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BACKGROUND NOTE

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## EUROPEAN COUNCIL TO MEET IN ROME MONDAY

Direct elections to the European Parliament and the replacement of national passports with a single European passport top the tentative agenda for the meeting of the European Community members' heads of State or Government in Rome on December 1-2.

The "European Council," as these thrice-yearly, summit meetings are known, will also consider

- an interim report by Belgian Prime Minister Leo Tindemans on the consolidation of the Community's achievements into a European Union
- the Community's position for the Paris Conference on International Economic Cooperation scheduled for mid-December
- EC development aid policy
- the Community's current economic and social condition
- streamlining the Community's decision-making process
- improvements in the common agricultural policy
- the international political situation.

European Council meetings allow the heads of State or Government to set guidelines for action and policy of common concern. Details and specific decisions on Community matters are made at meetings of the Council of Ministers.