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President: Mr Antoine HUMBLET,  
Minister for Agriculture  
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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Should read: "..... pour de nouveaux traitements  
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line 3:

Should read: "..... as regards the harmonization of  
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The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Antoine HUMBLET Minister for Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER Minister for Agriculture

Mr Svend JAKOBSEN Minister for Fisheries

Mr Hans Jørgen KRISTENSEN State Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture

Mr Jørgen HERTOFT State Secretary,  
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL Federal Minister for Agriculture

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE Minister for Agriculture

Mr Marcel CAVAILLE State Secretary at the Ministry  
of Equipment and Regional  
Development responsible for  
Transport (Fisheries)

Mr Jacques BLANC State Secretary at the Ministry  
of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Jim GIBBONS Minister for Agriculture

Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA Minister for Agriculture,

Mr Arcangelo LO BIANCO Under-Secretary of State,  
Ministry of Agriculture

Mr Vito ROSA Under-Secretary of State,  
Ministry of Shipping

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Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS

Minister for Agriculture

Mr Albert BERCHEM

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. VAN DER STEE

Minister for Agriculture and  
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN

Minister of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Mr Bruce MILLAN

Secretary of State for Scotland

Mr Gavin STRANG

Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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FISHERIES POLICY

The Council held a general discussion on the basis of an oral communication by Vice-President GUNDELACH, the Commissioner responsible for fisheries policy. This communication indicated the progress of work in this sector as regards both internal and external aspects, stressed the main lines of the proposals already submitted or to be submitted by the Commission and outlined the timetable for the urgent work envisaged for the working out of the definitive arrangements.

The Council emphasized the urgency of finalizing the common fisheries policy in the context of the 200-mile zones in view of the need to conserve fish stocks, to give Community fishermen guidance for the future and to make it easier to continue the fisheries negotiations with non-member countries.

During the discussions the Commission, over and above its previous proposals, undertook to submit before the end of September

- proposals on various technical conservation measures (e.g. mesh size, by-catches) applicable from 1 January 1978

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- proposals concerning certain actions in the socio-structural field, and provisions concerning the financing of the expenditure arising out of the controls
- a model with figures showing the allocation of resources in 1978.

The Council agreed to examine the whole problem **urgently**, taking these new factors into account. It proposed to put this item on the agenda for its meeting on 10 and 11 October, and would in any case devote a special meeting to it on 24 and 25 October 1977, since decisions had to be taken in good time for the new fisheries policy to be effectively implemented on 1 January 1978.

The current negotiations with non-member countries concerning fishing in the various maritime zones will be continued in the meantime.

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HERRING FISHING

The Council agreed on the Regulation defining the interim measures for the conservation and management of certain herring stocks.

This Regulation forbids the catching of herring by direct fishing in the North Sea until 30 September 1977 in sub-zone IV and division VII(d) as defined by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

Member States are, however, authorized to catch North Sea herring when fishing directly for other species, up to a limit of 10% by weight of catches of sprat and 5% by weight of catches of Norway pout, sand eel and other species on each voyage.

The permitted by-catches calculated on an annual basis may not, however, exceed 15,000 tonnes for Denmark, 1,650 tonnes for the United Kingdom, 410 tonnes for the Federal Republic of Germany and 275 tonnes for the other Member States.

The Council agreed to act on the subsequent arrangements for herring in the North Sea at its meeting scheduled for 26 and 27 September, and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to conduct a detailed re-examination of the scientific data on this question in the meantime in order to enable the Council to act on the basis of full information at its next meeting.

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The Council also agreed on the Regulation banning herring fishing in division VII(f) as defined by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, until 31 December 1977. This measure concerns the Bristol Channel and is in addition to the ban already adopted by the Council regarding the Celtic Sea.

In the Irish Sea - division VII - direct herring fishing is banned until 31 December 1977 in a 12-mile zone starting from the base-lines off the east coasts of Northern Ireland and Ireland between 53°20' and 54°40' latitude north.

The Council also decided on a ban until 31 August 1977 on direct herring fishing in part of the waters of West Ireland defined as follows:

North: latitude 54°30' N    South: latitude 52°30' N  
West: longitude 13°00' W    East: Irish coast

The Regulation nevertheless authorizes catches for 1977 by each Member State on an annual basis in respect of the direct fishing of herring of certain stocks or groups of stocks moving in certain sub-zones and divisions defined by the ICES as follows:



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Stock			Catches in thousands of tonnes	
Species	Geographical region	ICES Division	Quota 1 June to 31 Dec. 1977	
Herring	West of the Celtic Sea	VII j, k	Ireland	1.0
			Other Member States	0.1
Herring	Irish Sea <sup>(1)</sup>	VII a	France	0.19
			Ireland	1.0
			Netherlands	0.11
			United Kingdom	11.9
Herring	West Ireland	VII b, c	Germany	0.83
			France	0.42
			Ireland	4.58
			Netherlands	8.33
			United Kingdom	0.83
Herring	West Scotland	VI a	Germany	3.7
			Denmark	0.2
			France	1.2
			Ireland	6.4
			Netherlands	3.0
			United Kingdom	39.0

Herring catches made from these stocks during the period from 1.1.1977 until the entry into force of this Regulation will be charged against these quotas.

<sup>(1)</sup> Subject to an arrangement concerning fisheries around the Isle of Man.

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The Member States will as far as possible take all measures necessary to ensure compliance with this Regulation as regards the maritime waters under their sovereignty or jurisdiction and covered by Community fisheries regulations. The controls carried out by the Member States will be the subject of regular reports to the Commission.

