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### THE HIGH AUTHORITY

#### DECISIONS

DECISION No. 11/56, of March 7, 1956, concerning authorization of the joint selling of iron and steel products by the Union Commerciale de Sidérurgie ("UCOSIDER")

#### THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Article 65 and 80 of the Treaty;

WHEREAS the following iron and steel enterprises:

the Société Anonyme Cockerill-Ougrée, Seraing,

the Société Anonyme des Laminoirs, Hauts-Fourneaux, Forges, Fonderies et Usines de la Providence, Marchienne-au-Pont,

the Société Anonyme des Aciéries et Minières de la Sambre, Monceausur-Sambre,

the Société Anonyme Minière et Métallurgique de Rodange, Rodange,

the Société Anonyme des Laminoirs d'Anvers, Schooten, near Antwerp,

all enterprises within the meaning of Article 80 of the Treaty, on September 15, 1955, applied, in accordance with Article 65, 2 of the Treaty, for the authorization of the joint selling of a substantial part of their production;

WHEREAS such joint selling, by the terms of the draft articles of association submitted to the High Authority on December, 1955, will be carried out by a new organization to be known as the Union Commerciale de Sidérurgie ("UCOSIDER"), with head-offices in Brussels;

WHEREAS, by the terms of these agreements, the main features of the joint-selling scheme will be as follows:

- (a) UCOSIDER to have the exclusive selling rights in respect of certain products and certain buyers,
- (b) orders to be allocated on a quota basis,
- (c) a uniform sales and price policy to be laid down in respect of products sold by UCOSIDER,
- (d) all products to be sold by UCOSIDER from a common basingpoint, and transport costs to be equalized according to the geographical position of the supplier enterprise,
- (e) UCOSIDER to respect directives issued by member enterprises as to prices and terms of payment, confirmation of orders and invoicing,
- (f) each member enterprise to have the right to withdraw at one year's notice.

WHEREAS the member enterprises sell in all 2,400,000 metric tons of iron and steel products, of which 800,000 go to third countries and 1,600,000 to the Common Market;

WHEREAS of these 1,600,000 metric tons the enterprises sell 600,000 direct, so that the quantity to be sold jointly by UCOSIDER is approximately 1,000,000 metric tons;

WHEREAS these 1,000,000 metric tons represent in all approximately 3.25% of the sales of iron and steel products by Community enterprises within the Common Market, and whereas the proportion exceeds 5% in respect of only two of the products in question, viz. hoop and strip (6.19%) and wire-rod (8.31%);

WHEREAS, accordingly, the corpus of arrangements proposed constitutes an agreement within the meaning of Article 65, 1 of the Treaty, inasmuch as they tend to restrict the normal operation of competition among the parties concerned, principally by means of understandings on prices and the allocation of orders on a quota basis;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding, the arrangements can be authorized under Article 65, 2 of the Treaty, inasmuch as, by grouping a number of tonnages and ranges of iron and steel products in a single comprehensive sales programme, the joint selling scheme will contribute to a substantial improvement in distribution:

WHEREAS, moreover, the arrangements are not more restrictive than is necessary for the purpose;

WHEREAS, however, two of the enterprises concerned in the joint-selling scheme, Cockerill-Ougrée and La Providence, also control other enterprises and works not selling jointly through UCOSIDER, viz.

- (a) The S.A. Cockerill-Ougré, Seraing, controls the Société Anonyme des Hauts-Fourneaux de la Chiers, whose products are not marketed by UCOSIDER,
- (b) La Providence, Marchienne-au-Pont, owns two groups of works in France, at Rehon, Meurthe-et-Moselle, and Hautmont, Nord, whose products, with the exception of approximately 35,000 metric tons of hoop and strip, are not marketed by UCOSIDER;

WHEREAS it is, accordingly, necessary to verify whether and to what extent, by reason of these particular circumstances, the influence exerted on the market by the enterprises covenanting to sell jointly through UCOSIDER is greater than that of those enterprises and works together would ordinarily be;

WHEREAS, however, in view of conditions in the markets, and more particularly of locational differences and of the traditional sales connexions of the enterprises and works concerned, the production, sales and price policy of the five member enterprises of UCOSIDER is not of a nature to influence the enterprises and works not belonging to UCOSIDER but controlled by Cockerill-Ougrée and La Providence;

WHEREAS, in view of all these circumstances, and in consideration more particularly of the tonnages sold by UCOSIDER in the Common Market in relation to those so sold by other enterprises, and of the traditional sales

connexions of the enterprises concerned in the joint-selling scheme, these arrangements are not of a nature to give those enterprises the power to determine prices, or to control or limit the production or selling of a substantial part of the products in question within the Common Market;

#### **DECIDES:**

#### Article 1

- (1) The joint selling of iron and steel products manufactured by
  - (a) Cockerill-Ougrée,
  - (b) La Providence,
  - (c) Aciéries et Minières de la Sambre,
  - (d) Minières et Métallurgique de Rodange,
  - (e) Laminoirs d' Anvers,

by the Union Commerciale de Sidérurgie (UCOSIDER), is hereby authorized.

(2) This authorization shall be in respect only of the arrangements embodied in the application submitted on September 15, 1955, and the draft agreements submitted on December 1, 1955.

