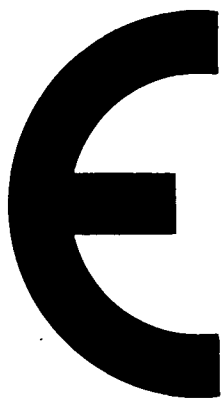


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PART ONE

SPECIAL FEATURES

Standardized abbreviations for the designation of certain monetary units in the different languages of the Community:

ECU = European currency unit

BFR = Belgische frank / Franc belge

DKR = Dansk krone

DM = Deutsche Mark

DR = Greek drachma

FF = Franc français

HFL = Nederlandse gulden (Hollandse florijn)

IRL = Irish pound / punt

LFR = Franc luxembourgeois

LIT = Lira italiana

UKL = Pound sterling

USD = United States dollar

1. Mediterranean agricultural products

Agreement on fruit and vegetables; guidelines for olive oil

1.1.1. After two years of difficult negotiations the Council approved an overall agreement on 18 October on the adjustment of the *acquis communautaire* for Mediterranean products. This included a review of the common market organization for fruit and vegetables¹ and guidelines for the future arrangements to be applied to olive oil.

1.1.2. The Commission's proposals—first submitted in 1981² and spelt out in detail in February 1983³ for fruit and vegetables and olive oil—also included proposals relating to wine-growing, but these were accepted by the Council when it approved the agricultural prices and related measures for 1982/83 in May 1982.⁴

1.1.3. The agreement reached by the Council is important on two counts:

(i) it improves the balance between the guarantees enjoyed by Mediterranean products and 'northern' products under the agricultural policy, though for olive oil some measures remain to be finalized;

(ii) it breaks the deadlock in the negotiations for the enlargement of the Community to include Spain and Portugal.

Final round of the negotiations

1.1.4. The negotiations over fruit and vegetables and olive oil in recent months have been marked by three salient features:

(i) Some of the delegations insisted that the two dossiers must be dealt with together, not separately.

(ii) The desiderata of the two main producer countries, Italy and France, did not coincide. On the French side there was more attention to the organizational aspects and the extension of the rules laid down by the producers' organizations to non-member producers. The Italian and Greek delegations placed more emphasis on observance

of Community preference and the methods for calculating reference prices, the extension of price guarantees to new products and changes in the arrangements for citrus fruit.

(iii) Lastly, the delegations disagreed on the timing of the entry into force of the new rules. Whereas the Mediterranean member countries were keen to put the rules into immediate effect, the northern countries—particularly the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Kingdom—preferred, on account of the additional cost to the EAGGF, to wait until Spain and Portugal joined the Community.

1.1.5. At the beginning of the October meeting the President of the Council tabled two consecutive compromises, neither of which won the approval of all the delegations.

The Commission therefore put forward at its own initiative another compromise proposal, which broke the deadlock. The new proposal was based on the two earlier compromises, and in particular on the report drawn up by the Directors-General for Agriculture in June.⁵

In presenting the new proposal, Mr Dalsager made it clear that it constituted a balanced whole, acceptable to all and therefore non-negotiable, and that his purpose was to obtain the Council's agreement by the end of the meeting. Failing this, the Commission would withdraw its proposal and the matter would be placed on the agenda for the European Council in Athens.

The compromise proposal was eventually accepted by all the delegations.

¹ The amendment of the basic Regulation was adopted formally on 14 November (OJ L 325, 22.11.1983).

² OJ C 276, 28.10.1981; OJ C 281, 4.11.1981; Bull. EC 10-1981, points 1.3.1 to 1.3.13.

³ OJ C 74, 13.3.1983; Bull. EC 2-1983, points 2.1.86 to 2.1.88.

⁴ The proposals were adopted formally in July (OJ L 227, 3.8.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.92).

⁵ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.136.

Content of the compromise

Fruit and vegetables

Entry into force of the new provisions

1.1.6. It was agreed that the new provisions would be applied as soon as negotiations begin with Spain and Portugal on fruit and vegetables, on the understanding that the start of negotiations will be marked by the Community presenting to the applicant countries a 'statement on accession negotiations on fruit and vegetables'.

Internal aspects

Aids for the formation of producers' organizations

1.1.7. The current arrangements governing aids for the formation of producers' organizations will stay in force until 1 July 1988 alongside the proposed new system, under which degressive aid will be granted on the basis of the value of the production marketed by the producers' organization, though it must not exceed the actual costs of setting up and running the organization. Thereafter, only the new system will be applicable.

Extension of rules of producers' groups to non-member producers

1.1.8. As soon as the amended Regulation is put into effect, certain rules laid down by producers' organizations operating in a given economic area may apply to all producers in that area:¹

(i) during the first three years, where the organization accounts for more than 50% of production and includes more than 50% of producers, provided the number of producers (members and non-members) opposed is not more than one third;

(ii) for the following years, where the organization accounts for at least two thirds of production and includes two thirds of all producers.

The Commission is to have powers of supervision over the application of these new rules. It must give its consent to any extension of marketing rules and must ensure that the extension is not prejudicial to freedom of trade and competition. If necessary, it will repeal extensions authorized.

Three years after the decision to extend the rules to non-member producers is brought into force, the Commission will submit a report so that a decision can be taken as to whether the measures are to be maintained or discontinued.

The extension of the rules of producers' groups also covers the rules on withdrawals from the market.