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BAN ON INDUSTRIAL FISHING

The Council agreed in principle, subject to the Opinion requested of the European Parliament, on the Commission proposal for a ban on direct fishing and on the landing of herring intended for industrial purposes.

NORWAY POUT

The Council agreed on the Regulation banning fishing for Norway pout from 1 September until 15 October 1977 in the zone referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 350/77.

This measure is intended to conserve, inter alia, stocks of young haddock and whiting which might otherwise be caught as by-catches, and will be reviewed before the expiry date of the Regulation in the light of an additional independent scientific opinion.

HERRING IMPORTS

In order to resolve the difficult Community supply situation resulting from the measures to conserve herring stocks, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation suspending until 31 December 1977 the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on the following products intended for the processing industry:

- Fillets of herring, fresh, chilled or frozen  
(ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7 of the CCT);
- Herring, dried, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces  
(ex 03.02 A I a) of the CCT);
- Fillets of herring, dried, salted or in brine  
(ex 03.02 A II a) of the CCT);
- So-called boneless herring, prepared or preserved in vinegar, put up in barrels or other containers containing not less than 10 kg  
(ex 16.04 C II of the CCT);
- Herrings, spiced and salted, put up in barrels  
(ex 16.04 C II of the CCT).

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER AND CHEESE

The Council discussed the Commission proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation No 226/73 as regards the price to be observed at the cif stage on the importation into the United Kingdom of butter and cheese from New Zealand, pursuant to Protocol 18 of the Act of Accession.

The Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to study this question as soon as possible, taking into account the various aspects resulting both from Protocol 18 and from the Declaration by the European Council in Dublin in March 1975, and agreed to act on the matter at its next meeting on 26 and 27 September 1977.

CO-RESPONSIBILITY LEVY

The Council took note of the Commission report on the conditions for applying the co-responsibility levy in the milk sector, which indicated the progress of the talks on this subject between the Commission and the professional producers' organizations.

The Commission at the same time made known its intentions concerning the application of the levy in Italy.

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MARKETING OF MILK PRODUCTS

During a discussion on the proposal for a Regulation laying down general rules for the marketing of milk products, the Council identified the final problems outstanding at this stage and instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to put the finishing touches to the possible solutions in the light of the day's discussions. It agreed to return to this matter at its next meeting on 26 and 27 September.

EAGGF: GUIDANCE SECTION

At the request of the Italian delegation the Council held a discussion on the individual projects the financing of which is not provided for in the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for 1978 (Guidance Section of the EAGGF).

The Council noted that it was no longer possible to finance individual projects under Regulation No 17/64 since the annual appropriations of 325 MUA of the EAGGF Guidance Section had been used to finance the common measures decided on by the Council (Article 6(4) of Regulation No 729/76).

However, this would not rule out the possibility of using appropriations earmarked in previous years for individual projects and not used for this purpose. The Commission undertook to examine this problem.

If appropriate, this question will be taken up again in a general discussion on structural policy over the next few months.

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WINE-GROWING SECTOR

The Council adopted a series of measures aimed at improving the provisions concerning the common organization of the wine market in the light of the economic and technical experience gained and in order to meet public health concerns. These measures include:

- supplementing the basic regulations (Regulation No 816/70) on the common organization of the market in wine
- new provisions relating to authorized oenological practices
- amendments as regards the maximum total sulphur dioxide content of wines other than liqueur wines.

The amendments to the basic Regulation concern, in particular, redefinition of the private-storage arrangements for grape must and concentrated grape must and the conditions for initiating preventive distillation and the distillation of wines suitable for producing certain wine potable spirits with a registered designation of origin. The measures also include certain administrative simplifications and technical specifications.



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With a view to the satisfactory operation of the common organization of the wine market and to facilitating the free movement of wine in the Community, the new provisions on oenological practices and processes lay down additional common rules concerning the composition and processing of wines to ensure good wine-making and proper preservation by specifying, in a new Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70, the products and processes which may be used in wine-making and the limits on their use. In addition, an experimental procedure for new oenological processes and practices has been introduced.

The changes in the maximum total sulphur dioxide contents of wines other than liqueur wines involve a reduction of the present levels for most wines and the establishment of special rules for wines of specific natures. The Regulation also provides for procedures for decision-making in certain producing regions in the event of exceptional weather conditions and for the determination of future reductions in the light of advances in scientific and technical knowledge.

Transitional measures are provided for in certain cases in order to allow the production industry and the trade to adapt to the new rules.

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The Council also agreed to continue, at its next meeting, its discussions on certain other outstanding questions, in particular the problem of determining average prices and weighted average prices for table wines and the acidification of certain wines.

In the same sector, the Council also adopted three Regulations relating to distillation operations concerning

- amendments relating to the distillation of wine-making by products;
- fixing of the prices to be paid, for the 1977/1978 wine-growing year, for the compulsory distillation of wine-making by-products and the maximum amount of the contribution by the EAGGF (Guarantee Section), namely:
  - = 0.57 UA/°/hl: buying-in price of wine product deliveries
  - = 0.91 UA/°/hl: alcohol price of deliveries of wine products produced from marcs
  - = 0.91 UA/°/hl: alcohol price of deliveries of wine products produced from lees
  - = 0.91 UA/°/hl: alcohol price of deliveries of wine products produced from wine
  - = maximum amount of the contribution by the EAGGF (Guarantee Section): 0.25 UA/°/hl;
- amendments to the payment arrangements for wine distillation operations.

