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- Foreign Affairs -
Luxembourg, 12 June 1979
President, Mr Jean FRANCOIS-PONCET,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the French Republic



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

Belgium:

Mr Henri SIMONET	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mark EYSKENS	Minister for Development Co-operation

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Germany:

Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI	Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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France:

Mr Jean FRANCOIS-PONCET	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jean-François DENIAU	Minister for Foreign Trade
Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Italy:

Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA	Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN

President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Jean HAMILIUS

Deputy Minister, Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr C.A. van der KLAUW

Minister for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr John NOTT

Minister for Trade

Sir Ian GILMOUR

Lord Privy Seal

Mr Douglas HURD

Secretary of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

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Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

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Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Member

Mr Raymond VOUEL

Member

GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

1. The Commission informed the Council of the most recent developments as regards the embodiment of the outcome of the Geneva negotiations in United States legislation. Although the Council was able to ascertain that there had been a favourable development as regards certain points, it noted that some difficulties and uncertainties remained and that the situation continued to be a matter for concern. The Council recalled the position it had defined at its meeting on 2 and 3 April 1979 and confirmed the importance the Community attached to satisfactory settlement of the problem. It was agreed that the Commission would keep a close watch on the situation and would report to the Council at its next meeting, in July.

2. The Council also examined the ad referendum agreement reached between the Commission and the Australian authorities in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations. The Council shared the Commission's view that in spite of its relatively limited economic impact, this agreement was of some political importance in that it should open the way towards a fruitful development of co-operation between Australia and the Community.

One delegation still maintains a reservation on a specific point. This delegation will adopt a position within the Permanent Representatives Committee as soon as possible.

3. Finally, the Council conducted an exchange of views on certain technical problems relating to the implementation of the Community's tariff concessions in the agricultural sector and worked out the guidelines to be followed by the Commission in this field.

EEC/JAPAN RELATIONS

The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission's communication on the EEC's relations with Japan in preparation for the European Council in Strasbourg. It approved the broad lines of the Commission's approach.

TEXTILES: NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Council took stock of these negotiations on the basis of a Commission report and noted that since its deliberations in April considerable progress had been made towards the formulation of additional directives.

The Council discussed the issues still outstanding. It stressed the Community's commitment to reaching agreement with the Chinese side without delay, and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the additional directives as soon as possible, in the light of the Council's discussions.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ACP STATES

On the basis of information provided by the Council President, following his meeting on 11 June with Mr ANCHOUEY, President of the ACP Council of Ministers, and also by Commissioner CHEYSSON, after his visits to certain ACP countries, the Council took stock of the problems still outstanding in the negotiation of the new ACP-EEC Convention.

PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council made preparations for the next meeting of the European Council in Strasbourg on 21 and 22 June; in particular it decided on the items which might be dealt with in the course of the proceedings of the European Council.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE EFTA COUNTRIES

The Council approved a report by the Permanent Representatives Committee containing an analysis of activities during the first half of 1979 as regards co-operation between the Community and the EFTA countries and prospects for the further development of co-operation with each of those countries during the next twelve months.

IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS

The Council took note of a report from the Commission on the present situation and progress made with regard to the proposed regulations governing aid for the iron and steel industry.

OTHER DECISIONS

Fisheries policy

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

- the three Regulations allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish, Norwegian and Faroese waters;
- the two Regulations laying down for the period 1 January to 31 December 1979 certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishing resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Spain and registered in the Faroe Islands.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision to sign the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Senegal and the European Economic Community on fishing off the coast of Senegal and two exchanges of letters relating thereto, and approved the exchange of letters on the provisional application of that Agreement.

Commodities

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision concerning the signing and deposit of a declaration of provisional application of the Protocols extending for the fifth time the Wheat Trade Convention and the Food Aid Convention constituting the 1971 International Wheat Agreement.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision opening quotas for imports into Italy of certain products originating in Romania (tractor transmissions, axles and engines).

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78 on common rules for imports of certain textile products originating in third countries (technical review containing completely updated and corrected version of entire text of the Annexes to the above-mentioned Regulation with a view to making it easier to use).

Furthermore, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, four Regulations concerning various quotas or Community tariff quotas for certain products originating in various Mediterranean countries (various wines, aubergines, apricot pulp from Algeria, Cyprus, and Turkey).

Finally, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products, and the Regulation on certain industrial products.

Export credits

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the extension of the period of application of the Decision of 4 April 1978 on the application of certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits.

Generalized preferences

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff preferences for textile products originating in developing countries and territories (5% increase in the generalized preferences offer applicable for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1979).