Identification of a serious crisis

1.1.9. The Council agreed on additional procedures with regard to the finding that there is a situation of serious crisis in the case of the more typically Mediterranean products such as peaches, summer pears, apricots, aubergines and tomatoes. These procedures require producer Member States to buy-in produce in the event of serious crises, but the Commission may exempt any State on the grounds that:

(i) at least two thirds of its national output of the product in question is marketed through the producers' organizations; or

(ii) national output of the product in question is less than 8% of average Community output of the product, with the proviso that, should a Member State so request, the percentage may be up to 12% for pears.

Where conditions on the representative production markets in a Member State are not such as to enable price levels to be determined, a finding to the effect that there is a serious crisis may be made by reference to the prices on the country's most representative wholesale markets.

¹ OJ L 325, 22.11.1983.

Extension of intervention beyond the current marketing year

1.1.10. Intervention beyond the current marketing year is prohibited except in abnormal circumstances, in which case intervention may be extended under the management committee procedure.

External aspects*Calculation of the reference price*

1.1.11. The increase in the reference price resulting from the new method of calculation proposed by the Commission will not go beyond a ceiling based on producer prices recorded in each Member State. Calculation of the reference prices by this method must not have the effect that, for products of Greek origin within the meaning of Article 75 of the Act of Accession, the Community offer prices are less favourable than those which would have applied otherwise.

1.1.12. The method of calculation of the reference price for citrus fruit is modified in order to restore the Community preference lost because of the correlation between movements in the basic and buying-in prices, in financial compensation and in the reference price. For oranges and small citrus fruit other than clementines it is aimed at establishing this correlation in value terms and no longer as a percentage.

To ensure that this does not give rise to too sharp an increase in reference prices, the Council has limited it to 15%, spread evenly over two years (1984/85 and 1985/86).

1.1.13. The Council noted the Commission's intention to extend the fields of application of reference prices to include apricots, artichokes, lettuces and broad-leaved endives.

Calculation of the entry price

1.1.14. The Council invited the Commission to make proposals for monitoring the proper application of certain rules governing the recording of prices of imported products and the application of common quality standards.

Import system for flowers and new potatoes

1.1.15. The Council noted the Commission's intention to present a report together with proposals on:

- (i) the import system for certain flowers (roses and carnations), so that a decision can be taken before the beginning of the 1984/85 marketing year;
- (ii) the import system for new potatoes; these proposals will be made before 1 March 1984.

1.1.16. At the end of the discussion the Commission stated that it would keep the operation of the new system under close review during the transitional period and after enlargement, and that it would make appropriate proposals if the need arose.

Olive oil

1.1.17. The agreement broadly endorses the conclusions reached by the Directors-General for Agriculture in June.¹

Improvement of management of the system

1.1.18. The Council noted the proposals put forward by the Commission for improving the management and supervision of the arrangements for production aid to olive oil.² It agreed that a decision should be taken in time for measures to be implemented at the start of the 1984/85 marketing year. The present system of aids would be maintained but monitoring would be improved.

Problems concerning the transitional period and the adoption of the *acquis communautaire*

1.1.19. The Council agreed that the mandate for negotiations with Spain and Portugal over the transitional arrangements for olive oil should include the following principles:

¹ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.136.

² Bull. EC 6-1982, point 2.1.112.

(i) a long transitional period for olive oil, in accordance with the decision taken by the European Council in March;¹

(ii) a long transitional period for other vegetable oils and oilseeds, during which there should be a standstill period for the marketing arrangements currently in force in Spain and Portugal; the national arrangements applied in Spain to imports of oils competing with olive oil would be maintained.

The Council also agreed that Community measures to limit olive-growing areas should be applied uniformly as rapidly as possible by the applicant countries. It felt a prompt decision should be taken on the restructuring and conversion of olive-growing areas.

Future organization of the market

1.1.20. Under the proposals to be brought forward by the Commission as indicated in its communication 'Common agricultural policy: proposals of the Commission' in July,² the future organization of the olive oil sector should be geared towards the following objectives:

- (i) a balanced vegetable oils market;
- (ii) maintenance of olive-growers' incomes;
- (iii) a market organization which can be readily controlled both administratively and financially.

¹ Bull. EC 3-1983, point 1.5.5.

² Supplement 4/83 — Bull. EC (published under the title 'Adjustment of the common agricultural policy').

2. Renewal of the ACP-EEC Convention

Opening of negotiations

1.2.1. The second Lomé Convention, signed on 31 October 1979,¹ will expire on 28 February 1985. Negotiations for a new Convention to govern relations between the Community and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (the ACP)² were officially opened in Luxembourg on 6 and 7 October. Meeting the Community's representatives were those from the 63 ACP States, together with delegates from Angola and Mozambique, countries that are not signatories to Lomé II, and from Saint Christopher and Nevis, the world's newest sovereign State, soon to become the 64th ACP State.

The event was marked by three major speeches, the first by the president of the Council of ACP Ministers, Mr A.M. Mogwe, Botswana's Foreign Minister, the second by the President of the Council of the European Communities, Mr Ioannis

Kharalabopoulos, and the third by the Commission's representative, Mr Edgard Pisani.

If the contents of these speeches were any indication of the two sides' starting-points, the negotiations are likely to be tough, despite an apparently wide measure of convergence on some important aspects such as the principle of self-reliant development and of Community aid as support for the ACP States' own efforts, and the principle of interdependence and mutual interest. Other such areas are the priority to be given to agricultural and rural development and food security and the need to include a social and cultural dimension in the new Convention.