The Council heard a statement by the French delegation on future work to be carried out in the wine sector, in particular as regards the harmonization of duties on wine, export refunds, the performance guarantee to be given to producers and quality improvement. The Council took note of the Commission representative's statements about the Commission's intentions regarding the action to be taken on the points raised.

MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURE

The Council took note of a statement by the French delegation on the problems of Mediterranean agriculture in which it indicated its intention of forwarding a general memorandum to the Council and to the Commission in the near future.

The Italian delegation also recalled that it had recently transmitted a memorandum.

The Council stressed the importance and urgency of the matter, and agreed to hold a general discussion on a date to be fixed in the next few months. It took note of the Commission's intention of submitting practical proposals in good time and will arrange the organization of its proceedings on this question at its next meeting.

POULTRY MEAT

The Council adopted an amendment to the Regulation laying down common standards for the water content of frozen and deep-frozen chickens, hens and cocks; in order to take account of certain administrative difficulties the dates for the entry into force of the Regulation in question were deferred for three months.

The Council agreed to continue its discussions of the question of a possible derogation from the Regulation for products exported to third countries which apply less stringent standards at its next meeting, after a further examination of the matter by the Commission.

CEREALS AND RICE

When examining certain proposed amendments to the Regulation on production refunds in the cereals and rice sector, the Council recorded its agreement in principle on an increase, as from 1 August 1977, in the minimum price to be paid to potato producers, thereby raising the minimum price from 172 to 175 UA/tonne, and on an increase of 17 UA/tonne for production refunds for maize starch, together with a proportional increase for other starch products.

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The Council also approved the new definition of isoglucose to be inserted in Regulation No 2742/75 on production refunds in this sector.

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ITALIAN LIRA

The Council held a brief discussion on the application of the new representative rate for the Italian lira to additional aid granted for conversion projects in the citrus-fruit sector. It took note of the Commission's intention to submit a proposal on the matter, and agreed to act on it as soon as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council took note of the following statements, together with replies by the Commission where appropriate:

- progress in the Commission's discussions on additions or amendments to be made by 31 December 1977 to the list of third countries from which Member States may authorize imports of bovine animals, swine and fresh meat (German delegation);
- the price of rice in La Réunion (French delegation);
- questions relating to pigmeat (United Kingdom delegation)
- agricultural structures (Irish delegation);
- the peach market (Italian delegation).

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The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on acceptance by the Community of parts of certain Codex standards for sugars intended for human consumption.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the protection of animals during international transport.

Furthermore the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations

- on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of skimmed-milk powder held by the intervention agencies of the other Member States;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 564/77 on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of common wheat held by the German intervention agency;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 823/68 as regards the conditions for the entry of certain cheeses under certain tariff headings;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 522/77 laying down special provisions applicable to trade in tomato concentrates and peeled tomatoes between the Community as originally constituted and the new Member States;
- determining for the 1977/1978 marketing year the threshold prices for husked rice and broken rice;
- on the certification of hops.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning employment aid for certain slaughterhouses in Northern Ireland.

The Council took note of the Commission communication concerning the final estimates for the 1975/1976 wine-growing year.



MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council authorized the Commission to open negotiations with Poland in the textile products sector, and adopted the negotiating directives for that purpose.

It also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities,

- Regulations

- = concerning import arrangements for certain textile products originating in Thailand and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 845/77 as regards Thailand and Regulation (EEC) No 1183/77;
  - = concluding the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on trade in textile products;
  - = maintaining in force the arrangements subjecting to authorization imports into Germany, the Benelux countries, France and the United Kingdom of certain knitted and crocheted articles of clothing originating in the Republic of Singapore;
  - = on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreements with the Maghreb and Mashreq countries;
  - = on the application of Decision No 2/76 of the EEC-Israel Joint Committee amending Protocol No 3 of the EEC-Israel Agreement as regards the rules of origin;
  - = on olive oil imports from Lebanon;
  - = extending the arrangements applicable to trade with the Republic of Cyprus beyond the date of expiry of the first stage of the Association Agreement;
- a Decision authorizing prolongation or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between the Member States and third countries.

Research and development

The Council formally adopted the research programme to be carried out by the Joint Research Centre for the European Atomic Energy Community and the European Economic Community (1977-1980).

This programme, for which the financial appropriation is 346 million units of account, therefore becomes operational. It will be recalled that it comprises the following aspects:

I. NUCLEAR SAFETY

(Joint programme)

1. Reactor safety

(Nuclear)

The programme comprises six projects covering the following research:

- reliability and risk assessment,
- out-of-pile and in-pile studies of accidents involving loss of coolant in light water reactors,
- liquid metal fast breeder subassembly thermohydraulics,
- core melt-down and fuel-coolant interactions,
- dynamic structure loading and response,
- prevention of structural failure in reactors.

2. Plutonium fuels and actinide research  
(Nuclear)

The programme comprises three projects covering the following research:

- utilization limits of plutonium fuels,
- plutonium and actinides aspects of the safety of the nuclear fuel cycle,
- actinide research.

3. Management of nuclear materials and radioactive waste  
(Nuclear)

The programme comprises three projects covering the following research:

- assessment of the long-term hazards of radioactive waste storage,
- chemical separation and nuclear transmutation of actinides,
- studies on reactor component decontamination.

