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- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 22 and 23 February 1982

President: Mr Leo TINDEMANS,

Minister for External Relations
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for External Relations
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER State Secretary, European Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Otto MØLLER State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrick GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Peter CORTERIER Minister of State,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Grigoris VARFIS State Secretary,
Economic Co-ordination,
responsible for relations with the
European Economic Community

France:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON Minister for Foreign Relations
Mr André CHANDERNAGOR Minister attached to the Minister
for Foreign Relations, responsible
for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr James DOOGE Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mario FIORET State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCH

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr Max van der STOEL

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr H. Van den BROEK

State Secretary, Foreign Affairs

Mr W. DIK

State Secretary, Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Humphrey ATKINS

Lord Privy Seal

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Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

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CONCILIATION WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON THE FOOD AID FRAMEWORK
REGULATION

The Council held a conciliation meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament on certain aspects of the draft framework Regulation on food aid. The European Parliament delegation was headed by Mr DANKERT, President of that Institution, and also comprised: Mr LEZZI, Mr WAWRZIK, Mr FERRERO and Mr Ch. JACKSON, members of the Committee on Development and Co-operation, Mr NOTENBOOM, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, and Mrs HOFF, Mr PRICE, Mr GOUTHIER and Mr IRMER, members of the Committee on Budgets.

The conciliation procedure covered in particular the distribution of budgetary powers between the European Parliament and the Council the powers of administration to be granted to the Commission and the nature of the Management Committee.

It was agreed in conclusion that each party would consider each other's point of view and that unofficial talks would be held between the Presidencies of the Council and the European Parliament in order to decide on further procedure which, in the general interest, should be concluded as quickly as possible.

JAPAN

The Council held a general discussion on the Commission communication concerning the Japanese authorities' reply to the general list of desiderata which the Community had submitted in December 1981.

The Council and the Commission considered that the measures announced by the Japanese Government were an encouraging sign of political awareness but that, in practical terms their effects on the development of trade would be minimal. These measures could therefore not constitute the reply the Community was entitled to expect in order to achieve more balanced trade relations, which of necessity required a fundamental and lasting change in present trade trends.

The Council in addition instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine in more detail the Commission's proposals for action and the suggestions made by different delegations during the discussion. It also invited the ECO/FIN Council to submit its opinion on those aspects of Japanese economic and monetary policy which affected trade relations with the Community.

The Council agreed to discuss future Community action at its next meeting.

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council prepared the 6th meeting of the Conference at Ministerial level on the accession of Portugal to the European Communities held on 22 February.

POLAND

1. Humanitarian aid

Referring to the conclusions of its meeting on 26 January 1982, the Council adopted a favourable position on an emergency aid action which would be implemented by the Commission, and agreed for its part ⁽¹⁾ to the proposal for the transfer of the appropriations required for this purpose. This action would make 8 MECU available to NGOs for rapid intervention to assist the most deprived sectors of the Polish population. This aid, which will be allotted by the Commission only to NGOs which give the necessary guarantees of effective distribution to the needy, will be for food products and other essential products (e.g. hygiene products, medical equipment, etc.).

2. Analysis of American measures with regard to the USSR

At its meeting on 26 January 1982 the Council had instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee - though Greece had adopted a negative position - to conduct an exchange of information and an analysis of the economic measures taken by the United States with regard to the Soviet Union in order to discover their exact scope and their impact on the economy and trade of the Member States of the Community.

⁽¹⁾ The European Parliament likewise having to give its Opinion.

The Council took note of an interim report on this subject from the Permanent Representatives Committee. It instructed the Committee to proceed on the abovementioned instructions and report back as soon as possible.

3. Commercial policy measures with regard to the USSR

The Council noted that a very large majority was in favour of a reduction in imports from the Soviet Union to be carried out on the basis of Article 113, and that the Commission would be making a proposal to that effect in the immediate future.

Greece confirmed its negative position on such a measure. Denmark entered a reservation on legal grounds on recourse to Article 113.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

The Council heard a report from the Commission, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the President of the Council on their recent visits to the United States.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY

External aspects

The Council discussed the conditions for the inclusion of a review clause in the arrangements to be negotiated for 1982 with a number of third countries and reached agreement on this subject.