¹ Thirteenth General Report, point 509.

² Bull. EC 3-1983, points 1.1.1 to 1.1.8; Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.2.46; Bull. EC 9-1983, points 2.2.40 and 2.2.41.

The positions taken by the two sides on other equally important points do not coincide to the same degree and reflect different approaches or analyses of the problems. Among such points are the differing ideas on the way cooperation should be managed, the amount of money to be made available and trade relations between the Community and the ACP States.

Human rights is another issue which both sides raised.

Mr Mogwe, President of the Council of ACP Ministers

1.2.2. Mr Mogwe first of all emphasized that the parties stood at 'a rare juncture of hope for mankind'. This had been made possible because in 1975 the Community and the ACP had chosen the road of cooperation rather than of confrontation.

After welcoming the delegations from Saint Christopher and Nevis, Angola and Mozambique, Mr Mogwe regretted that they were denied the presence of an 'independent Namibia'.

He recalled that the negotiations were coming after the failure of the global negotiations at Unctad IV, V and VI,¹ the Paris Conference on the Least Developed Countries² and the Cancún Summit.³ Throughout the period of these negotiations, the situation in the developing world had worsened; the gross domestic product of ACP countries had grown more slowly than that of other developing countries, and for many ACP countries per capita income had actually fallen.

Development should not be measured in output of goods and services but must entail improvement of the conditions of the ACP peoples, according to their own cultural values. While interested in a Convention which would provide for agricultural development with emphasis on food self-sufficiency, the ACP States were also looking for support for their efforts to increase trade, for their transport and training programmes, and in their endeavours to make more of their human resources.

Mr Mogwe pointed out that even the worst situation in the Community Member States was better than the best situation in the ACP. Moreover, the recession in Europe was a 'passing' phase, while underdevelopment threatened to be a permanent situation in ACP countries. It was they who were hit most unfairly by the industrialized countries' adjustments in times of crisis.

Two other subjects raised by Mr Mogwe were EDF resources and the price of sugar.

Before concluding, Mr Mogwe brought up the question of human rights. The ACP States, he said, were prepared to discuss the subject, just as they stood ready to discuss the nature of the Community's relations with South Africa, but they doubted whether the Convention was the right place for enshrining the concept of human rights.

Mr Ioannis Kharalabopoulos, President of the Council

1.2.3. Mr Ioannis Kharalabopoulos reaffirmed the European Community's fundamental commitment to ACP-EEC cooperation, pointing out that such cooperation constituted the most comprehensive example of how the principles underlying the Community's development policy were put into practice. Depending as it did on the Third World for most of its raw materials and energy and for 40% of its external trade, the Community was well aware that development was not only a response to an obligation to show solidarity but was also in the mutual interest of both parties.

Mr Kharalabopoulos then described the international background against which the negotiations were being launched, one vastly different from that of five years ago, marked as it was by the most widespread and serious recession experienced since the War.

¹ Tenth General Report, point 475; Thirteenth General Report, point 525; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, points 2.2.61 and 2.2.64.

² Fifteenth General Report, point 658.

³ Bull. EC 10-1981, point 2.2.10.

He stressed that the will existed to achieve a new Convention that would at one and the same time ensure continuity with the earlier Conventions and provide a fresh impetus for the ACP-EEC relationship.

Mr Kharalabopoulos then referred to the aims and methods of the new cooperation Convention as conceived by the Community¹ and touched on other principles that would be guiding the forthcoming negotiations.

**Mr Edgard Pisani,
Member of the Commission**

1.2.4. Mr Edgard Pisani identified the concrete objectives of ACP-EEC cooperation and referred to the spirit of the Lomé Convention.

He said that there would be no political, economic or strategic future for Europe in a world polarized around the superpowers, unless it forged a special positive relationship with the Third World.

The renewal of the Convention was an opportunity for the ACP States to negotiate with all the countries of the Community a neutral and predictable long-term inter-regional economic order.

The Community would be working for the establishment of an international economic order in which the logic of interdependence would prevail over that of conflict.

However, without major changes ACP-EEC cooperation would soon appear to be useless through its failure to get to the roots of the ills that it set out to alleviate and cure. For this reason, the Community was suggesting an agreement on the aims of cooperation, and that these aims should be very close to those set out by the ACP themselves: the main requirement was more self-reliant development, to which the Community would contribute, with priority for small-scale farming and, imperatively, the methodical development of the ACP countries' natural, cultural and human resources. Mr Pisani outlined the purposes of the dialogue on development policies that the Community was proposing as a working method and stressed the major effort that was needed to improve the efficiency of the financial instruments.

The spirit of the pact linking the ACP with the Community could be summed up in the words: *all for development*. The instruments of cooperation needed to be examined in that light. Mr Pisani asked Europe to stop and think: it must not apply the rigours of a time of crisis to a Convention that would last into the better days following recovery. Development aid could, after all, help amplify the recovery.

¹ Bull. EC 9-1983, points 2.2.40 and 2.2.41.

3. A new charter for the European Social Fund

1.3.1. Following the successful outcome of the conciliation procedure¹ concerning the 'common position' which it had arrived at in June,² on 17 October the Council adopted new provisions on the tasks of the European Social Fund and the rules of the Fund Committee.³ This completed the periodic review of the tasks and operation of the Fund undertaken on the basis of the opinion presented by the Commission in October 1982,⁴ pursuant to Article 126 of the Treaty. In adopting these instruments, the Council was also responding to the wishes of the Stuttgart European Council,⁵ which asked that greater use be made of the Fund to promote youth employment in the Community.