II. FUTURE FORMS OF ENERGY  
(Joint programme)

1. Solar Energy  
(Non-nuclear)

The programme comprises three projects covering the following research:

- habitat and thermal conversion,
- European solar irradiation facility,
- orientation studies centred around direct conversion.

2. Hydrogen  
(Nuclear)

The programme comprises two projects covering the following research:

- thermo-chemical processes for the decomposition of water,
- heat source coupling.

3. Thermonuclear fusion technology  
(Nuclear)

The programme comprises the following activities:

- conceptual studies on thermonuclear fusion reactors,
- research on materials necessary for fusion, in particular on their behaviour under irradiation, and analysis of required testing methods and equipment,
- study of the problems concerning safety and the environment.

4. High-temperature materials  
(Nuclear)

The programme comprises four projects covering the following fields:

- meeting point Petten,
- the effect of the operational environment on the mechanical properties of high-temperature materials,
- failure modes of high-temperature materials,
- the relationship between structure, impurities and properties of high-temperature materials.

III. ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES

(Joint programme)(Non-nuclear)

The programme comprises four projects covering the following fields:

- atmosphere,
- water,
- chemical products,
- renewable resources.

IV. MEASUREMENTS, STANDARDS AND REFERENCE TECHNIQUES (METRE)

(Joint programme)

The programme comprises five projects covering the following fields:

- measurements of nuclear data (nuclear project),
- nuclear reference materials and techniques (nuclear project),
- non-nuclear reference materials and techniques (non-nuclear project),
- scientific support for the Commission (non-nuclear project),
- scientific support for the Secretariat of the Community Bureau of References (CBR) (non-nuclear project).

V. SERVICE AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

(Nuclear)

The programme comprises five projects covering the following activities:

(a) Joint programme

- informatics,
- training and education,
- fissile material control,
- technical evaluations in support of the Commission.

(b) Supplementary programme

- operation and utilization of the HFR reactor for programmes of the participating States. The free capacity can be placed at the disposal of the JRC without charge or of third parties in return for a fee.

INDICATIVE BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS AND STAFF

	Commitments for expenditure (in MUA)	Staff on 1.1.1977 (1)		Staff on 31.12.1980 (1)	
		Total	of which research staff	Total	of which research staff
<b>1. <u>NUCLEAR SAFETY</u></b>					
- reactor safety	77.20	564	229	531	207
- plutonium fuels and actinide research	39.29	219	121	212	117
- management of nuclear materials and radioactive waste	21.06	138	64	133	62
	<u>137.55</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>876</u>	<u>386</u>
<b>2. <u>FUTURE FORMS OF ENERGY</u></b>					
- solar energy	14.53	74	35	70	33
- hydrogen	15.33	102	50	100	50
- thermonuclear fusion technology	11.99	62	30	62	30
- high temperature materials	8.20	52	36	50	35
	<u>50.05</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>148</u>
<b>3. <u>ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES</u></b>	35.18	232	109	227	109
<b>4. <u>MEASUREMENTS, STANDARDS AND REFERENCE TECHNIQUES (METRE)</u></b>	53.37	340	175	328	170
<b>5. <u>SERVICE AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES</u></b>	33.26	241	107	234	105
<b>T O T A L</b>	309.41	2,024	956	1,947	918
OPERATION AND UTILIZATION OF THE HFR REACTOR (2)	36.59	94	42	91	41
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	346.00	2,118	998	2,038	959

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The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution concerning the Advisory Committees on Research Programme Management.

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With reference to the Commission communication of 31 December 1976 concerning the external relations of the Community in the field of research and development, the Council took note of the Commission's intention to conclude, within the framework of the International Energy Agency, the implementation Agreement relating to the development of and experiments on solar heating and cooling systems.

#### ECSC

The Council gave the assents requested by the Commission

- pursuant to Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty (housing for ECSC staff)
- pursuant to Article 56 of the ECSC Treaty (redevelopment costs for the Société Sommer Allibert, France).



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Statistics

The Council adopted the statement relating to the Communities 1977-1979 Statistics Programme.

In this statement the Council approved in principle the broad lines of the Communities 1977-1979 Statistics Programme. The individual projects will be finalized by the Commission, and if necessary the Council, committees and working parties, account being taken of the comments made by the Council regarding certain individual projects, namely

- the five-yearly enquiry which is to supplement the annual enquiry into the activities of industrial undertakings;
- enquiries into the structure and activities of haulage firms;
- **transport** indicators: arrangements for goods transport market surveys;
- enquiry into the consumption of important raw materials in the various branches of industry.

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### Appointments

The Council, acting on a proposal from the Italian Government, appointed Mr Corrado POLITI, Confederazione Generale dell' Industria Italiana, a full member of the European Social Fund to replace Mr G. RANDONE, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 28 October 1977.

The Council, acting on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, also appointed Mr T. JENKINS, T.U.C., a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr WALSH, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 16 September 1978.

Finally, acting on a proposal from the German Government, the Council appointed Mr Werner KIENAPPEL, Bundesvorstand der Industriegewerkschaft Bau - Steine - Erden, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work to replace Mr MARKS, who has died, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 4 May 1978.

### Food aid

In the context of the milk product aid programmes for 1976 and 1977 the Council recorded its agreement on emergency aid through the intermediary of the Catholic Relief Service for certain sectors of the population of Chile (3,000 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder and 2,000 tonnes of butteroil).