#### Article 2

This decision shall come into force upon notification to the enterprises concerned.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on March 7, 1956.

For the High Authority, RENÉ MAYER,

President.

DECISION No. 16/56, of March 28, 1956, concerning the authorization of zone-delivered prices for the Houillères du Bassin de la Loire

#### THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Section 24 of the Convention;

WHEREAS, in view of the present state of affairs in regard to the flow of trade, and of the prohibition contained in Decision No. 6/54, of March 19, 1954 (Official Gazette of the Community, March 24, 1954, p. 2521), of any alignment, in respect of coal sales with the delivered prices charged by competing enterprises, there is a risk that certain prices may rise so steeply and abruptly as to have harmful repercussions if the Houillères du Bassin de la Loire are not authorized to charge zone-delivered prices;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This reference applies to the German, French, Italian and Dutch editions of the Official Gazette of the European Coal and Steel Community, published in Luxembourg.

#### **DECIDES:**

#### Article 1

The Houillères du Bassin de la Loire are hereby authorized to grant rebates on their schedule prices, such rebates in respect of any selling zone and/or grade not to exceed the amounts shown in the following table:

1. Fines sèches ou lavées, first quality:

Zone A

Departments of Ain, Aisne, Allier, Alpes-Maritimes, Alpes (Basses), Alpes (Hautes), Ardennes, Aube, Bouches-du-Rhône, Calvados, Côtes-du-Nord, Côte-d'Or, Charente, Charente-Maritime, Cher, Creuse, Deux-Sèvres, Dordogne, Doubs, Eure, Eure-et-Loir, Finistère, Gers, Gironde, Ille-et-Vilaine, Indre, Indre-et-Loire, Isère, Jura, Landes, Loiret, Loir-et-Cher, Loire-Inférieure, Lotet-Garonne, Maine-et-Loire, Manche, Marne, Marne (Haute), Mayenne, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Meuse, Morbihan, Moselle, Nièvre, Nord, Oise, Orne, Pas-de-Calais, Pyrénées (Basses). Pyrénées (Hautes), Rhin (Bas), Rhin (Haut), Rhône, Saône-et-Loire, Saône (Haute), Sarthe, Savoie, Savoie (Haute), Seine, Seine-Inférieure, Seine-et-Marne, Seine-et-Oise, Somme, Territoire de Belfort, Var, Vendée, Vienne, Vienne (Haute), Vosges, Yonne,

Ffr. 150 per metric ton.

#### 2. Boulets

Zone B

Departments of Allier, Ain, Jura, Saône-et-Loire.

Ffr. 100 per metric ton.

Zone C

Department of Haute-Savoie

Ffr. 50 per metric ton

#### Article 2

This decision shall come into force within the Community on April 1, 1956, and shall cease to have effect not later than March 31, 1957.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on March 28, 1956.

For the High Authority,

RENÉ MAYER.

President.

# DECISION No. 17/56, of March 28, 1956, concerning the authorization of zone-delivered prices for the Houillères du Bassin de Blanzy

#### THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Section 24 of the Convention;

WHEREAS, in view of the present state of affairs in regard to the flow of trade, and of the prohibition contained in Decision No. 6/54, of March 19, 1954 (Official Gazette of the Community, March 24, 1954, p. 2521), of any alignment, in respect of coal sales with the delivered prices charged by competing enterprises, there is a risk that certain prices may rise so steeply and abruptly as to have harmful repercussions if the Houillères du Bassin de Blanzy are not authorized to charge zone-delivered prices;

#### **DECIDES:**

#### Article 1

The Houillères du Bassin de Blanzy are hereby authorized to grant rebates on their schedule prices, such rebates in respect of any selling zone and/or grade not to exceed the amounts shown in the following table:

#### 1. Charbons flambants:

#### Zone A

Departments of Sarthe, Indre-et-Loire, Maine-et-Loire, Loire-Inférieure, Vendée, Vienne, Deux-Sèvres, Charente, Charente-Maritime

Ffrs. 300 per metric ton.

#### 2. Boulets:

#### Zone B

In the department of Côte-d'Or:

arrondissement of Montbard.

In the department of Nièvre:

arrondissement of Clamecy, districts of Cosne and Pouilly-sur-Loire.

In the department of Cher:

Sancerre, Vierzon and the northern part of the department.

Ffr. 200 per metric ton.

#### Zone C

Departments of Doubs and Haute-Saône, the Territoire de Belfort.

In the department of Yonne:

arrondissement of Avallon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This reference applies to the German, French, Italian and Dutch editions of the Official Gazette of the European Coal and Steel Community, published in Luxembourg.

In the department of Loiret:

Districts of Gien, Briare and Châtillon-sur-Loire.

Departments of Indre, Haute-Vienne, Charente and Charente-Maritime.

Ffrs. 300 per metric ton.

Zone D

Departments of Haute-Marne, Aube, Yonne (exclusive of the arrondissement of Avallon),

Loiret (exclusive of the districts of Gien, Briare and Châtillon-sur-Loire), Loire-et-Cher, Indre-et-Loire, Vienne and deux-Sèvres, and all departments north of those listed, with the exception of Seine-et-Oise.

Ffr. 500 per metric ton.

Zone E

Departments of Seine and Seine-et-Oise.

Ffr. 650 per metric ton.