The new provisions, which came into force on 23 October, constitute the Fund's charter for the next five years and are to be reviewed by 31 December 1988 at the latest. They establish the framework in which the Commission adopts its annual guidelines for the management of the Fund.

Although they are broadly in line with the proposals contained in the Commission's opinion, the new Fund rules are the product of a compromise which takes account of points of concern raised by the Council.

Substance of the review

Areas of activity

1.3.2. As recommended by the Commission, the structure of the Fund is to be simplified: there will no longer be 10 separate categories of Fund assistance. Assistance will be granted for operations carried out under the labour market policies of the Member States which answer to Community priorities as regards employment opportunities and vocational training, and up to 5% of total Fund appropriations may be disbursed on specific operations to implement innovatory projects linked to Community action programmes or to examine the effectiveness of projects, and facilitate the exchange of experience.

1.3.3. Fund assistance will continue to be granted at the rate of 50% of eligible expenditure without, however, exceeding the amount of the financial contribution of the public authorities of the Member State concerned. In the case of operations to further employment in Greenland, Greece, the French overseas departments, Ireland, the Mezzogiorno and Northern Ireland (where there is an especially serious and prolonged imbalance in employment), Fund assistance will be increased by 10%.

1.3.4. By 1 May each year, the Commission is to adopt guidelines for the management of the Fund which will enable operations reflecting Community priorities to be identified.

Beneficiaries

1.3.5. Fund assistance will be granted in the first place to promote employment for young people under the age of 25, in particular those whose chances of finding a job are especially poor—for example, because of a lack of vocational training or inadequate training—and for the long-term unemployed.

Assistance for persons over the age of 25 is to go mainly to the unemployed (especially the long-term unemployed), persons threatened with unemployment, women wishing to return to work, handicapped persons, migrant workers and people employed in small or medium-sized undertakings. In addition, the Fund will now be able to finance the training of instructors, development agents and vocational-guidance or placement experts.

¹ Point 2.1.57; Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.40.

² Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.78.

³ OJ L 289, 22.10.1983.

⁴ OJ C 308, 25.11.1982; Bull. EC 10-1982, points 1.2.1 to 1.2.8.

⁵ Bull. EC 6-1983, points 1.5.1 and 1.5.11.

The points of compromise

1.3.6. While broadly following the Commission proposals on the geographical concentration of the Fund's resources, the Council decided against seeking agreement on the mechanism recommended by the Commission of setting regional priorities based on an index established with the aid of employment indicators and GDP. As a means of attaining much the same objective, the Council fixed a quota of 40% of available appropriations for the regions already qualifying for the higher rate of assistance (Greenland, Greece, French overseas departments, Ireland, the Mezzogiorno, and Northern Ireland). For the other parts of the Community, the Council confined itself to stipulating that the remaining appropriations are to be concentrated on operations in other areas of high and long-term unemployment and/or restructuring.

The Council did ask the Commission, however, to continue its efforts to find a reliable mechanism and present suitable proposals by 1 July 1984 so that the Council could act by 31 December 1984. During the conciliation procedure Parliament urged that per capita GDP in the areas in question should be taken into account.

The Council introduced new budget rules, whereas the Commission had proposed retaining the annual budget procedure. The point at issue was how to translate into budgetary terms the priority to be given to projects aimed at young people. The Council's decision was that appropriations for these purposes must not be lower in any one year than 75% of those available.

The Council made other changes to the Commission's proposals: for instance, it rejected the proposed reduction in the rate of the contribution by the public authorities in the Member States to 30% from its present level of 50%, even in the case of innovative projects.

Nor did the Council follow the Commission's proposals on financial and administrative matters in every respect; for example, it refused to simplify the structure of the Committee of the European Social Fund. Likewise, it agreed to finance only the training of instructors and vocational guidance and placement experts, not their activities.

1.3.7. During the conciliation procedure Parliament lost some of its influence on the process of determining, through the budget procedure, the priorities to be assigned to the various categories of beneficiaries and operations, because the structure of the Fund and its budget was simplified and the Council set permanent budget quotas and percentages. On the other hand, it was acknowledged that Parliament's views concerning the annual guidelines for the management of the Fund should be taken into account by the Commission.

This is embodied in Article 6(2) of the Decision on the tasks of the Fund: 'The Commission shall forward to the European Parliament and the Council the guidelines drawn up in close consultation with the Member States, taking account of any views expressed by the European Parliament, and shall publish them in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*'.

4. Preparations for the Athens European Council

1.4.1. The fifth special Council meeting was held from 10 to 12 October, attended by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Agriculture, and with Mr Thorn, Mr Ortoli, Mr Davignon and Mr Dalsager representing the Commission.¹ This was the first real negotiating session: now that the Member States' positions on the four main subjects covered by the mandate have all been presented, the second task of these special meetings is to work out agreements on the various points.

Despite urgent appeals by the chairman, Mr Grigorios Varfis, and the contributions made by Mr Thorn and his colleagues, the discussions produced little in the way of progress since the delegations mainly contented themselves with restating established positions. Expressing his disappointment at the delegation's refusal to run the risk of making concessions, Mr Varfis indicated that the chair would try to put together a package which would be sufficiently balanced to form a basis for comprehensive negotiations at the November meeting.