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VEES CETTE SEMAINE (VOIR P-65 D'HIER) OU DEJA SOUMISES AU CONSEIL  
CETTE ANNEE, TELLES QUE INTERDICTION DE LA PECHE AU HARENG DE LA  
MER DU NORD JUSQU'A FIN 1977 ET LA REPARTITION PARMIS LES ETATS  
MEMBRES DE QUOTAS DE HARENGS DANS LES AUTRES EAUX COMMUNAUTAIRES  
(OUEST DE L'IRLANDE ET DE L'ECOSSE, MER D'IRLANDE, ETC.) POUR  
LE RESTE DE L'ANNEE EN COURS.

LORS DU DERNIER CONSEIL PECHE DES 27 ET 28 JUIN, AUCUN ACCORD  
N'A PU ETRE ATTEINT SUR UNE INTERDICTION, JUSQU'A LA FIN DE 1977,  
DE LA PECHE AU HARENG DE LA MER DU NORD, A CAUSE DE L'OPPOSITI-  
ON DE TOUS LES ETATS MEMBRES A L'EXCEPTION DU ROYAUME-UNI. LA  
COMMISSION S'EST OPPOSEE AUX DEMANDES D'OCTROI DE MINI-QUOTAS  
POUR LA PECHE AU HARENG POUR LES RAISONS BIOLOGIQUES ET ECONOMI-  
QUES EXPOSEES PAR M. GUNDELACH ET REPRISES DANS LA NOTE BIO(77)  
237 SUITE 2 DU 28 JUIN. C'EST D'AILLEURS POUR CES MEMES RAISONS  
QUE LA COMMISSION, DANS SES DERNIERES PROPOSITIONS DEMANDE UNE  
PROLONGATION DE L'INTERDICTION JUSQU'A LA FIN DE 1978 ET UN  
RENFORCEMENT DES MESURES DE CONSERVATION PAR L'INTERDICTION DE  
LA PECHE INDUSTRIELLE.

COMME LA GRANDE-BRETAGNE A INTRODUIT, APRES L'ECHEC DU CONSEIL  
DES 27 ET 28 JUIN SUR CE POINT, UNE INTERDICTION UNILATERALE  
DANS SES EAUX, IL N'EST PAS EXCLU QUE LES DISCUSSIONS DES MINIS-  
TRES S'ETENDENT A CETTE MESURE. IL N'EST PAS EXCLU NON PLUS QUE  
LA DISCUSSION TOUCHE AUX CONSEQUENCES QU'IL FAUT TIRER DE L'AR-  
RET DE LA COUR DE JUSTICE DU 14.7.77 (VOIR BIO (77)261) ORDON-  
NANT A L'IRLANDE DE LEVER SES MESURES RESTRICTIVES LUNDI PROCHAIN  
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OUTRE LE HARENG, LE CONSEIL DEVRA REPREDRE LA DISCUSSION SUR LE  
REGIME INTERNE COMMUNAUTAIRE POUR LEQUEL LA COMMISSION A SOUMIS  
SES PROPOSITIONS EN SEPTEMBRE 1976 (VOIR P-75). ////

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DANS LES PROPOSITIONS DE LA COMMISSION ET DE DONNER UNE REPONSE  
AUX OBSERVATIONS QUI ONT ETE FAITES PAR LES DELEGATIONS LORS  
DU DERNIER CONSEIL.

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LES MINISTRES DE L'AGRICULTURE REPENDRONT LEURS TRAVAUX MARDI A 10 HEURES DU MATIN AVEC UNE LONGUE SERIE DE DOSSIERS TECHNIQUES CONCERNANT LE SECTEUR DU VIN (TENEUR EN SOUFRE, DISTILLATION, ETC.) TOUS CES POINTS SERONT PREPARES PAR LE COMITE SPECIAL AGRICULTURE QUI SE REUNIRA LUNDI.

POUR CE QUI CONCERNE LE SECTEUR LAITIER, LE CONSEIL ABORDERA LES PROBLEMES TECHNIQUES QUI SE POSENT DANS L'APPLICATION EN ITALIE DE LA TAXE DE CORESPONSABILITE, IL DISCUTERA DE LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION VISANT A AUGMENTER DE 10 O/O LE PRIX CAF AUQUEL LA NOUVELLE-ZELANDE PEUT LIVRER CERTAINES QUANTITES DE BEURRE ET DE FROMAGE AU ROYAUME-UNI (VOIR NOTE BIO DE LA COMMISSION D'HIER) ET POURRAIT ADOPTER, SI LES DERNIERES RESERVES BRITANNIQUES ETAIENT LEVEES, LES REGLES DE COMMERCIALISATION DES PRODUITS LAITIERS. LE ROYAUME-UNI A, JUSQU'ICI, MARQUE SON OPPOSITION A UNE PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION VISANT A REALISER UN MEILLEUR ETIQUETAGE ET, PAR CONSEQUENT, UNE MEILLEURE INFORMATION DES CONSOMMATEURS. LA RAISON PRINCIPALE DE L'OPPOSITION ETAIT LE SOUHAI BRITANNIQUE DE MAINTENIR LA DENOMINATION 'ICE-CREAM' MEME LORSQUE LES GLACES ALIMENTAIRES VENDUES SOUS CE NOM NE CONTIENNENT PAS DE PRODUITS LAITIERS. LA COMMISSION PROPOSERA AU CONSEIL D'ACCEPTER LA DEMANDE BRITANNIQUE A LA CONDITION TOUTEFOIS QUE LA DENOMINATION 'ICE-CREAM' SOIT SUIVIE DE PRECISIONS SUFFISANTES POUR INFORMER LE CONSOMMATEUR DANS LE CAS OU LE PRODUIT CONTIENT DES MATIERES GRASSES VEGETALES (P.EX. SOJA) OU NON-BUTYRIQUES (P.EX. GRAISSE PORCINE).