#### Article 2

This decision shall come into force within the Community on April 1, 1956, and shall cease to have effect not later than March 31, 1957.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on March 28, 1956.

For the High Authority,

RENÉ MAYER.

President.

DECISION No. 18/56, of March 28, 1956, concerning the authorization of zone-delivered prices for the Houillères du Bassin d'Aquitaine

#### THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Section 24 of the Convention;

WHEREAS, in view of the present state of affairs in regard to the flow of trade, and of the prohibition contained in Decision No. 6/54, of March 19, 1954 (Official Gazette of the Community, March 24, 1954, p. 2521), of any alignment, in respect of coal sales with the delivered prices charged by competing enterprises, there is a risk that certain prices may rise so steeply and abruptly as to have harmful repercussions if the Houillères du Bassin d'Aquitaine are not authorized to charge zone-delivered prices;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This reference applies to the German, French, Italian and Dutch editions of the Official Gazette of the European Coal and Steel Community, published in Luxembourg.

#### **DECIDES:**

#### Article 1

The Houillères du Bassin d'Aquitaine are hereby authorized to grant rebates on their schedule prices, such rebates in respect of any selling zone and/or grade not to exceed the amounts shown in the following table:

#### 1. All grades except "Carmonoix"

	Gailletin ' Noisettes		Other grades except
	from department of Aveyron	from department of Tarn	low-grade products and "Carmonoix"
Zone A  Departments of Charente-Maritime, Gironde and Basses- Pyrénéees (arrondissement of Bayonne)	Ffr. 200 per metric ton	Ffr. 100 per metric ton	Ffr. 100 per metric ton
Zone B  Departments of Deux - Sèvres, Vienne, Charente, Landes Basses- Pyrénéees (excl. arrondissement of Bayonne), Hautes-Pyrénées, Lot-et-Garonne (arrondissement of Marmande Nérac) and Dordogne (arrondissement of Périgueux, Bergerac, Nontron)	Ffr. 100 per metric ton	Ffr. 100 per metric ton	Ffr. 100 per metric ton
2. "Carmonoix"  Zone C  Departments of Haute-Garonne, Ariège, Pyrénées - Orientales, Aude, Hérault, Tarn, Tarn-et- Garonne, Aveyron, Gard, Lozère, Lot, Corrèze, Haute-Loire, Cantal, Puy-de-Dôme, Hautes-Pyrénées, Basses-Pyrénées, Gers, Landes, Gironde, Lot-et-Garonne, Dor- dogne, Charente - Inférieure, Charente, Haute-Vienne, Vendée, Vienne, Deux-Sèvres, Creuse, Indre, Cher, Nièvre, Allier, Loire, Saône - et - Loire, Rhône, Ain, Isère, Haute - Savoie, Savoie, Ardèche, Drôme, Hautes-Alpes, Vaucluse, Basses-Alpes			
Zone D Other Departments		Ffr. 300 per metric ton	

#### Article 2

This decision shall come into force within the Community on April 1, 1956, and shall cease to have effect not later than March 31, 1957.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on March 28, 1956.

For the High Authority,

RENÉ MAYER.

President.

# DECISION No. 19/56, of March 28, 1956, concerning the authorization of zone-delivered prices for the Houillères du Bassin de l'Auvergne

#### THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Section 24 of the Convention:

WHEREAS, in view of the present state of affairs in regard to the flow of trade, and of the prohibition contained in Decision No. 6/54, of March 19, 1954 (Official Gazette of the Community, March 24, 1954, p. 2521), of any alignment, in respect of coal sales with the delivered prices charged by competing enterprises, there is a risk that certain prices may rise so steeply and abruptly as to have harmful repercussions if the Houillères du Bassin de l'Auvergne are not authorized to charge zone-delivered prices;

#### **DECIDES:**

#### Article 1

The Houillères du Bassin de l'Auvergne are hereby authorized to grant rebates on their schedule prices, such rebates in respect of any selling zone and/or grade not to exceed the amounts shown in the following table:

		Sa (	Iouille int-Ele classés and 3	oy s	Boulets Messeix 45 grs.	Boulets Messeix 30 grs. spéc.	Boulets Brassac 60 grs.
Departments of Haute-Vienne .					Ffr. 100 per	Ffr. 100 per	Ffr. 300 per
Indre, Cher, Nièv	re				metric ton. Ffr. 300 per metric ton.	metric ton. Ffr. 300 per metric ton.	metric ton. Ffr. 300 per metric ton.
Indre-et-Loire .			_		Ffr. 300 per metric ton.	Ffr. 500 per metric ton.	Ffr. 500 per metric ton.
Loir-et-Cher .					Ffr. 400 per metric ton.	Ffr. 500 per metric ton.	Ffr. 500 per
Maine-et-Loire .	•••				Ffr. 300 per metric ton.	Ffr. 500 per metric ton.	metric ton. Ffr. 500 per metric ton.
Sarthe, Loiret .	•••			Ffr. 500 per metric ton.	Ffr. 500 per metric ton.	Ffr. 500 per metric ton.	
Vienne			300		— —	——————————————————————————————————————	Ffr. 300 per
Deux-Sèvres .	••	metric ton.		_	_	metric ton. Ffr. 300 per metric ton.	
Charente		Ffr. met	300 ric to	per n.	_	_	

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#### Article 2

This decision shall come into force within the Community on April 1, 1956, and shall cease to have effect not later than March 31, 1957.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on March 28, 1956.