It emerged from the discussions concerning the reform of the common agricultural policy that there was no convergence of views on the milk question. However, there was some measure of agreement on two basic issues in connection with cereals—a cautious prices policy and the stabilization of imports of cereal substitutes. Finally, most delegations agreed that the MCAs should be eliminated as soon as possible but two aspects were still at issue: the German delegation was opposed to ending the MCAs in two years since it considered that the resulting price reductions for German producers were unacceptable; in future, it recommended that MCAs should be calculated by reference to the green rate of the strongest currency. The only real outcome of the discussions was the creation of a high-level group to review agricultural questions prior to a discussion at political level in November.

No progress was made on the future financing of the Community. Some Member States consider that the restoration of balance between national contributions is a high priority, while others feel that the Community must adopt new objectives in response to the challenges facing the European economy and hence must provide itself with the necessary funds. No unanimity could be reached on any of the solutions proposed by the delegations, e.g. the safety net proposed by the United Kingdom or the convergence fund proposed by Denmark. The Commission was asked to rework its evaluation of the budgetary situation up to 1986.

All the delegations confirmed the need for progress with the common policies. Since the special Council was not in a position to adopt the requisite operational measures, it called upon the regular 'technical' meetings of the Council to obtain results on the following matters before the next special meeting in November:

- (i) Economic and financial affairs: role of the ECU; EMS and convergence; capital markets; international economic and monetary cooperation; finance for innovation.
- (ii) Internal market: Community certification of products from non-member countries; simplification of formalities at frontiers; standards; temporary tariff protection for infant industries.
- (iii) Research: adoption of Esprit; multi-annual JRC programme; guidelines for telecommunications and biotechnology.
- (iv) Energy: solid fuels; timetable for the work programme.
- (v) Industry: improvement of the competitiveness of firms and cooperation between firms.

1.4.2. The single preparatory group met several times in October to prepare for the fifth special meeting of the Council and the

¹ Bull. EC 9-1983, points 1.3.1 to 1.3.5.

sixth meeting due in November. At its 28 October meeting it gave a progress report on three subjects: structural Funds, future financing of the Community and new policies. Some progress was made on the structural Funds, in particular the ERDF, with the beginnings of a consensus on the Commission's ideas on coordination, a large measure of agreement on the guidelines for reforming the ERDF and a favourable reception for multiannual planning. Faced by the extreme complexity of the various aspects of the future financing of the Community, the inevitable interlocking between them and the inflexibility of certain positions, the Commission representatives stressed that only a general political solution could succeed in Athens. As regards new policies, following the favourable reception given on the Commission's proposals for European cooperation in the industrial sector,¹ it was decided to set up a new *ad hoc*

working party to draft conclusions for the European Council.

1.4.3. The Commission presented the special Council meeting with further papers on the CAP: proposals for amending the system of monetary compensatory amounts² and two proposals for the introduction of a guarantee threshold for durum wheat and sunflower seed.³ It will give particular consideration to the Council's request that it look again at its evaluation of the budgetary environment up to 1986 and to the new proposals for the review of the Regional Fund which will reflect its previous ideas on defining the role of the structural Funds.

¹ COM(83)578.

² Point 2.1.102.

³ Point 2.1.110.



PART TWO
ACTIVITIES
IN OCTOBER 1983

1. Building the Community

Economic and monetary policy

Council

2.1.1. As requested at the special Council meeting, held from 10 to 12 October,¹ the Council (economic and financial affairs) discussed on 24 October the items likely to be considered at the Athens meeting of the European Council: a greater role for the ECU, strengthening the European Monetary System, creation of a Community financial market.²

Financing innovation

2.1.2. The Economic and Social Committee delivered an opinion on the proposal for a Council Decision empowering the Commission to help finance innovation within the Community.³

Economic situation

Annual economic report 1983-84

2.1.3. The Commission sent the Council its annual economic report for 1983-84 on 21 October.⁴ This year's report, which was also sent to Parliament and to the Economic and Social Committee, contributes to the discussion on the questions examined at the Stuttgart meeting of the European Council⁵ and to Parliament's forthcoming debate on the conditions for European economic recovery. It is accompanied by an economic review giving detailed documentary information on recent trends and immediate prospects.

On 24 October Mr Ortoli, Commission Vice-President, introduced the report to the Council. Its main points are as follows.

The present economic recovery is real but slow and tentative. Community growth in volume terms is estimated at 0.5% in 1983 and 1.5% in 1984. The revival in activity is mainly fuelled by buoyant consumer demand and stock rebuilding, and it is firmly hoped that investment and exports will take over as the driving force for growth. Disin-

flation gathered momentum in 1983 after its beginnings in 1982; the price rise (measured by the GDP inflator) slowed to 6.3% compared with 9.1% in 1982 and could settle at 5.1% in 1984. As the external accounts show, the Community is continuing to adjust to the second oil shock and to the effects of the rise in the dollar: it has steadily reduced its current account deficit from 0.6% of GDP in 1982 to 0.2% in 1983 and is expected to eliminate it altogether next year. Early in 1983 revived activity was accompanied by a slower rise in unemployment; the rate was even held steady, but this must not obscure the fact that the 1984 forecasts still include an increase in underemployment. The average rate of unemployment for the year could stand at 10.9% against 10.4% in 1983.

This year there has been increased convergence in Member States' economic performances; the slowdown in inflation has been more marked in countries with high inflation rates. Trade and current account balances are also becoming healthier, and there has been a fairly smooth reduction in deficits; but growth is still uneven from one country to another.