EN CE QUI CONCERNE LE SECTEUR DES CEREALES ET DU RIZ, LES MINISTRES DISCUTERONT, ENTRE AUTRES, DU RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION SUR LA POLITIQUE FUTURE EN MATIERE D'AMIDON (VOIR NOTE BIO COMMISSION D'HIER) ET DE LA FIXATION DES PRIX MINIMA POUR LES POMMES DE TERRE DE FECULE.

ENFIN, LA DELEGATION FRANCAISE EVOQUERA LES PROBLEMES DE L'AGRICULTURE MEDITERRANEEENNE.

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LORS DE LEUR REUNION DE LUNDI MATIN, ENTIEREMENT CONSACREE AU REGIME INTERNE DE LA PECHE, LES MINISTRES ONT DECIDE DE REPENDRE CE DOSSIER LES 24 ET 25 OCTOBRE (ET EVENTUELLEMENT LE 11 OCTOBRE) SUR LA BASE DE PROPOSITIONS CONCRETES DE LA COMMISSION, PROPOSITIONS QUE M. GUNDELACH A ANNONCEES POUR LA FIN DU MOIS DE SEPTEMBRE. CES PROPOSITIONS CONCERNERONT ENTRE AUTRES LES MESURES SPECIFIQUES DE CONSERVATION (CAPTURES ACCESSOIRES, MAILLAGE, ETC.) AINSI QUE LES MESURES STRUCTURELLES (ET LEUR FINANCEMENT) APPLICABLES A PARTIR DU 1.1.1978.

M. GUNDELACH A ANNONCE CES PROPOSITIONS DANS UN EXPOSE, FORT BIEN RECU PAR LES MINISTRES, DANS LEQUEL, APRES LES DIFFERENTES MESURES "AD HOC" QUI ONT REGLE LA PECHE JUSQU'ICI, IL A REPRIS LES IDEES DE BASE TOUT EN CLARIFIANT LA POSITION DE LA COMMISSION (VOIR PROPOSITIONS DE SEPTEMBRE 1976) ET EN REPONDANT AUX OBSERVATIONS (NOTAMMENT LA DELEGATION BRITANNIQUE) FAITES LORS DU CONSEIL DES 17 ET 18 JUIN : M. GUNDELACH A, PAR EXEMPLE, REJETE L'IDEE QUE LES CAPTURES DANS LES EAUX D'UN ETAT MEMBRE PUISSENT DETERMINER UNE PRIORITE DE CET ETAT MEMBRE DANS LA REPARTITION DE LA QUANTITE TOTALE DE POISSONS DISPONIBLES. LE TEXTE DE L'EXPOSE DE M. GUNDELACH VOUS A ETE ENVOYE PAR COURRIER EXPRESS.

~~ET APRES-MIDI, LES MINISTRES ABORDERONT LE PROBLEME DU HARENG.~~

AU DEBUT DE LEUR REUNION, LES MINISTRES AVAIENT ADOPTE UNE SUSPENSION DES DROITS DE DOUANE, JUSQU'AU 31.12.1977, SUR CERTAINES PRESENTATIONS DE HARENGS REPRISES AU TDC SOUS LES POSITIONS : EX 03.01 B II A), B II B) 7, 03.02 A I A), 03.02 A II D), 16.04 C II,

CET APRES-MIDI, LES MINISTRES ABORDERONT LE PROBLEME DU HARENG.

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MALGRE DES DEBUTS DIFFICILES, LE CONSEIL, GRACE A UN COMPROMIS DE LA COMMISSION ET A L'EXCELLENTE PRESIDENCE DU MINISTRE BELGE HUMBLLET, A PU SE METTRE D'ACCORD SUR :

1. LE REMPLACEMENT DE L'INTERDICTION BRITANNIQUE UNILATERALE DE PECHER LE HARENG EN MER DU NORD PAR UNE INTERDICTION COMMUNAUTAIRE JUSQU'AU 30 SEPTEMBRE 1977. LORS DE SA REUNION, PREVUE POUR LA FIN DU MOIS DE SEPTEMBRE, LE CONSEIL REPRENDR A LA DISCUSSION SUR UNE EVENTUELLE PROLONGATION DE L'INTERDICTION JUSQU'A LA FIN DE 1978, COMME PROPOSE PAR LA COMMISSION, OU ■■■ SUR LA ■■ FIXATION DE MINI-QUOTAS COMME L'ONT RECLAME LES DANOIS ET LES NEERLANDAIS.

2. LA FIXATION DE QUOTAS DE CAPTURE DANS LES AUTRES ZONES COMMUNAUTAIRES : OUEST DE L'ECOSSE, OUEST DE L'IRLANDE, MER DE L'IRLANDE ET OUEST DE LA MER CELTIQUE. CES QUOTAS DE HARENGS SONT VALABLES POUR L'ENSEMBLE DE L'ANNEE 1977 ET COUVRENT AU TOTAL ENVIRON 80.000 TONNES. EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'OUEST DE L'IRLANDE, LE CONSEIL A DECIDE D'INTERDIRE LA PECHE DU HARENG JUSQU'AU 1ER SEPTEMBRE DE SORTE QUE LES QUOTAS (15.000 TONNES) N'ENTRENT EN VIGUEUR QU'APRES CETTE DATE. LA PECHE ■■■■ AU HARENG DANS LA MER CELTIQUE ETAIT ET RESTE INTERDITE.