Relations with Yugoslavia

The Council approved the addition to the additional negotiating directives concerning the amount of financial aid for Yugoslavia under the Financial Protocol envisaged within the context of the new enlarged agreement to be concluded with that country.

Appointments

Acting on a proposal from the British Government, the Council appointed Mr Michael DOWNING, Confederation of British Industry, full member of the Committee of the European Social Fund, to replace Mr David DEUCHAR, full member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 April 1980.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the French Government, Mr Michel SPILLEMAKER, Attaché Principal, Adjoint chargé de la mission des Relations Internationales de la Direction de la Population et des Migrations, full member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers, to replace Mr Jacques COURBIN, full member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 10 October 1979.

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CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A M BURGHARDT DG I ET A M LECOMTE
DG VIII

OBJET : ORDRE DU JOUR DU CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES (M VASEY)

PREPARATION DU CONSEIL EUROPEEN DU 12 JUIN A STRASBOURG
COOPERATION AVEC LES PAYS DE L'AELE : EXAMEN DU RAPPORT DU
COREPER SUR L'EVOLUTION DES RELATIONS DEPUIS DECEMBRE 1978,
PLUS DECLARATION DANOISE.

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JAPON : LE CONSEIL FERA LE POINT DES DISCUSSIONS MENEES AVEC
LES AUTORITES JAPONAISES DEPUIS FEVRIER 1978 DANS LA PERSPECTIVE
DU SOMMET DE TOKIO.

NEGOCIATIONS COMMERCIALES MULTILATERALES : LA COMMISSION FERA
UN RAPPORT ORAL SUR LA MISE EN APPLICATION PAR LES ETATS-UNIS
DES RESULTATS DES NCM. LE CONSEIL SERA EGALEMENT SAISI DES
RESULTATS DES CONVERSATIONS MENEES PAR M GUNDELACH AVEC LE
GOUVERNEMENT AUSTRALIEN A CANBERRA FIN MAI EN VUE DE REGLER LES
DERNIERS PROBLEMES BILATERAUX RESTES EN SUSPENS DANS LE CADRE
DES NCM. AUCUNE INFORMATION N'A ETE DONNEE SUR L'ACCORD CONCLU
AD REFERENDUM PAR M GUNDELACH.

TEXTILES : NEGOCIATIONS AVEC LA CHINE : LE CONSEIL REPRENDRA
L'EXAMEN DU DOSSIER EN VUE DE DETERMINER L'OPPORTUNITE DE
MODIFIER LES DIRECTIVES DE NEGOCIATION.

PORTUGAL : EXAMEN DU MANDAT DE NEGOCIATION POUR L'AMENAGEMENT
DE L'ACCORD DE 1972.

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M SANTARELLI



AIDE A LA SIDERURGIE

LE CONSEIL EST APPELE A DISCUTER DU PROJET DE DECISION DE LA COMMISSION INSTITUANT DES REGLES COMMUNAUTAIRES POUR DES AIDES SPECIFIQUES A LA SIDERURGIE. JUSQU'A PRESENT LE CONSEIL N'A PAS REUSSI A SE METTRE D'ACCORD SUR UNE TELLE DECISION AU COURS DE SES REUNIONS DES 5 ET 6 MARS ET DES 2 ET 3 AVRIL. DEUX PAYS, L'ITALIE ET LE ROYAUME-UNI, ONT MAINTENU LEURS RESERVES SUR CE DOSSIER. ENTRETEMPS M. VOUEL A POURSUIVI SES CONTACTS BILATERAUX NOTAMMENT AVEC LES AUTORITES BRITANNIQUES, ET PAS PLUS TARD QUE VENDREDI LE 8 JUIN IL A EU DES ENTRETIENS A LONDRES AVEC LE MINISTRE DE L'INDUSTRIE SIR KEITH JOSEPH ET LE SECRETAIRE D'ETAT DE L'INDUSTRIE L'HON. ADAM BUTLER. M. VOUEL A QUALIFIE SES CONTACTS "D'UTILES ET PROMETTEURS". L'APPROCHE DU GOUVERNEMENT BRITANNIQUE EST TRES VOISINE A CELLE DE LA COMMISSION., TOUTEFOIS, UN CERTAIN NOMBRE D'ELEMENTS JURIDIQUES DOIVENT ENCORE ETRE CLARIFIES. M. VOUEL PROPOSERA AU CONSEIL DE REPORTER LA DISCUSSION D'UN MOIS ET A BON ESPOIR QU'AU COURS DU MOIS DE JUILLET UNE DECISION PUISSE ENFIN ETRE PRISE.

