberto SCALIA	II	Member of the Executive Board of the Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL)
Raffaele VANNI (*)	II	UIL
Giancarlo ZOLI (*)	III	Lawyer and former Mayor of Florence

LUXEMBOURG

Mathias BERNS	III	Secretary-General of the Central Association of Luxembourg Farmers
Marcel GLESENER (*)	II	General Secretary of the Luxembourg Confederation of Christian Trade Unions
Carlo HEMMER	I	Director of the Chamber of Commerce

(*) new member

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LUXEMBOURG (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
Raymond ROLLINGER	III	Director of the Luxembourg Chamber of Trades
Jeannot SCHNEIDER (*)	II	Vice-President of the General Confederation of Labour
Roger THEISEN	II	Chairman of the Federation of Private Employees (FEP)

NETHERLANDS

C.A. BOS	III	Extraordinary Lecturer at the Free University of Amsterdam
Pieter BUKMAN	III	Chairman Netherlands Christian Farmers' and Horticulturalists' Union
J.Ph.M. van CAMPEN	I	Chairman of the Board of the University Hospital of Nijmegen
T. ETTY	II	International policy adviser, Dutch trade union federation (FNV)
L.N. GORIS	III	Assistant Secretary of the Council for Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises
J.M.W. van GREUNSVEN	II	Executive Board Member of the Netherlands Catholic Trade Union Federation (NKV)

(*) new member

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NETHERLANDS (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
G.H.E. HILKENS	III	Secretary of the Dutch Council for Family Matters; . Member of the Board for Contact with Consumers
J.A. HUBREGTSE	II	National Secretary of the Trade Union of Employees in Agriculture and the Foodstuffs Industry (AVB-NVV)
Sjouke JONKER	I	Consultant to the Dutch Business Confederation (VNO)
Willem JONKER	I	Chairman of the Liaison Committee for Transport Questions in the Netherlands
Bartholomeus PRONK	II	International Expert with the Christian National Federation of Trade Unions in the Netherlands
P.J.G.M. van RENS	II	Expert with the Netherlands Catholic Trade Union Federation (NKV)

UNITED KINGDOM

David BASNETT	II	General Secretary and Treasurer, National Union of General and Municipal Workers
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UNITED KINGDOM (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
R.W. BUCKTON (*)	II	General Secretary, Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen
R.C. BUTLER (*)	III	National Farmers' Union
Mrs Mary CLARK (*)	III	Lecturer in Law, College of Business Studies, Belfast
R.C.P. DAVIES (*)	III	Solicitor, former Chairman of Welsh Hospitals' Board
R.L. DOBLE (*)	III	Solicitor, former chief Executive and Town Clerk to the London Borough of Greenwich
Basil de FERRANTI	I	Deputy Chairman of Ferranti Ltd.
J. GALLACHER (*)	I	Retail Consortium
J. GORMLEY (*)	II	President, National Union of Mineworkers
S.G. HALL (*)	III	Managing Director, Kilco Chemicals Ltd., Fishery Harbour Authority and Member of Fisheries Conservancy Authority, N.I.
T. JENKINS	II	Assistant Secretary of the International Department of Trades Union Congress (TUC)
F.S. LAW (*)	I	National Freight Corporation

(*) new member

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UNITED KINGDOM (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
H. LOEBL (*)	I	Director, Glass Ceramics Ltd.
J. MacGOUGAN (*)	II	General Secretary, National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers
W.G.N. MILLER	I	Executive Director of Save and Prosper Group Ltd.
C.E. MILLS (*)	I	Member, British Gas Corporation
J. MILNE (*)	II	General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress
Lionel MURRAY	II	General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress (TUC)
C. Marie PATTERSON	II	National Woman Officer, Transport and General Workers' Union
Eirlys ROBERTS	III	Deputy Director of the Consumers' Association and Research Director, Research Institute for Consumer Affairs
Albert Edward SLOMAN	III	Vice-Chancellor, University of Essex

(*) new member

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UNITED KINGDOM (continued)

	<u>Group</u>	
D. WILLIAMS (*)	III	Formerly* Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Development
W.G.N. WYLIE	I	Director, Anglo-American Asphalt Ltd.
M. ZINKIN (*)	I	Unilever Ltd.

(*) new member

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EXTRAITS DE PRESSE

The Times 23.10.78

Business Diary in Europe

■ Basil de Ferranti, who has been chairman of the Economic and Social Committee in Brussels for the past two years, is to be succeeded by an Italian trade unionist, Fabrizia Baduel-Glorioso, who thereby becomes the first woman to head any of the institutions of the European Community.