3. INTERDICTION DE LA PECHE INDUSTRIELLE : LA DELEGATION DANOISE A DEMANDE QUE CERTAINS POINTS TECHNIQUES SOIENT ENCORE EXAMINES MAIS L'ACCORD DE TOUTES LES DELEGATIONS SUR CETTE PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION, INTERDISANT ■EGALEMENT LE DEBARQUEMENT DANS LA COMMUNAUTE DE HARENGS DESTINES A DES FINS INDUSTRIELLES ET QUELLE QU'EN SOIT L'ORIGINE, EST ACQUIS. L'ADOPTION FORMELLE NE POURRA AVOIR LIEU QU'APRES AVIS DU PARLEMENT EUROPEEN.

4. L'INTERDICTION DE LA PECHE AU TACAUD NORVEGIEN : LE CONSEIL A LIMITE CETTE INTERDICTION A LA PERIODE DU 1ER SEPTEMBRE AU 15 OCTOBRE (PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION : 1ER AOUT, 31 OCTOBRE). ■■■ PENDANT CETTE PERIODE, LA COMMISSION DEMANDERA A DES EXPERTS ■ SCIENTIFIQUES ET INDEPENDANTS DE FAIRE UN RAPPORT SUR LA SITUATION DE CETTE PECHE POUR PERMETTRE AU CONSEIL DE FIXER LES ORIENTATIONS A PLUS LONG TERME.

EN CE QUI CONCERNE LES CONSEQUENCES DE L'ARRET DE LA COUR DE JUSTICE ORDONNANT A L'IRLANDE DE LEVER LES MESURES RESTRICTIVES DANS SES EAUX, L'AFFAIRE PARAIT REGLEE PAR L'INTERDICTION, JUSQU'AU

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LANDE. DE TOUTES FACONS, LA DELEGATION IRLANDAISE N'A FAIT AU-  
CUNE REFERENCE A [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] L'ARRET DE LA COUR ET N'A PAS DEMANDE D'AU-  
TRES RESTRICTIONS DE L'ACTIVITE DE LA PECHE DANS SES EAUX,

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LES MINISTRES DE L'AGRICULTURE ONT CONSACRÉ LA MATINÉE DE MARDI A UNE SÉRIE DE DOSSIERS FORT COMPLIQUÉS RELATIFS A LA DISTILLATION, L'ADJONCTION DE PRODUITS CHIMIQUES, ETC. DANS LE SECTEUR VITICOLE. LA PLUPART DES PROBLÈMES ONT ÉTÉ RÉGLÉS, CERTAINS AUTRES SERONT ABORDÉS A NOUVEAU AU MOIS DE SEPTEMBRE. PARMI LES POINTS TECHNIQUES, NOUS RETENONS UNE DÉCISION DU CONSEIL VISANT A RÉDUIRE, AVANT LE 1ER SEPTEMBRE 1981, LA TENEUR EN ANHYDRIDE SULFUREUX DES VINS SUR LA BASE D'UN RAPPORT ET DE PROPOSITIONS DE LA COMMISSION.

BEURRE ET FROMAGE NEO-ZELANDAIS :

LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION DE RÉDUIRE LE PRIX CAF DE 10 O/O (VOIR NOTE BIO COM(77) DU 15 JUILLET) A ÉTÉ RENVOYÉE AUX EXPERTS POUR ÉTUDE. LE CONSEIL PRENDRA UNE DÉCISION LORS DE SA RÉUNION DE SEPTEMBRE. LA DÉLÉGATION BRITANNIQUE AVAIT INSISTÉ POUR QU'UNE DÉCISION RAPIDE SOIT PRISE MAIS LA PLUPART DES DÉLÉGATIONS ONT SOULIGNÉ L'INOPPORTUNITÉ POLITIQUE D'UNE MESURE EN FAVEUR DES PRODUCTEURS NEO-ZELANDAIS QUI COINCIDE AVEC L'INTRODUCTION D'UN PRÉLEVEMENT DE CORESPONSABILITÉ FRAPPANT LES PRODUCTEURS COMMUNAUTAIRES A PARTIR DU MOIS DE SEPTEMBRE. IL A CÉPENDANT ÉTÉ RECONNU QU'UNE RÉVISION DES PRIX DOIT ÊTRE ÉTUDIÉE SUR LA BASE DE LA DÉCLARATION DU CONSEIL EUROPÉEN DE DUBLIN (MARS 1975).

ÉTIQUETAGE PRODUITS LAITIERS :

LA DÉNOMINATION DES ICE-CREAM NE SEMBLE PLUS POSER DE PROBLÈMES, LE COMPROMIS DE LA COMMISSION AYANT ÉTÉ ACCEPTÉ PAR LA DÉLÉGATION BRITANNIQUE. CERTAINES QUESTIONS RESTENT CÉPENDANT OUVERTES ET SERONT REPRISES CET APRES-MIDI, NOTAMMENT EN CE QUI CONCERNE D'ÉVENTUELLES PRÉSCRIPTIONS DE PRODUCTION DES PRODUITS LAITIERS.