For the High Authority,

RENÉ MAYER.

President.

# DECISION No. 20/56, of March 28, 1956, concerning the authorization of zone-delivered prices for the Houillères du Bassin du Dauphiné

#### THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Section 24 of the Convention;

WHEREAS, in view of the present state of affairs in regard to the flow of trade, and of the prohibition contained in Decision No. 6/54, of March 19, 1954 (Official Gazette of the Community, March 24, 1954, p. 2521), of any alignment, in respect of coal sales with the delivered prices charged by competing enterprises, there is a risk that certain prices may rise so steeply and abruptly as to have harmful repercussions if the Houillères du Bassin du Dauphiné are not authorized to charge zone-delivered prices;

#### **DECIDES:**

#### Article 1

The Houillères du Bassin du Dauphiné are hereby authorized to grant rebates on their schedule prices, such rebates in respect of any selling zone and/or grade not to exceed the amounts shown in the following table:

"Antralux" Nos. 2 and 3, Boulets, Boulets Industriels

#### Zone A

Department of Isère, exclusive of La Mine and environs, and exclusive of the stations of Saint-Maurice-en-Trièves, L'Albenc, Voiron and Pontcharra-sur-Bréda

Ffr. 200 per metric ton

Zone B

Departments of Savoie and Hautes-Alpes ... Ffr. 400 per metric ton

Zone C

Other departments, exclusive of Isère ... Ffr. 600 per metric ton

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#### Article 2

This decision shall come into force within the Community on April 1, 1956, and shall cease to have effect not later than March 31, 1957.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on March 28, 1956.

For the High Authority,

RENÉ MAYER,

President.

DECISION No. 21/56, of March 28, 1956, concerning the authorization of zone-delivered prices for the Houillères du Bassin des Cévennes

#### THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Section 24 of the Convention;

WHEREAS, in view of the present state of affairs in regard to the flow of trade, and of the prohibition contained in Decision No. 6/54, of March 19, 1954 (Official Gazette of the Community, March 24, 1954, p. 2521), of any alignment, in respect of coal sales with the delivered prices charged by competing enterprises, there is a risk that certain prices may rise so steeply and abruptly as to have harmful repercussions if the Houillères du Bassin des Cévennes are not authorized to charge zone-delivered prices;

#### **DECIDES:**

#### Article 1

(1) The Houillères du Bassin des Cévennes are hereby authorized in selling their patent fuels to grant standard rebates on their schedule prices in respect of

boulets "Deux Barres,"
Ovoïdes "Tribar" and "Agglorex,"

in each of the selling zones specified in paragraph 2 below, the maximum rebates allowable to be those which will align their delivered prices in those zones with the delivered prices of comparable fuels from the Bassin du Nord et du Pas-de-Calais.

(2) The selling zones shall be as follows:

Zone A

Departments of Gard, Hérault, Ardèche-Sud (including Rochemaure), Aude, Pyrénées-Orientales, Lozère (including Pradelles), Vaucluse, Drôme-Sud (including Montélimar), Bouches-du-Rhône, Var, Alpes-Maritimes, Basses-Alpes, Aveyron and Tarn.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This reference applies to the German, French, Italian and Dutch editions of the Official Gazette of the European Coal and Steel Community, published in Luxembourg.

#### Zone B

Departments of Haute-Garonne (including Loures-Barousse and Saléchan), Ariège, Tarn-et-Garonne and Lot.

#### Zone C

Departments of Haute-Loire (exclusive of Pradelles), Ardèche-Nord, Drôme-Nord, Hautes-Alpes, Isère (the area to the south of the line La Tour du Pin-Vienne, but exclusive of these two points), Puy-de-Dôme (including the line from Saint-Alyre to Courpière), Dordogne, Lot-et-Garonne, Gers and Hautes-Pyrénées.

#### Zone D 1

Departments of Savoie and Haute-Savoie (exclusive of the area between the line from Valleiry to Saint-Gingolph and that from Annemasse to Sixt).

#### Zone D 2

Departments of Gironde, Charente, Charente-Maritime, Basses-Pyrénées and Landes.

#### Zone E

Departments of Cantal, Corrèze, Puy-de-Dôme, Isère northern portion (including Aoste, La Tour du Pin and Vienne and the area to the north of the line between them) and Haute-Savoie northern portion (including the lines from Valleiry to Saint-Gingolph and from Annemasse to Sixt).

#### Zone F 1

Departments of Loire, Rhône, Ain, Creuse, Allier, Saône-et-Loire, Jura and Doubs.

#### Zone F 2

Departments of Haute-Vienne, Vienne and Deux-Sèvres.

#### Zone G

Other departments.

#### Article 2

This decision shall come into force within the Community on April 1, 1956, and shall cease to have effect not later than March 31, 1957.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on March 28, 1956.

For the High Authority,

RENÉ MAYER,

President.

## THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

# FINANCIAL YEAR 1955-56

## SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

#### MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS

#### MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1956

M. PELLA, President, in the Chair. The Sitting was opened at 3.30 p.m.

#### OPENING OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The President declared the second Extraordinary Session of the financial year 1955-56 open.

#### SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

The Assembly noted that Reports Nos. 5, 5a, 6 and 7 had been tabled.

#### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

On the proposal of the Committee of Presidents, the Assembly fixed the agenda for the Sittings of the Session as follows:

In the afternoon, a statement by M. Paul-Henri SPAAK, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee set up by the Messina Conference.

The following afternoon (Wednesday), at 3 o'clock,

- (1) examination of credentials;
- (2) election of a Vice-President;
- (3) appointment of committee members;
- (4) statement by M. MOTZ on behalf of the Working Party;
- (5) introduction of the preliminary Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS on the economic integration of Europe;
- (6) debate on the Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS.

Thursday morning at 10.30,

debate on the Report by M. MARGUE on the expenditure of the Common Assembly, introduced by M. FOHRMANN on behalf of the Bureau of the Assembly.

Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock,

- (1) if necessary, conclusion of the debate on the Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS;
- (2) introduction of and debate on the preliminary Report by M. WIGNY on energy problems in Europe.

Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock,

conclusion of the Report by M. WIGNY and end of the Session.

Should the debate on the draft Budget Estimates of the expenditure of the Assembly not have been concluded on Thursday morning, the President would propose a date for its continuation.

#### STATEMENT BY M. PAUL-HENRI SPAAK.

President of the Intergovernmental Committee set up by the Messina Conference.

#### AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Assembly fixed its next Sitting for 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, with the following agenda:

- (1) examination of credentials;
- (2) election of a Vice-President;
- (3) appointment of committee members;
- (4) statement by M. MOTZ on behalf of the Working Party;
- (5) introduction of, and debate on the preliminary Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS on the economic integration of Europe.

The Sitting was closed at 5.25 p.m.

#### MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1956

M. PELLA, President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 3.10 p.m.

#### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

#### **EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS**

The following were admitted as members of the Common Assembly:
MM. CAILLAVET, CHARLOT, COULON, CROUZIER, GOZARD,
LAPIE de MENTHON, MUTTER, PLEVEN and TEITGEN.

#### ELECTION OF A VICE-PRESIDENT

M. VANRULLEN was appointed Vice-President of the Common Assembly, by general acclamation.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following were nominated and confirmed as members of

(1) the Common Market Committee:

MM. CAILLAVET, CROUZIER and LAPIE;

(2) the Committee on Investments, Financial Questions and Production Development:

MM. COULON, MUTTER and de MENTHON;

(3) the Social Affairs Committee:

MM. CHARLOT, PLEVEN and TEITGEN:

(4) the Committee on Political Affairs and the External Relations of the Community:

MM. GOZARD and TEITGEN;

(5) the Transport Committee:

M. MUTTER;

(6) the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly:

M. CHARLOT;

(7) the Committee on Legal Questions, the Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly, Petitions and Immunities:

M. CROUZIER:

(8) the Working Party:

MM. CAILLAVET, COULON, GOZARD, MUTTER and de MENTHON.

Tribute to those condemned to death in the Belgian Senate-House during the First World War.

Speaker: M. KREYSSIG.

#### STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE WORKING PARTY

Speaker: M. MOTZ, Chairman of the Working Party.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AND DEBATE ON DOCUMENT No. 7,

the preliminary Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS on the economic integration of Europe.

Speakers: MM. Van der GOES van NATERS, Rapporteur, and PUENDER.

M. VIXSEBOXSE, Vice-President, took the place of M. PELLA, President, in the Chair.

M. VIXSEBOXSE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Speakers: MM. NEDERHORST, MUTTER, POHLE and MARGUE.

#### AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Assembly fixed its next Sitting for Thursday, March 15, with the following agenda:

10.30 a.m.

(1) debate on the Report by M. MARGUE on the expenditure of the Common Assembly (Documents Nos. 5 and 5a);

(2) if necessary, continuation of the debate on the Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS (Document No. 7).

3 p.m.

- (1) continuation of the debate on the Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS:
- (2) introduction of and debate on the preliminary Report by M. WIGNY on energy problems in Europe (Document No. 6).

The Sitting was closed at 6.15 p.m.

#### MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1956

M. PELLA, President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 10.15 a.m.

#### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

#### DEBATE

on the Report on behalf of the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly on the draft Budget Estimates of the expenditure of the Common Assembly for the fifth financial year, 1956-57 (Rapporteur M. MARGUE; Documents Nos. 5 and 5a).

Speakers: MM. FOHRMANN, Vice-President, and MARGUE, Rapporteur.

#### LIST OF SPEAKERS

Speaker: M. STRUYE.

The Assembly decided to close forthwith the list of speakers to the Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS, and to close the list of speakers to the Report by M. WIGNY at 5 p.m., apart from speakers wishing to reply to remarks already made.

#### RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the draft Budget Estimates of the expenditure of the Common Assembly for the financial year 1956-57.

Speaker: M. STRUYE.

M. PÜNDER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Speakers: MM. CARON, KREYSSIG and MARGUE, Rapporteur.

The general debate was closed.