Signora Baduel-Glorioso comes from the Confederazione Italiana Sindicati Laboratori, the Christian Democrat federation of unions with some three million members. She joined its research department directly on graduating, in law, from Perugia University.

The Economic and Social Committee, despite its unawe-inspiring title, ranks alongside the European Parliament as one of the two assemblies to which all the commission's proposals have to be submitted for consideration before the Council of Ministers decides upon them.

It has 144 members, nominated in equal numbers from employers, trade unions, and "other interests".

Ferranti did much to improve the committee's personal contacts with the governments of member states, and also with the press. But Signora Baduel-Glorioso has no illusions that she is taking over at an easy time.

In short order, she says, the Community will have to strengthen its internal arrangements, admit three new members, and renew the Lomé Convention.

Handelsblatt 19.10.78

Italienerin präsidiert dem Sozialausschuß

dpa BRUSSEL. Der Wirtschafts- und Sozialausschuß der EG hat die italienische Gewerkschaftlerin Fabrizia Baduel Glorioso für zwei Jahre zu seinem Präsidenten gewählt. Baduel Glorioso ist die erste Frau an der Spitze des Gremiums, das 1958 geschaffen wurde.

De Standaard 20.10.78



Euro-voorzitster

Fabrizia Baduel Glorioso is de eerste vrouw die een officiële instelling van de Europese Gemeenschappen voorziet. Ze werd woensdag verkozen als voorzitter van het Economisch en Sociaal Komitee. Ze komt uit de Italiaanse vakbond CISL (foto ap)

L'Unita 19.10.78

Fabrizia Baduel Glorioso presidente del CES

BRUXELLES — Per la prima volta in vent'anni una donna alla testa di una istituzione della Comunità europea: Fabrizia Baduel Glorioso, sindacalista, dirigente dell'ufficio internazionale della CISL, è stata eletta ieri presidente del comitato economico e sociale, un importante organismo consultivo della Comunità europea, nel quale sono rappresentate le principali forze sociali dei singoli Paesi: sindacati dei lavoratori, rappresentanti del padronato, categorie diverse (agricoltura, trasporti, commercio, libere professioni).

La Repubblica 5.10.78

Un'italiana alla presidenza del Ces

ROMA — Contrasti nel sindacato anche per la rappresentanza negli organi Cee. Ieri il gruppo dei rappresentanti dei lavoratori nel Ces (comitato economico e sociale) ha deciso di proporre per la pre-

sidenza dell'organismo, un'italiana Fabrizia Baduel Glorioso, candidata della Cisl. La Baduel ha avuto l'appoggio della Cgil, mentre la Uil (che, a quanto si sa pensava per questo incarico a Raf-

faele Vanni) ha votato contro.

La presidenza del Ces viene attribuita a turno al rappresentante di uno dei gruppi sociali (sindacati, imprenditori ecc.).

Irish Weekly 23.9.78

EEC body gets 2 NI members

Northern Ireland is to have two new members on the Economic and Social Committee of the EEC, Mrs. Mary Clarke and Mr. Sean Hall. Mrs. Clarke is a lecturer in Law at Belfast College of Business Studies and runs the Consumer Desk for BBC NI Radio. She has recently been appointed to the National Consumer Council.

Mr. Hall, an accountant, is Managing Director of Kilco Chemicals Ltd. He is Chairman of the Fishery Harbour Authority and a Member of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland.

Membership of the 144 strong Committee for the next 4-year term was approved by the Council of Ministers in Brussels earlier this week. The UK nominates 24 members — eight representing employers' interests, eight employees' interests and eight other interests. The role of the Committee established under Article 193 of the Treaty of Rome is to advise the Council and the Commission in the preparation of community legislation and on current community proposals.

Børsen 6.10.78

■ Afdelingschef E. Hovgaard Jakobsen, Landbrugsrådet, er efter indstilling fra landbrugsorganisationerne af EF's ministerråd udpeget til medlem af EF's Økonomiske og Sociale Udvalg — som afløser for fhv. formand V. Fog-Petersen.

Community legislation required the Committee to be consulted on a number of topics including agriculture, transport, the freedom of movement of workers and the European Social Fund.

Northern Ireland has been represented on the ESC by the Marquess of Hamilton since the accession of the UK to the EEC in 1973. He was recently involved in initiating an ESC investigation of the Derry/Donegal cross-Border Communications Study.