VUEILLET LIRE: L'APPROCHE DU GOUVERNEMENT BRITANNIQUE EST TRES VOISINE A CELLE

NEGOCIATIONS CEE-ACP

LE CONSEIL EXAMINERA EN CADRE TRES RESTREINT LES PERSPECTIVES D'UNE REPRISE DES NEGOCIATIONS CEE-ACP. AUCUNE INFORMATION NE SERA DONNEE SUR CES DELIBERATIONS.

CONSEIL DE COOPERATION CEE-MAROC

VOIR IP(79) 129. LA DELEGATION MAROCAINE SERA CONDUITE PAR DEUX MINISTRES: M. BOUCETTA, MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES, ET M. A GUESSOUS, MINISTRE DU COMMERCE ET DE L'INDUSTRIE. A NOTER QUE LES CONVENTIONS DE FINANCEMENT CONCERNANT LE PORT D'JORF LAFAR SERONT SIGNEES A LUXEMBOURG PAR LES MINISTRES MAROCAINS ET M. LE PORTZ, POUR LA BEI.

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NEGOCIATIONS CEE/ACP (H. FERRATON)

LES MINISTRES ONT TENU UNE REUNION EN CADRE TRES RESTREINT AFIN D EXAMINER LES CONDITIONS DANS LESQUELLES POURRAIT ETRE REPRISE LA NEGOCIATION SUSPENDUE LE 26 MAI. A CETTE OCCASION M. FRANCOIS-PONCET A FAIT PART A SES COLLEGUES DE LA TENEUR DE L ENTRETIEN QU IL A EU HIER A PARIS AVEC M. ANCHOUEY, PRESIDENT DU GROUPE ACP. UN NOUVEL ENTRETIEN DOIT AVOIR LIEU A PARIS CE MRECREDI. AUCUNE INFORMATION NI COMMENTAIRE A DONNER SUR LA FACON DONT LES NEUF ENTENDENT TRAITER LES PROBLEMES QUI N ONT PU ETRE RESOLUS LORS DE LA DERNIERE SESSION DE NEGOCIATION.

CONSEIL COOPERATION CEE-MAROC

CETTE PREMIERE REUNION DU CONSEIL DE COOPERATION CEE/MAROC A ETE MARQUEE SURTOUT PAR LES VIVES PREOCCUPATIONS EXPRIMEES PAR LES MINISTRES MAROCAINS A L EGARD DES CONSEQUENCES DE L ELARGISSEMENT DE LA COMMUNAUTE, QUI RISQUENT DE REMTTRE EN CAUSE LES ASSISES MEMES DE L ECONOMIE MAROCAINE ET DE BANALISER LES RELATIONS ENTRE LA CEE ET LE MAROC EN VIDANT DE TOTUE SUBSTANCE L ACCORD EXISTANT'. D'OU LEUR DEMANDE DE CONSULTATIONS NON PAS AU TERME DU PROCESSUS DE NEGOCIATION - NOTAMMENT AVEC L'ESPAGNE - MAIS EN PARALLELE - LA COMMUNAUTE POUR SA PART S EST DECLARE PRETE A PRO CEDER A DES ECHANGES DE VUES SUR LES NEGOCIATIONS AVEC L ESPAGNE ET LE PORTUGAL LORSQUE CELLES CI SERONT PARVENUES A UN STADE PER METTANT D EN FAIRE UNE EVALUATION GLOBALE. RAPPELONS A CE PROPOS QUE LA COMMISSION DOIT EXAMINER CETTE SEMAINE MEME UN PREMIER RAP PORT SUR LES REPERCUSSIONS PREVISIBELS DE L ELARGISSEMENT SUR LES RELATIONS EXTERIEURES DE LA COMMUNAUTE.

LA DELEGATION MAROCAINE A SOULIGNE EGALEMENT LA DETERIORA TION DE LA BALANCE COMMERCIALE DU MAROC AVEC LA COMMUNAUTE ET LES DIFFICULTES PARTICULIERES PORTANT SUR CERTAINS PRODUITS (AGRUMES, TOMATES, TEXTILES). A CE SUJET, LE CONSEIL DE COOPERA TION A PRIS NOTE DE CE QU'A LA SUITE DES CONVERSATIONS EXPLORATOIRES QUI SE SONT TENUES EN MAI DERNIER, LA COMMISSION FERA RAPPORT AU CONSEIL DE LA CEE EN VUE DE L OUVERTURE DE LA PROCEDURE DE REEXAMEN DE L ACCORD.

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