M. POHER spoke to Sub-head 22.

The Assembly fixed the Budget Estimates of its expenditure for the financial year 1956-57 as follows:

Sub-Head	Description	Appropriations
10 11 12 13	HEAD I: SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND SOCIAL CHARGES Delegates to the Common Assembly Staff Overtime pay and temporary staff Expenses and allowances on assumption and relinquishment of duties	28,576,000.— 8,880,000.— 1,458,500.—
	Total under Head I	38,914,500.—
20 21 22 23 24 25 26	HEAD II: OPERATION OF SERVICES  Expenditure in connexion with buildings, furniture, equipment and installations  Purchase of furniture and equipment  Miscellaneous expenditure on operation of services Expenditure on publications and information  Official mission expenses; travelling and subsistence allowances in connexion with meetings and conferences; experts' fees  Reception and entertainment expenses  Expenditure not otherwise included under this Head	3,877,000.— 670,000.— 3,712,000.— 3,500,000.— 9,122,000.— 250,000.— token
20	Total under Head II	21,131,000.—
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37	HEAD III: MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE  Committee of Presidents	token token 25,000.— 2,700,000.— 200,000.— 300,000.— token 30,000.—
	Total under Head III	3,285,000.—
token	Total Ordinary Expenditure  HEAD IV: Extraordinary Expenditure token  Total under Head IV	63,330,500.—
50	HEAD V: APPROPRIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 78,5 OF THE TREATY Appropriations under Article 78,5 of the Treaty  Total under Head V	12,000,000.— 12,000,000.—
	Grand Total	75,330,500.—

#### RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the preliminary Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS (Document No. 7).

Speakers: MM. DEHOUSSE, CARBONI and FURLER.

The Sitting was suspended at 1 p.m.

#### M. FOHRMANN,

Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was resumed at 3.10 p.m.

#### SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENT

The Assembly noted as tabled a motion (Document No. 8) by M. SCHIAVI on behalf of the Socialist group, relating to the work of the European Coal and Steel Community in the social field. It decided to refer this document to the Social Affairs Committee.

#### RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the preliminary Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS (Document No. 7).

Speakers: MM. TEITGEN, VIXSEBOXSE, SCHIAVI and BERTRAND.

#### M. PELLA.

President, in the Chair.

#### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Assembly decided to suspend the debate on the preliminary Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS, and to resume it on the following day, Friday, March 16, at 11 a.m.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AND DEBATE ON DOCUMENT No. 6,

the preliminary Report by M. WIGNY on the European energy problem.

Speakers: MM. WIGNY, Rapporteur, and GUGLIELMONE.

#### M. VANRULLEN.

Vice-President, in the Chair.

Speakers: MM. DEHOUSSE, FURLER, CAVALLI and BLANK.

#### AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Assembly fixed its next Sitting for Friday, March 16, with the following agenda:

11 a.m.

Resumption of the debate on the preliminary Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS on the development of European economic integration (Document No. 7).

3 p.m.

Resumption of the debate on the preliminary Report by M. WIGNY on the European energy problem (Document No. 6).

The Sitting was closed at 6.55 p.m.

#### MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1956

M. FOHRMANN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 11.10 a.m.

#### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

#### RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the preliminary Report by M. Van der GOES van NATERS on European economic integration (Document No. 7).

Speakers: MM. BATTISTA, VANRULLEN, KREYSSIG and Van der GOES van NATERS, Rapporteur.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.20 p.m.

M. MOTZ, Vice-President, in the Chair. The Sitting was resumed at 3.5 p.m.

#### SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENT

The Assembly noted as tabled a motion (Document No. 9) addressed to the governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community on behalf of the three political groups by MM. SASSEN, BATTISTA, FURLER, MARGUE, de MENTHON, WIGNY, FAYAT, FOHRMANN, Van der GOES van NATERS, SCHIAVI, VANRULLEN, MOTZ, BLANK, and MUTTER.

The Assembly decided to debate and vote on the motion in the afternoon, without referring it to the appropriate Committee.

#### RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the preliminary Report by M. WIGNY on energy problems in Europe (Document No. 6).

Speakers: MM. DEHOUSSE, SASSEN, BLANK, De SMET, Mlle KLOMPE, M. STRUYE.

M. PELLA, President, in the Chair.

Speakers in the resumed debate: MM. LAPIE, MAROGER, MAYER, President of the High Authority, WIGNY, Rapporteur, and DEHOUSSE. The Assembly decided to sum up the debate at a later stage.

#### DEBATE ON DOCUMENT No. 9,

a motion addressed to the governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community on behalf of three political groups.

Speaker: M. de MENTHON.

The Assembly adopted the following resolution:

#### "THE COMMON ASSEMBLY.

"considering the increasing extent to which Europe is lagging behind the rest of the world economically;

"considering that only a common European policy can bring about a higher standard of living, based on economic expansion and the development of employment;

"considering that such a policy demands the progressive establishment of a Common Market:

"considering that this Common Market must be such as will not only allow of economic competition and division of labour, but also have due regard for human solidarity among the peoples of the member States;

"considering that this Common Market cannot be confined to measures of liberalizing trade, but that its introduction calls for the co-ordination of the member countries' economic, social, currency and taxation policies for the purpose of ensuring the adjustment of certain sectors, the stability of employment and the expansion of production as a whole;

"considering that, in any event, a Common Market requires an Authority to introduce and consolidate it, to do away with distortions and to assist member States in difficulties;

"having regard to its Resolutions of December 2, 1954 and May 13, 1955:

"having regard to the preliminary Report submitted by the Working party at its Session in Brussels in March, 1956, and the debate thereon; and

"considering the need for a Treaty which will

"lay the permanent foundation for a general Common Market in the form of a Customs and Economic Union which shall rule out all possibility of autarky in any shape or form,

"provide for the free circulation not only of commodities, services and capital, but also of workers,

"set up, in addition, an investment fund designed to further economic expansion,

"facilitate the adjustment of the national economies, while making allowance for the special situation in regard to agriculture and causing the Economic Union to be brought in stage by stage, with no possibility of turning back,

"provide, to that same end, for communal assistance to member States through a readaptation fund, and embody precautionary clauses to be invoked should vital national interests be threatened.