Following a visit to the area by the Regional Policy Group, the ESC put forward an opinion to the Council of Ministers supporting the use of the EEC regional fund in the implementation of study proposals adopted by Government.

Regional fund aid can at present amount to 30 per cent. of the approved cost.

Handelsblatt 21.9.78

Wirtschafts- und Sozialausschuß

Neue Mitglieder im EG-Gremium

HANDELSBLATT, Mittwoch, 20.9.1978

c. e. BRUSSEL. Bei der Bestellung der Mitglieder des Wirtschafts- und Sozialausschusses (WSA) der EG für eine neue Amtszeit bis September 1982 sind vom EG-Ministerrat auf Vorschlag der Mitgliedstaaten von 144 Mitgliedern 98 aus der bisherigen Amtszeit übernommen und 46 neu ernannt worden. Auf deutscher Seite tauschten Arbeitgeberseite und die Arbeitnehmerseite je zwei Mitglieder aus, während die „dritte Gruppe“ ein Mitglied auswechselte. Neu in den WSA kommen auf deutscher Seite: Hauptgeschäftsführer der Landesvereinigungen Baden-Württembergischer Arbeitgeberverbände, Reinhard Blasig, und der Geschäftsführer der Reederei und Spedition „Bräukohle“, Heinz Zunkler. Sie ersetzen Wolfgang Eichler von der BDA und Anton Hagemann vom Bundesverband des Güterfernverkehrs. Die Gewerkschaften schicken Ursula Engelen-Kaer vom DGB-Vorstand und Herbert Nierhaus vom DAG-Vorstand neu in den WSA. Für sie scheiden Klaus Haunschild, der Vorsitzende der IG Chemie-Papier-Keramik, und Frau Gerda Heilmann vom DAG-Vorstand aus. In der „dritten Gruppe“ tritt Prof. Klaus Benedict von der Decken von der Kernforschungsanlage Jülich an die Stelle von Adalbert Schlitt von der Arbeitsgruppe Kerntechnik der Farbwerke Hoechst. Für weitere vier Jahre bestätigt wurden die Mandate der deutschen Mitglieder Helmut Cammann, Wolfgang Hipp, Rudolf Schnieders, Hans-Werner Stratzke und Hans-Jürgen Wick in der Arbeitgebergruppe, von Dietmar Cremer, Klaus Heinz Friedrichs, Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, Gerd Muhr, Alois Pfeiffer und Frau Maria Weber in der Arbeitnehmergruppe, sowie von Hermann Fredersdorf, Werner Henning, Frau Hedda Heuser, Johannes M. Jaschke, Heinrich Kolbenschlag, Lothar Neumaier, Fritz Seydaack und Frau Käthe Strobel in der „dritten Gruppe“. Bei der Neuwahl des Präsidiums im Oktober dürfte nach dem üblichen Wechsel zwischen den drei Gruppen jetzt wieder ein Vertreter der Arbeitnehmergruppe an die Spitze des WSA berufen werden.

HET LAATSTE NIEUWS 20.10.78

Vrouw voorzitter economisch-sociaal comité Europa

De nieuwe voorzitter van het economisch en sociaal comité van de Europese Economische Gemeenschap, is een dame. In wel-ekozen bewoordingen dankte mevr. F. Baduel Glorioso «als vrouw, als vakbondsaangevaardigde en als Italiaanse» voor het verouwen dat het comité in haar elde. Mevr. Glorioso volgt de h. aal de Ferranti op die het voorzitschap sinds 1976 uitoefende en

tot de Britse werkgeverskringen behoort.

Met betrekking tot de Gemeenschap wees de voorzitter er op dat de monetaire unie en de verwezenlijking van een Europese munteenheid een uitgangspunt voor het economische herstel vormen dat met spoed nader uitgewerkt dient te worden. Dat volstaat echter niet. Ook het klimaat van grote onzeker-

heid dat de economie belast, dient weggewerkt en de werknemers dienen zich daarvan bewust te zijn. Maar men kan er op dat punt ook niet omheen dat zij recht op grotere zekerheid hebben wat betreft hun werk. De voorzitter verwees in het bijzonder naar de honderdduizenden jongeren.

Het sociaal en economisch comité is een officiële instelling

van de Gemeenschap. Het is samengesteld uit vertegenwoordigers van alle sectoren van het economische en sociale leven, zoals landbouw, industrie, handel, ambachtswezen, werknemers, vrije beroepen, enz. In de loop van zijn bestaan werd het tweemaal door een Belg voorgezeten, in 1958-60 door de h. de Staercke en in 1966-68 door de h. Major.