Social aspects

The Council decided, subject to confirmation, on the transfer to the ECSC budget of 62 million ECU from amending budget No 2 for 1981. This transfer represented a second tranche intended for social measures in connection with the restructuring of the steel industry.

It should be noted that a first tranche of 50 million ECU for 1981 had already been approved by the Council on 7 December 1981.

COKING COAL

The Council referred back to the Permanent Representatives Committee the draft Decision concerning Community arrangements for coking coal and coke for the iron and steel industry.

EXPLOITATION AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

To guarantee the viability and credibility of Community action in the field of energy exploitation and demonstration projects, the Council decided to increase the relevant allocation by 55 MECU.

The Council agreed that the Commission would join the Member States in assessing what place projects of this type should occupy in energy policy and research policy, not only at Community level but also in each Member State.

In the light of this assessment the Council (meeting on energy in June) would adopt the necessary decisions.

MULTIANNUAL R & D PROGRAMME

The Council established that it was unable at this stage to take a decision on the multiannual R & D programme of the European Communities in the raw materials sector (1982-1985). It accordingly asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue work on the subject and to report back as soon as possible.

RUBBER

The Council, having noted that the Community had suggested an extension until 15 April 1982 of the period for ratification of the International Rubber Agreement, received assurances from the Governments of Italy and Belgium that they would employ their best endeavours, while duly respecting the prerogatives of their respective Parliaments, to see to it that their national ratification procedures were completed within the new time-limit.

TIN

Following a statement by the French delegation, the Council stated that it had at its next meeting to take a decision on the signing of the Sixth Tin Agreement and participation therein by the Community and its Member States, noting the political importance of this matter.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3306/80 as regards the definitive anti-dumping duty on mechanical alarm clocks (other than travel alarms) originating in the German Democratic Republic.

Textiles

The Council decided to sign Additional Protocols to the Agreements between the European Economic Community and certain third countries (Haiti, Guatemala, Uruguay, Bangladesh and Peru) on trade in textile products, consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community. It also authorized its President to designate the person empowered to sign on behalf of the Council of the European Communities, subject to the agreements being concluded.

GATT

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

- the Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate with Sweden reciprocal tariff concessions on cheeses;
- the Regulation on the import system applicable to certain third countries in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector in 1982.

Relations with Yugoslavia

The Council decided to sign the adaptation Protocols to the EEC-Yugoslavia Co-operation Agreement and to the ECSC-Yugoslavia Agreement following the accession of Greece to the European Communities.

It should be noted that between this signing (scheduled for the beginning of April) and the conclusion of the adaptation Protocol to the EEC-Yugoslavia Co-operation Agreement, the European Parliament will have to be consulted (Article 238 of the Treaty).

Law of the Sea

The Council examined the problems raised by preparation for the 11th session of the third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, concerning matters relating to the sea bed.

Appointments

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the French Government, Professor Jean REY, Directeur de l'U.E.R. médicale Necker, as member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training in place of Professor DORMONT for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 5 April 1982.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the French Government, Mr Alain BALLAGNY as member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency in place of Mr A. FAUSSAT, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 28 March 1983.

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BRUXELLES, LE 19 FEVRIER 1982

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CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE

RENDEZ-VOUS DE MIDI DU 19 FEVRIER 1982 (VAN DER PAS)

MATERIEL DIFFUSE

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AMITIES, N.G. VAN DER PAS

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PREPARATION CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES 22/23 FEVRIER

1. JAPON (VAN DER PAS)

IL Y AURA PROBABLEMENT UN DEBAT D'ORIENTATION SUR
L'ANALYSE QUI EST A LA BASE DES PROPOSITIONS DE LA COMMISSION
(ARTICLE 23 GATT ETC. VOIR BIO (82) 67). ON NE S'ATTEND PAS
ENCORE A DES DECISIONS, CELLES-CI DEMANDANT UNE DISCUSSION PLUS
APPROFONDIE AU NIVEAU DES EXPERTS.