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LE CONSEIL AGRICOLE S'EST TERMINE MARDI SOIR VERS 20 HEURES APRES  
AVOIR TRAITE DES POINTS SUIVANTS :

1. ETIQUETAGE PRODUITS LAITIERS :

LE REGLEMENT N'A PAS ETE ADOPTE. L'ICE-CREAM NE POSE PLUS DE PRO-  
BLEMES, MAIS DES DIFFICULTES SONT APPARUES LORS DE LA REDACTION  
D'UN ARTICLE PREVOYANT LA POSSIBILITE DE DEFINIR DANS L'AVENIR  
DES REGLES DE PRODUCTION ET DE COMMERCIALISATION DE PRODUITS ■  
SE SUBSTITUANT AUX PRODUITS LAITIERS (P.EX. : FROMAGES DE SOJA).  
L'AFFAIRE REVIENDRA DONC, LORS D'UN PROCHAIN CONSEIL, A L'ORDRE  
DU JOUR DES MINISTRES. MAIS, D'ORES ET DEJA, LA COMMISSION EXA-  
MINERA LA POSSIBILITE DE VENTES DE BEURRE AUX GLACIERS A DES  
PRIX REDUITS.

2. APPLICATION DE LA TAXE DE CORESPONSABILITE :

M. GUNDELACH A FAIT RAPPORT AU CONSEIL SUR L'ORGANISATION DE LA  
CONCERTATION AVEC LES ORGANISATIONS PROFESSIONNELLES. IL A FAIT  
ETAT EGALEMENT DE CERTAINES DIFFICULTES DANS L'APPLICATION DE LA  
TAXE EN ITALIE. CES DIFFICULTES DEVRONT TROUVER UNE SOLUTION  
LORS DE CONSULTATIONS QUI AURONT LIEU ENTRE LA COMMISSION ET ■■■■  
L'ITALIE.

3. AMIDON :

LE CONSEIL A FIXE A 175 UC■■■■■ LE PRIX MINIMUM QUE LES PRODUC-  
TEURS D'AMIDON DEVRONT PAYER AUX PRODUCTEURS DE POMMES DE TERRE.  
EN MEME TEMPS, IL A DECIDE D'AUGMENTER DE 14 A 17 UC LA RESTITU-  
TION A LA PRODUCTION D'AMIDON A PARTIR DE MAIS. LA COMMISSION  
N'AVAIT PAS PROPOSE CETTE DERNIERE AUGMENTATION MAIS PLUSIEURS  
DELEGATIONS ONT INSISTE SUR LA SITUATION DIFFICILE DANS CE SEC-  
TEUR. LE RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION SUR LE SECTEUR DE L'AMIDON  
(VOIR BIO COM DU 15 JUILLET) N'A PAS ENCORE ETE DISCUTE.

4. POLITIQUE AGRICOLE MEDITERRANEENNE :

APRES LES INTERVENTIONS DES DELEGATIONS FRANCAISE■ ET ITALIENNE  
SOULIGNANT L'IMPORTANCE D'UNE REVISION DE LA POLITIQUE AGRICOLE  
COMMUNE DANS LES SECTEURS QUI INTERESSENT LES REGIONS MEDITERRA-  
NEENNES, ET CECI AVANT L'ELARGISSEMENT DE LA COMMUNAUTE, LE CON-  
SEIL A DECIDE DE CONSACRER UNE OU MEME PLUSIEURS REUNIONS SPE-  
CIALES A CE PROBLEME. M. GUNDELACH A ANNONCE DES PROPOSITIONS ■■  
CONCRETES POUR L'■AUTOMNE.////

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5. SOUS LES POINTS DIVERS, L'ITALIE S'EST PLAINTÉ D'IMPORTATIONS DE PÉCHES EN PROVENANCE DE LA GRECE A DES PRIX TROP BAS (M. GUNDELACH PARTAGE LES PRÉOCCUPATIONS ITALIENNES), LA DÉLEGATION IRLANDAISE A DEMANDÉ DES PROPOSITIONS DE RÉVISION DES DIRECTIVES STRUCTURELLES (M. GUNDELACH A ANNONCÉ DES MODIFICATIONS DANS UN AVENIR PROCHAIN), LA DÉLEGATION BRITANNIQUE A, UNE FOIS DE PLUS SOULÈVÉ LE PROBLÈME DU CALCUL DES MONTANTS COMPENSATOIRES MONÉTAIRES SUR L'IRLANDE A VIANDE PORCINE (M. GUNDELACH A RAPPELÉ LES MESURES DÉJÀ PRISES EN FAVEUR DES BRITANNIQUES TOUT EN SOULIGNANT QUE CE PAYS N'A PAS TROP DE PROBLÈMES DANS CE SECTEUR) ET, ENFIN, LA DÉLEGATION FRANÇAISE A DEMANDÉ QUE L'ILE DE LA RÉUNION PUISSE IMPORTER DU RIZ A DES PRÉLEVEMENTS RÉDUITS (LA COMMISSION ÉTUDIERA CETTE DEMANDE).

6. LES MINISTRES SE RENCONTRERONT LES 12 ET 13 SEPTEMBRE A BRUXELLES DANS UN CADRE INFORMEL ET A L'INVITATION DE LA PRÉSIDENCE BELGE. CETTE RÉUNION AURA UN BUT TOURISTIQUE MAIS SERA ÉGALEMENT CONSACRÉE AU PROBLÈME DES MONTANTS COMPENSATOIRES MONÉTAIRES. LA PREMIÈRE RÉUNION NORMALE AURA LIEU LES 26 ET 27 SEPTEMBRE.

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