"provide for the harmonization of social charges, alongside the development of the Common Market as part of an active and progressive policy, so as to bring about steady improvement in the standard of living,

"establish institutions with adequate powers for implementing the above principles, under democratic control,

"be open to all other members of O.E.E.C.;

"INVITES the Governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community to proceed without delay to the conclusion of a Treaty based on these principles."

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF A TIMETABLE FOR THE NEXT SESSION

On the proposal of the Committee of Presidents, the Assembly decided that the Ordinary Session to begin on May 8, 1956, at Strasbourg should be adjourned on May 11 and resumed, also at Strasbourg, on June 18.

During the first part of the Session, the President of the High Authority would submit to the Assembly the General Report on the activities of the Community, as required under Article 17 of the Treaty, and his statement would be followed by a general debate. The Assembly would then have the opportunity of continuing the debate on the problems presented by the Common and by the energy situation, in the light of expert reports which would, in all probability, have been published by that time.

It would go on to discuss the reports submitted on behalf of the Working Party by M. FOHRMANN on the function and operation of the political groups in the Common Assembly, and by M. CARBONI on the permanent relations between the Common Assembly and various international organizations.

During the second part of the Session, to begin on June 18, the Assembly would discuss the reports submitted by the relevant Committees on the General Report of the High Authority, and a number of other problems coming under the terms of reference of these Committees.

On inquiry by M. BERTRAND, the Chairman stated that there would be no public Sitting on May 10.

#### MINUTES

In accordance with Article 19, 2 of the Rules of Procedure, the Assembly adopted the Minutes of this Sitting.

#### END OF THE SESSION

The Second Extraordinary Session of the Common Assembly for the financial year 1955-56 was declared closed.

The Sitting was closed at 6.15 p.m.

#### Annex to the Official Gazette

#### QUESTIONS AND REPLIES

# QUESTION No. 29, put by M. Alain Poher, Member of the Common Assembly

(February 25, 1956)

- 1. What is the number of applications, broken down by countries and industries which have been submitted to the High Authority since the introduction of the Common Market for financial assistance in connexion with
  - (a) the readaptation of workers in enterprises coming under the Community's jurisdiction;
  - (b) the reconversion of such enterprises and/or the creation of new activities with the object of providing productive re-employment on the spot for workers compelled to change their jobs?
- 2. What is the number of applications approved, and what sum was granted in each case?
  - 3. As regards the workers laid off in each of the industries concerned,
    - (a) how many workers were laid off, and how much was granted per worker and per industry, over how long a period of time?
    - (b) how many of the discharged workers forfeited their entitlement to their allowance by refusing to attend a vocational-training centre?
    - (c) how many workers changed their residence, and how much was paid out to them in the various allowances to which they are entitled in this connection (removal and travelling expenses and resettlement allowances)?
    - (d) how many of the discharged workers are now attending vocational-training courses?
  - 4. In each of the industries concerned,
    - (a) how many workers have been re-employed on the spot in the ancillary industries connected with the coalmining and iron and steel enterprises?
    - (b) how many workers have been re-employed on the spot in other industrial sectors?

#### REPLY by the High Authority

(March 23, 1956)

1. (a) Applications since the introduction of the Common Market for High Authority assistance in connexion with the readaptation of workers total 15. viz.

collieries			 	 Belgium	1
				France	3
				Italy	1
iron-ore min	es		 	 France	2
iron and ste	el ind	ustry	 	 France	7
				Italy	1

- (b) No applications have been received for the financing of programmes for the reconversion of enterprises or the creation of new activities.
  - 2. Applications approved by the High Authority total 11, viz.

Assistance granted (High Authority share)

Collierie	25								
Belgium	1					Bfr.	70m.	(provisiona	al figure)
France	2					Ffr.	580m.	-	
Italy	1			•••	•••	Lit.	392m.		
Iron and	steel	industr	v						
France						Ffr.	258m.		
Italy	1	•••			•••	Lit.	3,500m.		
Iron-ore	mines	S							
France		•••		•••		Ffr.	19,500.	,000	

3. The High Authority is not in a position to give a detailed reply to subsections 3 and 4 of the Question.

Firstly, non-repayable assistance, particularly the tide-over allowance, is payable to the workers over varying periods. Secondly, under agreements with the governments concerned, detailed information as to the workers receiving such assistance and the progress of the readaptation schemes is forwarded to the High Authority only at stated intervals. Thirdly, in certain cases, no agreement has yet been concluded with the governments concerned as to the manner in which Section 23 is to be implemented.