2. ETATS-UNIS (VAN DER PAS)

LES MINISTRES ENTENDRONT UN RAPPORT ORAL DE LA COMMISSION ET
DE LA PRESIDENCE BELGE DU CONSEIL SUR LES DEUX MISSIONS QUI ONT
EU LIEU RECEMMENT AUX ETATS-UNIS (HAFERKAMP, DAVIGNON,
DALSAGER, POUR LA COMMISSION) / (MARTENS, TINDEMANS POUR LA
PRESIDENCE).

3. PORTUGAL (PARONE)

LUNDI MATIN LE CONSEIL FERA LE POINT SUR LES CHAPITRES DE
LA NEGOCIATION QUI FERONT L'OBJET DES TRAVAUX, A PARTIR DE
18.00 DE LA SEANCE DE NEGOCIATION AU NIVEAU MINISTERIEL.
IL S'AGIT DE CONCLURE SUR CINQ CHAPITRES DE LA NEGOCIATION:

EURATOM, MOUVEMENT DES CAPITAUX, ECOFIN, TRANSPORTS,
POLITIQUE REGIONALE.

C'EST LE "PREMIER PAQUET" DU CALENDRIER MIS AU POINT LE 25
JANVIER, LORS DE LA VISITE A BRUXELLES DU PREMIER MINISTRE
PORTUGAIS, M. FRANCISCO PINTO BALSEMAO. CE CALENDRIER AYANT
COMME OBJECTIF LA FIN DE L'ANNEE POUR LA CONCLUSION DE LA
NEGOCIATION.

4. AIDE ALIMENTAIRE (FERRATON)

LES MINISTRES AURONT AVEC UNE DELEGATION DU PARLEMENT UNE REUNION DE CONCERTATION DONT L'OBJET EST LA RECHERCHE D'UN CONSENSUS SUR UN REGLEMENT ETABLISSANT LES REGLES DE COMPETENCE ET LES PROCEDURES DE GESTION DE L'AIDE ALIMENTAIRE. LES POINTS LES PLUS CONTROVERSES SONT BIEN ENTENDU CEUX QUI CONCERNENT LES POUVOIRS RESPECTIFS DU PARLEMENT, DU CONSEIL ET DE LA COMMISSION DANS L'ENSEMBLE DES DECISIONS CONCERNANT LE VOLUME, LA REPARTITION, LA GESTION DE L'AIDE ALIMENTAIRE.

5. UNION EUROPEENNE (C. BOON)

LE POINT SERA FAIT MARDI SUR L'ETAT DU DOSSIER. L'INTENTION DE LA PRESIDENCE BELGE EST DE VOIR SI LE PASSAGE A UNE PHASE OPERATIONNELLE EST POSSIBLE OU S'IL EST ENCORE NECESSAIRE DE RECHERCHER UN CONSENSUS PLUS APPROFONDI.

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M. SANTARELLI COMEUR 14.40///"

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NOTE BIO(82)79 (SUITE 1) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES (VAN DER PAS)