The report goes on to expound the policies needed to consolidate recovery. In the first place, stabilization policies, which have already produced encouraging results, are still necessary for strengthening growth. But they are not sufficient: other means must be deployed to ensure lasting economic recovery. Under macroeconomic and financial policies, monetary policies are still primarily aimed at bringing inflation under control, but they should also be directed at lowering real interest rates. Fiscal policy must still pursue the target of eliminating budget deficits. Yet financial policies should be flexible enough to reinforce recovery in

¹ Point 1.4.1.

² Point 2.4.23.

³ OJ C 178, 5.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, points 2.1.3, 2.1.44 and 2.1.45.

⁴ COM(83)628 final.

⁵ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 1.5.10.

countries which have achieved satisfactory monetary stability. Stronger recovery calls for a strategy to strengthen production potential, the report's next major subject. Such a strategy means restructuring public expenditure with more emphasis on active policies to promote employment. Concerted action to develop structural and microeconomic policies is also needed, for improving the conditions of competition, fostering European cooperation in high-technology growth sectors and promoting active restructuring policies to boost investment. Finally, the Commission considers that, to consolidate recovery, the continent-wide scale of the common market must be turned to better account. Strengthening the EMS, developing the use of the ECU and integrating the financial markets — these are all important ways of achieving vigorous growth.

Monetary Committee

2.1.4. The Monetary Committee held its 295th meeting in Venice on 17 and 18 October with Mr Camdessus in the chair. After an exchange of views on the recent meetings of the international monetary organizations in Washington,¹ the Committee considered the Commission's proposals to the Council on financial integration.²

Internal market and industrial affairs

Council

2.1.5. The Council, at its meeting to consider internal market matters on 26 October,³ adopted three technical Directives on measuring instruments,⁴ textile names⁵ and proprietary medicinal products.⁶ It also approved a Decision concerning innovation⁷ and a Directive on the facilitation of formalities and inspections in respect of the carriage of goods.⁸

Free movement of persons and freedom to provide services

Mutual recognition of diplomas and access to occupations

2.1.6. In the past few months the Commission has received questions from members of the European Parliament asking for a list of Directives adopted by the Council and of Commission proposals for Directives on the mutual recognition of qualifications within the Community (Written Questions Nos 540/83 by Mr Cousté and 1113/83 by Mr Simmonds).

Because it is so long, this list has not been published in the Official Journal. Instead, individual copies of the list have been sent to the MEPs concerned. In order to bring it to the notice of all interested parties, the Commission is publishing the list in this issue of the Bulletin.⁹

2.1.7. The Advisory Committee on Medical Training, meeting on 4 and 5 October, decided to send to the Commission and to the Member States the report and recommendations which it had adopted in principle at its meeting on specialist training last March,¹⁰ and agreed on the measures to be taken regarding the use to which this report should be put. The Committee also discussed certain aspects of medical training in France, Luxembourg, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Tourism

2.1.8. The Economic and Social Committee gave its opinion in October¹¹ on a communication setting out initial guidelines for a Community policy on tourism.¹²

¹ Bull. EC 9-1983, points 2.1.2 to 2.1.4.

² Bull. EC 4-1983, points 1.2.1 to 1.2.9.

³ Point 2.4.23.

⁴ Point 2.1.10.

⁵ Point 2.1.11.

⁶ Point 2.1.18.

⁷ Point 2.1.32.

⁸ Point 2.1.168.

⁹ Point 3.5.1.

¹⁰ Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.14.

¹¹ Point 2.4.46.

¹² Supplement 4/82 — Bull. EC; Bull. EC 6-1982, points 1.4.1 to 1.4.4.

Free movement of goods

Removal of technical barriers to trade

2.1.9. The Council adopted a new approach on two fundamental issues.

Standardization of products. There are in existence some 50 000 national technical standards which hamper trade at Community level. The new approach to this problem will involve in the main the following measures: a critical examination of existing standards with a view to eliminating those that are not justified; the mutual recognition of certificates of conformity when national standards are similar; the introduction of common rules governing the operation of the certificate-issuing bodies; the introduction, in certain cases, of EEC standards in place of national standards.

Community certification for products originating in non-member countries. In the absence of agreement on the Commission proposal,¹ it was arranged to resume the technical examination of the pending proposals for harmonization Directives with a view to adopting those which do not raise difficulties in this respect.

Industrial products

Directives adopted by the Council

2.1.10. At its internal market meeting, the Council adopted a Directive² which takes account of the experience acquired since the entry into force of the Directive of 26 July 1971³ on common provisions for measuring instruments and methods of metrological control.⁴

2.1.11. The Council also signified its agreement on a Directive relating to textile names.⁵

Commission proposals

2.1.12. On 5 October⁶ the Commission transmitted to the Council a proposal relating to dangerous substances and preparations.⁷

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2.1.13. On 14 October Parliament endorsed⁷ two proposals for Directives — one

relating to the roll-over protection structures (rear-mounted rollbar, frame or cab type) of narrow-track wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors,⁸ the other to the power take-offs of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors and their protection.⁹

2.1.14. The Economic and Social Committee approved a proposal for a Directive relating to the permissible sound level and exhaust system of motor vehicles.¹⁰

Foodstuffs

2.1.15. On 17 October the Commission put up a proposal¹¹ to amend the Council Directive of 19 December 1974 relating to the making-up by volume of certain pre-packaged liquids.¹² This seeks to ensure that the system of total harmonization of the ranges of nominal volumes for products in the wine sector is seen to be clear and unequivocal and to repeal a provision rendered superfluous by virtue of the proposal for a Directive on the recycling of containers of liquids for human consumption.¹³

2.1.16. On 28 October the Commission transmitted to the Council a proposal for a Directive on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients.¹⁴ The proposal lists the solvents that are authorized for use in foodstuffs. These fall into two categories — those for which the toxicity study has revealed no hazard to health, and those which, in the opinion of the Scientific Committee for Food, require further testing before they can be considered completely acceptable.

