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Weekly Timetable of Community Acitivities - No 4/75

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE

Meeting Soon in Dublin

There will be two Councils of Ministers on Monday and Tuesday, February 10 and 11, in Brussels. The Foreign Ministers will tackle, among other matters, the unresolved issues in the British renegotiation package. The Ministers of Agriculture will resume their attempt to agree on new farm prices for the coming year.

Also on February 10 there will be a meeting of the participants in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva.

On Thursday, February 13, the Foreign Ministers of the Nine will meet again, this time as the political committee, in Dublin.

The same day there will be a Council of Ministers in Brussels on energy.

On Monday, February 17, it is proposed but not yet confirmed that there should be a Council of Finance Ministers. On that Monday and Tuesday it is also proposed there should be another Council of Agriculture Ministers.

FLASHBACK

Sir Christopher Soames, Vice-President of the Commission, began a series of seminars with invited Conservative and Liberal Party audiences. His right to speak about British membership of the Community was strongly defended in the House of Commons by the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr Roy Hattersley.

The Commission discussed for the first time alternative formulae aimed at meeting the British Government's demand for a review of her contributions to the Community budget.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary visited Canada and Washington.

The Nine and the 46 ACP countries resumed their negotiations towards the conclusion of a convention of association, with sugar still the difficult outstanding item.

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