JAPON

COMME ON POUVAIT S'Y ATTENDRE, AUCUNE DECISION N'A ETE PRISE.
LE CONSEIL A PARTAGE L'ANALYSE DE LA COMMISSION, PRESENTEE PAR
M. HAFERKAMP, DISANT QUE LES MESURES JAPONAISES EN VUE D'OUVRIR
DAVANTAGE LE MARCHÉ JAPONAIS SONT UN PREMIER PAS DANS LA BONNE
DIRECTION ET MONTRENT UNE PRISE DE CONSCIENCE AU JAPON DE LA
GRAVITE DU PROBLEME. IL RESTE TOUTEFOIS BEAUCOUP A FAIRE ET LA
COMMUNAUTE DOIT MAINTENIR SA PRESSION SUR LE JAPON. CE DOSSIER
A ETE RENVOYE AU COREPER ET AU COMITE 113 POUR APPROFON-
DIR LA DISCUSSION SUR LES PROPOSITIONS DE LA COMMISSION EN
VUE D'EVENTUELLES DECISIONS AU CONSEIL DU MOIS DE MARS. CE
DOSSIER 'JAPON' POURRAIT EGALEMENT ETRE EVOQUE AU PROCHAIN
CONSEIL ECOFIN, CERTAINES DELEGATIONS ETANT D'AVIS QUE LES PRO-
BLEMES COMMERCIAUX SONT AGGRAVES PAR UNE SOUSEVALUATION DU YEN.
ATTENTION DIS. LA DISCUSSION, QUI S'EST DEROULEE EN SESSION
RESTREINTE, A MONTRE QUE LA PLUPART DES DELEGATIONS VEULENT SIN-
CEREMENT EXAMINER LA PROCEDURE PREVUE A L'ARTICLE 23 DU GATT
AINSI QUE LA PROPOSITION VISANT A REDUIRE LES RESTRICTIONS A
L'IMPORTATION SUBSISTANT DANS QUELQUES ETATS MEMBRES EN ECHANGE
D'UNE MODERATION DES EXPORTATIONS JAPONAISES. LA FRANCE, APPUYEE
PAR L'ITALIE, ESTIME CEPENDANT QU'IL FAUT ALLER AU-DELA
DE L'ARTICLE 23 ET ENVISAGER IMMEDIATEMENT DES MESURES, DANS LE
CADRE DU GATT, CONTRE LES EXPORTATIONS JAPONAISES. SELON CES
DELEGATIONS IL N'Y A PAS LIEU D'OFFRIR, A L'HEURE ACTUELLE, UNE
REDUCTION DE RESTRICTIONS NATIONALES. FIN DIS.

ETATS UNIS

LES MINISTRES ONT ENTENDU LES RAPPORTS QUE M. HAFERKAMP, M.
TINDEMANS ET MME. FLESCHE ONT PRESENTES SUR LEURS RECENTES VISITES
AUX ETATS UNIS. PAS DE DISCUSSION, PAS DE CONCLUSION.

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CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU 22.2.1982 (H. FERRATON)

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CONCERTATION AVEC UNE DELEGATION DE L ASSEMBLEE SUR LA POLITIQUE
D AIDE ALIMENTAIRE.

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L OBJET DE CETTE CONCERTATION ETAIT DE PARVENIR A UN ACCORD
ENTRE LE CONSEIL ET LE PARLEMENT SUR UN PROJET DE REGLEMENT
FIXANT LES MODALITES SELON LESQUELLES SONT PRISES LES DECISIONS
EN MATIERE D AIDE ALIMENTAIRE ET PLUS PARTICULIEREMENT LES
POUVOIRS RESPECTIFS DU CONSEIL, DE LA COMMISSION ET DU PARLEMENT.
LA DELEGATION DE L ASSEMBLEE CONDUITE PAR SON PRESIDENT,
M. DANKERT, A PLAIDE COMME L'ON POUVAIT S'Y ATTENDRE EN FAVEUR
D UNE PLUS GRANDE DELEGATION DE POUVOIRS A LA COMMISSION, SEULE
RESPONSABLE DE LA GESTION DE L AIDE, ET D UNE LIMITATION DES
CAS DANS LESQUELS LE CONSEIL DECIDE A L UNANIMITE. LES
PARLEMENTAIRES NE SE SONT PAS PRIVES DE CRITIQUER LA LOURDEUR
DES PROCEDURES ACTUELLES ET LES LENTEURS QU ELLE ENTRAINE DANS
LA MISE EN OEUVRE DES AIDES, SE REFERANT NOTAMMENT AU RAPPORT
RECENT DE LA COUR DES COMPTES. LA COMMISSION QUI SE REFUSE A
ETRE "UN SIMPLE EXPEDITIONNAIRE" DES DECISIONS DU CONSEIL A
RAPPELE POUR SA PART SON OPPOSITION AU PRINCIPE DE L UNANIMITE.
LES MINISTRES SE SONT BORNES A ENREGISTRER LES OBSERVATIONS
EMISES, LA SUITE DE LA PROCEDURE DEVANT ETRE DETERMINEE APRES
CONTACTS OFFICIEUX ENTRE LES INSTITUTIONS.