¹ OJ C 54, 4.3.1980; Bull. 6-1983, point 2.1.13.

² OJ L 332, 28.11.1983.

³ OJ L 202, 6.9.1971.

⁴ OJ C 356, 31.12.1980; Bull. EC 12-1980, point 2.1.11.

⁵ Point 2.1.98.

⁶ Point 2.1.96.

⁷ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁸ OJ C 123, 9.5.1983; Bull. EC 4-1983, point 2.1.11.

⁹ OJ C 164, 23.6.1983; Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.1.24.

¹⁰ OJ C 200, 27.7.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.8.

¹¹ OJ C 291, 27.10.1983; COM(83)598 final.

¹² OJ L 42, 15.2.1975.

¹³ OJ C 204, 13.8.1981.

¹⁴ OJ C 312, 17.11.1983; COM(83)626 final.

2.1.17. The Commission has published, in English, a 14th series of reports by the Scientific Committee for Food (EUR 8752).¹ This series sets out the Committee's views on certain constituents of materials which come into contact with foodstuffs, on certain anabolizing substances, children's foods, BHA, caffeine and a number of colouring agents.

Pharmaceuticals

2.1.18. The Council adopted a new Directive and a recommendation concerning proprietary medicinal products for human consumption.² Community legislation in this area, which already includes several Directives,³ is thus strengthened and enlarged in several important respects: the competent authorities are to summarize the characteristics of each medicinal product when marketing authorization is granted; in the interests of the patient, the wording on the label is to be extended to include the international non-proprietary name and the date after which the product must not be used; the standards governing the quality of manufacture are to be improved; two new types of test, namely mutagenesis and bio-availability, are provided for. Also, the procedure used by the Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products has been considerably improved.

The Directive gives a common and detailed interpretation of five important aspects of the Directive of 20 May 1975:⁴ tests for acute toxicity, carcinogenicity, reproduction and pharmacokinetics in animal subjects and the criteria to be applied to medicines containing more than one active principle.

Business law

Economic and commercial law

Trade marks

2.1.19. On 12 October Parliament delivered its opinion⁵ on a first Directive and a Regulation on Community trade marks.⁶ In Parliament's view, the approximation of national laws on trade marks,

while indispensable as a means of lessening impediments to trade, is not in itself sufficient to remove, as between Member States, the obstacles to freedom of movement. The creation of a trade mark which is valid throughout the Community and exists alongside national laws is essential to the objective of a true common market in marked goods and services.

Small business — Business Cooperation Centre — Distributive trades

Small business

2.1.20. Within the framework of the European Year of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, three conferences took place which attracted participants from all the Member States: one in Athens on 6 and 7 October on the prospects opened up to small businesses by the development of subcontracting; one in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 October on vocational-training problems encountered by small business; and one in Copenhagen on 28 October on the subject of new technologies and small business.

Distributive trades

2.1.21. On 5 October the Committee on Commerce and Distribution, whose members had been replaced on 1 September, held its sixth plenary meeting in Brussels. After discussing the resolution adopted by Parliament last June on the situation of commerce and craft trades in the Community,⁷ the members of the Committee urged that the distributive trades be regarded as an impor-

¹ These reports can be obtained from the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, L-2985 Luxembourg. Versions in the other Community languages will be published in due course.

² OJ C 355, 31.12.1980; OJ C 44, 18.2.1982; Bull. EC 11-1980, point 2.1.10.

³ OJ 22, 9.2.1965; OJ L 147, 9.6.1975; OJ L 11, 14.1.1978. OJ L 147, 9.6.1975.

⁴ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁵ Supplement 5/80 — Bull. EC; OJ C 351, 31.12.1980; Bull. EC 11-1980, points 1.5.1 to 1.5.4.

⁷ OJ C 184, 11.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983; point 2.4.16.

tant sector of the economy, on a par with manufacturing industry or agriculture. They also felt that the Committee should be given facilities for studying specific ways of implementing certain aspects of the resolution.

Industry

2.1.22. On 26 October Parliament passed a resolution on arms procurement within a common industrial policy and arms sales.¹

Steel

2.1.23. On 13 October Parliament passed a resolution on the crisis in the European steel industry.²

Extension of production quota arrangements

2.1.24. In view of the inability of the steel producers in Eurofer — which alone accounts for 90% of European output — to reach agreement on the allocation of production quotas for the fourth quarter of 1983, the Commission drew attention to the fact that the sole legal basis for the quota arrangements resides in the application, by the Commission, of Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty.

As matters stand, the production quota system set up in October 1980³ and subsequently extended to the end of January 1984⁴ — subject to a political commitment to regard this system as an accompanying measure required until the end of 1985 in order to achieve the restructuring targets — continues to apply to the entire European steel industry.

Forward programme for steel

2.1.25. In October, after the ECSC Consultative Committee had stated its opinion,⁵ the Commission adopted the forward programme for steel for the fourth quarter of 1983 at its second reading.⁶

Recent figures and outlook for production and quotas are set out in the tables below.