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Irish Times 14.9.78 Lane to replace Maher on EEC body

from John Cooney, in Brussels

MR T. J. MAHER, who for the past four years has been the main representative of Irish farming interests in the EEC's Economic and Social Committee, is not being proposed for re-nomination by the Government. His place will be taken by his successor as President of the FA, Mr Paddy Lane.

Mr John Carroll, who has been member of the trade union panel, is being put forward by the Government for a second four-year term. Mr Carroll is a contender for the Presidency of the Brussels-based Economic and Social Committee, but he faces strong competition from Italy.

The Government's panel of nine names—plus a list of second and third choices—will be placed before next Monday's Council of Ministers meeting in Brussels. The ratification by the Council of the Government's first preference will be a mere formality.

However, it is understood that a last minute effort to persuade the Government to include Mr Maher is underway from various European bodies, but that this bid may prove too late to be successful. Mr Maher is the current President of COGECA, the European body that represents the interests of farm and fisheries cooperatives. He was President of the IFA when appointed to the Economic and Social Committee.

The Committee, which fails to receive as much publicity as the European Parliament, was set up to represent the views of employers, trade unions and other interest

groups. It meets in regular session about ten times a year, and its members compile opinions on all aspects of EEC policy-making.

In addition to travel expenses, members receive a per diem allowance of over £40 while attending meetings in Brussels.

The Government's list of nine names are as follows:

Employers: Mr Patrick Loughrey, a consultant to Batchelors; Mr A. J. Pearson, Smith and Pearson Ltd.; Mr John Kenna, Director of Transport and Foreign Trade, CII.

Trades Union: Mr John Carroll, of the ITGWU; Mr Henry Curllis, Civil and Municipal Union, Belfast; Mr Patrick Murphy, Federation of Rural Workers.

Special Interest Groups: Mr Paddy Lane, IFA; Mr Tomas Rosengrave, Muintir na Tire; Mr Tommy Leddy, President of the CMFA.

Luxemburger Wort 26.8.78

EG-Wirtschafts- und Sozialrat legt Gutachten zur Währungsumordnung vor

Unter dem Titel „Une approche communautaire face au désordre monétaire international actuel“ erreichte uns gestern Freitag ein 15seitiges Gutachten, das der Wirtschafts- und Sozialrat der Europäischen Gemeinschaften schon am vergangenen 21. Juni anlässlich seiner 100. Plenarversammlung in Brüssel einstimmig verabschiedete. Dem eigentlichen Gutachten ist der Rapport von Berichterstatter Y. Charpentier beigelegt.

Politiken 8.10.78

EF's Ministerråd har udpeget afdelingschef E. Hovgaard Jakobsen, Landbrugsrådet, til medlem af EF's Økonomiske og Sociale Udvalg som afløser for Inv. forstander V. Fog-Petersen.

**PUBLICATIONS OBTAINABLE FROM THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Periodical

- Bulletin (monthly publication)

General Documentation

- The Economic and Social Committee (leaflet) (January 1975)
- The Economic and Social Committee (April) 1975) (A descriptive brochure) 16 p.
- Annual Report (1977) 70 p. (1976) 80 p.
- Directory (January 1978) (List of members) 42 p.
- The Right of initiative of the Economic and Social Committee (October 1977) 124 p.
- 20th Anniversary of the Economic and Social Committee (May 1978) 19 p.

Opinions and Studies

- The Stage reached in aligning labour legislation in the European Community (June 1978) (Documentation) 60 p.
- Employment in Agriculture (Study) (June 1978) 135 p.
- Monetary Disorder (Opinion) (June 1978) 98 p.
- Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in the Community Context (April 1978) (Opinion) 29 p.
- Industrial Change and Employment (November 1977) (Opinion) 98 p.
- EEC's Transport Problems with East European Countries (December 1977) (Opinion) 164 p.
- Community Nuclear Safety Code (July 1977) (Study) 50 p.
- Regional Development - Unemployment and Inflation (June 1977) (Opinion) 130 p.
- Research and Development (November 1976) (Study) 35 p.
- Systems of education and vocational training (August 1976) (Study) 114 p.
- Regional Policy (March 1976) (Opinion) 11 p.
- European Union (July 1975) (Opinion) 33 p.
- Progress Report on the Common Agricultural Policy (February 1975) (Study) 52 p.
- The Situation of Small and Medium-sized Undertakings in the European Community (March 1975) (Study) 69 p.