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WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - No. 23/76

Council Meetings in July (Brussels)

July 5	Finance	
July 14 + 15	EEC/ACP	ENVISAGED
July 19 + 20	Foreign Affairs	
July 19 + 20	Agriculture	
July 22	Budget	CONFIRMED

Other Events - Further Ahead

July 5 - 9	European Parliament, Luxembourg
July 12 + 13	European Council (summit), Brussels.

FLASHBACK

The President of France, M. Giscard d'Estaing, ended a State visit to the United Kingdom with agreement between the two governments aimed at closer, systematic cooperation.

The Puerto Rico summit of major industrialised nations called for a greater balance in public finance. Those leaders of Community Governments who were invited attended the summit; but the Community was not itself represented because of a failure to agree on a procedure for the other Member States, or the President of the Council and the President of the Commission, to attend.

The British Prime Minister, Mr Callaghan, paid an official visit to Bonn where he received a warm welcome for the closer ties achieved during the State visit by the French President to the UK, thus strengthening Community links.

At the Council of Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg it was agreed that dates for the next meetings of the Councils of Association with Greece and Turkey should be announced by the end of next week, with a view also to the formal opening of negotiations for the full membership of Greece, at the end of July.

The Council adopted 18 Directives removing certain technical barriers to trade (on which this office will soon publish a background report).

In view of the forthcoming European Council this month, the Ministers had a final exchange of views on the number and allocation of seats for direct election to the European Parliament.

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The Council agreed in principle to the opening of negotiations on the Law of the Sea on the understanding that the Community should participate as a whole.

The Council of Ministers of Justice and the Interior, attended by the Home Secretary, Mr Roy Jenkins, agreed on a six-point plan for closer cooperation among security services in a greater effort to combat terrorism.

The Commission introduced a scheme to enable French farmers suffering hardship because of the drought to sell more easily different categories of beef into intervention.

The Presidency of the Council passed with the end of the first half of the year from Luxembourg to the Netherlands. In January the Netherlands will hand over to the United Kingdom

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