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WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - NO 41/76

Council Meetings before Christmas

Brussels	December 20	Research
	December 20	Foreign Affairs (on Fish)
	December 20 + 21	Agriculture
	December 21	Energy

Next Council Meetings in the New Year

Brussels	January 17	Eco-Finance
	January 18	Foreign Affairs
	January 24 + 25	Agriculture
Brussels	February 8	Foreign Affairs
	February 14	Eco-Finance
	February 14 + 15	Agriculture
	February 28/March 1	Agriculture

European Parliament

Luxembourg	January 10 - 14
Luxembourg	February 7 - 11

Economic and Social Committee Plenaries

Brussels	January 26 + 27
Brussels	February 23 + 24

Other Events

European Council (summit) Brussels February 21 + 22 PROPOSED

FLASHBACK

FISH: The Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs agreed to follow the Commission's proposals for interim arrangements for non-Community countries, both those offering reciprocity and those unable to make such an offer, and on internal arrangements, the interim measures not themselves prejudicing the ultimate agreements yet to be negotiated.

A special Council of Ministers of foreign affairs will meet in Brussels on Monday next (December 20) at 15.00 hours to discuss fisheries policy.

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COMPANY LAW: The Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs approved the Second Directive on company law, which concerns the constitution of limited companies and the maintenance and modifications of their capital status. This will offer companies widespread opportunities to establish themselves within the Common Market and to offer their usual guarantees to the public at Community level.

BUDGET: The European Parliament was voting finally on the Community budget. A Background Report on the new budget will be published by this office in the New Year.

TRANSPORT: The Council of Ministers of Transport approved a Commission proposal for slightly longer and heavier lorries up to 40 tonnes to be accepted on a Community basis, but using up to five axles so as not to increase axle weight.

REGIONAL FUND: The Commission announced the allocation of £96.25 million including £28.8 million to the United Kingdom.

PRESIDENT ORTOLI: In the course of a press conference at the end of his Presidency of the Commission, M. Ortoli notably urged the Community to agree on an energy policy. The last meeting of the current Commission will be on January 5. The first meeting of the new Commission under the Presidency of Mr Roy Jenkins will be on January 6.

NOTE:

This office will be closed from December 23 at noon until Monday, January 3, except for a skeleton staff on duty between Christmas and New Year.

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