With these reservations, the High Authority's information is that the position in regard to readaptation measures in France as at February 1, 1956, was as follows:

(a) The High Authority presumes that the hon, gentleman is referring to the tide-over allowance. This is fixed on the basis of the worker's previous wage, and is payable up to one year after his discharge.

Accordingly, the amount of tide-over allowance paid to each worker cannot be established until this period has expired.

In only two cases, both relating to iron and steel enterprises, can the assistance of the High Authority and the Government concerned be considered as completed. 290 workers drew the tide-over allowance, which averaged Ffr. 65,906.

As regards other cases, the provisional figures for the number of workers drawing a tide-over allowance are 338 for the mines and 470 for the iron and steel industry.

- (b) No workers have refused to attend vocational-training centres.
- (c) Removal and travelling expenses are refunded and a resettlement allowance is paid. The latter is fixed at

	Unmarried worker	Worker with family			
Accommodation provided by new employer	Ffr. 22,500	Ffr. 75,000+Ffr. 10,000 per dependent child			
Accommodation not provided by new employer	Ffr. 40,000	Ffr. 140,000+Ffr. 15,000 per dependent child			

These allowances may be increased by 50% in certain special cases.

In the case of voluntary migration by miners, the resettlement allowance above is replaced by payments of Ffr. 75,000 to unmarried workers and Ffr. 200,000 for workers with families.

As regards the two cases of readaptation mentioned, one worker was compelled to change his residence in order to take up a new job. The High Authority has not yet been notified of the expenses involved.

As regards the other cases, the number of workers drawing resettlement allowances is estimated at 647 miners and 12 steelworkers.

Applications to the Government so far for refunds to 526 workers involve a total of Ffr. 63,044,000 so that Ffr. 31,522,000 have to be paid by the High Authority.

- (d) In the two cases of readaptation mentioned, eight workers had to attend vocational-training courses in order to qualify for new jobs.
  - In the other cases, the number of workers attending, or having attended, vocational-training courses is provisionally estimated at 252.
- 4. Subject to the receipt of additional information, it may be estimated that some 100 workers drawing the tide-over allowance have been reemployed in the same area in the mines, and some 720 in the iron and steel industry.

# QUESTION No. 30, put by M. Alain Poher, Member of the Common Assembly

(February 25, 1956)

Following proposals by the Industrial Health and Medicine Research Committee set up by the High Authority in March 1955, the latter recently set aside the sum of 300,000 dollar units of account per annum over a period of four years, for research in connexion with silicosis, occupational diseases in the coalmining industry and the rehabilitation of physically-handicapped workers.

- 1. What is the amount of the financial assistance granted so far to each of the institutions concerned, both public and private?
- 2. What stage has now been reached in each of the various types of research work thus financed?
- 3. What bodies with an interest in this research have agreed to contribute financially?

#### REPLY by the High Authority

(March 23, 1956)

- 1. The High Authority will be pleased to supply the hon, gentleman with a list of the research centres and of the amounts granted to them.
- 2. As regards the stage reached in each of the various types of research work thus financed, this varies somewhat.

Following the High Authority's approval of the programme worked out by the research Committee, the centres were informed of the decision taken in regard to their projects. Some of them, which are engaged on the study of silicosis, asked for, and were granted, advances to enable them to embark forthwith on the work they had been commissioned to undertake. The majority are still settling the technical details required for these studies, and recruiting research workers.

In the latter centres, work is to start during the second quarter of 1956, or, in the case of certain research calling for extremely careful preparation, during the third quarter.

3. The centres which have been asked to undertake this work are either public or private institutions deriving their normal funds mainly from their governments (Universities, scientific research funds) and from professional bodies.

The principle adopted has been to commission only such centres as already possess special apparatus lending itself to research work, and also the funds enabling them to assume responsibility for a portion of the expenses involved in connexion with this work. The High Authority's financial contribution is confined solely to the purchase of certain additional special apparatus, and to the engagement of junior research workers to assist those already employed. As regards running expenses in connexion with the research work, the sums contributed by the High Authority are very small, since the centres already have expense appropriations for their day-to-day work.

## COURT OF JUSTICE

#### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Appeal filed on March 25th, 1956, by the mining enterprises of the Ruhr-coal-field, forming the Geitling Ruhrkohlen Verkaufsgesell-schaft mbH. ("Geitling" Ruhr-coal selling agency Ltd.), Essen, and by the Geitling Ruhrkolen Verkaufsgesellschaft mbH. ("Geitling" Ruhr-coal selling agency Ltd.), Essen, against the High Authority (case 2–56)

The mining enterprises of the Ruhr-coal-field, forming the "Geitling" Ruhr-coal selling agency Ltd., Essen, represented by the latter, and the "Geitling" Ruhr-coal selling agency Ltd., Essen, represented by Mr. Werner von Simson, barrister at the Court of Appeal of Dusseldorf, filed on March 25th, 1956, with the Registry of the Court of Justice an Appeal against the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, and chose as their address for service the office of Mr. von Simson, Route de Luxembourg 20, Capellen, Grand Duchy of Luxemburg.

Plaintiff requests that it may please the Court:

"to annul Article 8 of Decision No. 5-56 of the High Authority, of February 15th, 1956 (Official Gazette of the Community of March 13th, 1956)".

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