NEGOCIATIONS AVEC LE PORTUGAL

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LA SIXIEME SESSION MINISTERIELLE DE NEGOCIATION AVEC LE PORTUGAL
S EST ACHEVEE HIER SOIR PAR UN ACCORD SUR UNE PREMIERE SERIE DE
POINTS DE SUBSTANCE. QUATRE CHAPITRES SONT AINSI, EN PRINCIPE,
CLOS : MOUVEMENT DE CAPITAUX, TRANSPORTS, POLITIQUE REGIONALE,
EURATOM. CE RESULTAT A ETE QUALIFIE PAR LA COMMISSION DE "COUP
D ENVOI DE LA PHASE FINALE DE LA NEGOCIATION". LA DELEGATION
PORTUGAISE, DIRIGEE PAR M. SAGUEIRA, MINISTRE DE L INDUSTRIE ET
DU PLAN, Y VOIT UN PAS DECISIF VERS LA CONCLUSION DES NEGOCIATIONS
AVANT LA FIN DE L ANNEE. ELLE A SOUHAITE A CET EFFET QUE LES
TRAVAUX SE POURSUIVENT A UN RYTHME SOUTENU ET SOULIGNE L IM-
PORTANCE QU ELLE ACCORDE A CE QUE DES PROGRES SOIENT ENREGISTRES
DANS LES DOMAINES FONDAMENTAUX DE L AGRICULTURE ET DE L UNION
DOUANIERE. IL A ETE CONVENU QU UNE SESSION MINISTERIELLE AU MOINS
SE TIENDRAIT AVANT L ETE, UNE SESSION SUPPLEMENTAIRE POUVANT
ETRE CONVOQUEE PLUS TOT SI L AVANCEMENT DES DOSSIERS LE PERMET.
■(10.00 HEURES)■.

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M. SANTARELLI COMEUR
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M. SANTARELLI

Bruxelles, le 24 fevrier 1982

LA BIO (82) 79 (suite 4 et fin) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX,
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE

CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

VOLET SOCIAL (J. ROBINSUN)

Les discussions sur le volet social qui se sont poursuivies au déjeuner semblent avoir abouti a un engagement de la part du ministre allemand Genscher, comme quoi ce dernier recommanderait au gouvernement de Bonn d'accepter les propositions de la Commission pour le financement du volet social (decision du Conseil pour le transfert du budget CEE au budget CECA, l'art. 235, etc. etc).

LA TURQUIE (K. VAN DER PAS)

Il a ete decide dans le cadre de la cooperation politique que le President en exercice du Conseil, M. Tindemans, se rendra a Ankara (date a determiner) pour exprimer au gouvernement turc la preoccupation des Dix quant a la situation politique en Turquie. M. Tindemans insistera a nouveau sur un retour rapide a la democratie ainsi que sur le respect des droits de l'homme.

AFGHANISTAN (K. VAN DER PAS)

Toujours dans le cadre de la cooperation politique, les ministres ont eu un echange de vues sur la situation en Afghanistan. Ils ont decide d'appuyer l'initiative du PE declarant le 21 mars "jour d'Afghanistan". Les Dix feront une declaration ce jour-la.

POLOGNE (K. VAN DER PAS)

Voici le texte du communique de presse du Conseil concernant les mesures commerciales a l'egard de l'URSS: "Le Conseil a constate qu'une tres large majorite s'est prononcee en faveur d'une reduction des importations en provenance d'Union Sovietique a effectuer sur la base de l'art. 113 et que la Commission fera dans les delais les plus brefs une proposition a cet effet. La Grece a confirme sa position negative a une telle mesure. Le Danemark a emi une reserve d'ordre juridique sur le recours a l'art. 113".

La Commission discutera aujourd'hui de ce dossier et pourrait prendre une decision sur sa proposition. Celle-ci sera discutee prochainement par le COREPER, qui, en cas d'accord, pourrait l'adopter par procedure ecrite. En attendant la proposition de la Commission, nous avons refuse tout commentaire sur son contenu possible.

Amities,

M. Santarelli COMEUR 10h00/11