¹ Point 2.4.10; OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

² Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

³ OJ L 291, 31.10.1980.

⁴ OJ L 208, 31.7.1983.

⁵ Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.4.29.

⁶ OJ C 269, 7.10.1983.

Table 1 — *Production expectations in the main industrial groups*¹

	1982		1983						
	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Investment goods	- 12	- 20	- 15	- 15	- 13	- 10	- 12	- 9	- 8
Consumer goods	- 6	- 12	- 11	- 3	0	- 4	- 4	- 5	- 4
Intermediate goods	- 16	- 21	- 18	- 11	- 6	- 1	- 2	- 2	- 2
Manufacture of metal articles	- 20	- 23	- 14	- 16	- 12	- 11	- 14	- 16	- 18
Mechanical engineering	- 19	- 24	- 22	- 18	- 15	- 16	- 12	- 9	- 5
Electrical engineering	- 3	- 14	- 2	- 4	- 3	+ 3	+ 4	+ 2	+ 6
Manufacture of motor vehicles	- 15	- 22	- 23	- 2	+ 9	- 6	+ 6	0	- 4

¹ Net balances, i.e. differences between the percentages of respondents giving positive and negative replies (seasonally adjusted).

Table 2 — Recent quarterly steel production, by product, and corresponding quotas

Product category	Production			Quota				
	IV/1982	I/1983	II/1983 ¹	IV/1982	I/1983	II/1983	III/1983	IV/1983
I (a) (hot-rolled coil)	4 182	4 306	4 920	3 880	3 465	3 675	3 881	3 963
I (b) (uncoated sheet)	3 139	3 670	3 568	3 028	2 767	3 315	3 366	3 320
I (c) (galvanized sheet)	728	824	910	869	780	885	842	849
I (d) (other coated sheet)	521	600	664	629	597	690	657	718
II (reversing-mill plate)	1 169	1 287	1 204	1 270	1 118	1 185	1 118	1 116
III (heavy sections)	975	1 164	1 280	997	1 032	1 120	1 175	1 230
IV (wire rod)	2 276	2 515	2 572	2 244	2 310	2 330	2 220	2 323
V (reinforcing bars)	1 634	1 804	1 831	1 567	1 638	1 710	1 770	1 822
VI (merchant bars)	1 745	2 089	2 068	2 192	2 224	2 160	2 196	2 103

¹ Provisional.

International relations

2.1.26. The Commission continued its consultations with the United States on the subject of specialty steels. On 17 October the Council expressed its support for the Commission.¹

2.1.27. The Commission proposed that the Council extend for 1984 the external measures corresponding to the internal crisis measures for steel.²

Electronics and information technology

Microelectronics

2.1.28. As required by the Council Regulation of 7 December 1981 concerning Community projects in the field of microelectronic technology,³ the Commission made its first progress report to the Council on 10 October.⁴

Out of 25 proposals received from 95 applicants in response to a first call for proposals,⁵ the Commission selected seven for the granting of financial support, one relating to equipment and six to computer-aided design (CAD). A second call for proposals was published in February 1983.⁶ The assessment procedures are now in hand, and

preliminary results indicate that it may be possible to restore a balance between the equipment and CAD sectors. In February the Commission extended the scope of the Regulation of December 1981 to include new activities.⁷

Esprit programme

2.1.29. At a Council meeting on 26 October the research Ministers examined in detail certain key questions concerning the Esprit programme:⁸ the overall budget considered necessary for the five years, the staffing level required and certain management details such as the role of the Consultative Committee (which raises the customary question of the respective powers of Commission and Council).

2.1.30. On 14 October Parliament approved⁹ the Commission proposal on the

¹ Point 2.2.20.

² Point 2.2.11.

³ OJ L 376, 30.12.1981.

⁴ COM(83)564 final.

⁵ OJ C 130, 20.5.1982.

⁶ OJ C 49, 19.2.1983.

⁷ OJ L 47, 19.2.1983; Bull. EC 2-1983, point 2.1.25.

⁸ Supplement 5/83—Bull. EC; Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.1.34.

⁹ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

Esprit programme. The House asked that the guidelines followed for implementing the programme should be those laid down in its resolution of October 1982,¹ which it reaffirmed in its entirety.

Other industries

Non-ferrous metals

2.1.31. On 10 October the Commission transmitted to the Council and to Parliament a report on non-ferrous metals, in which it analyses the crisis which the industry is going through, the specific problems facing it and the measures that might be considered in order to cope with the situation.²

Industrial innovation and the information market

Industrial innovation

2.1.32. on 26 October the Council signified its agreement to a proposal for a Decision to implement a three-year plan for the transnational development of the supporting infrastructure for innovation and technology transfer, which the Commission had transmitted in June 1982.³ After Parliament had delivered its opinion,⁴ the Commission had amended its initial proposal in May.⁵

This three-year plan (1983-85), which is aimed at improving the competitiveness of Community firms—especially small firms—through using and marketing the new technologies at Community level.

These measures are intended in particular to:

- (i) give a transnational dimension to existing or developing structures in the Member States in order to promote innovation;
- (ii) assist the dissemination of information and the commercial exploitation of technologies; and
- (iii) promote consultation and exchange of experience between the Member States.

One of the priorities for 1983 is the provision of support for the setting-up and the activities of liaison organizations, namely:

- (i) the Standing Technological Conference of European Local Authorities, which groups together local authorities in their capacity as users of new products;⁶
- (ii) the European Venture Capital Association;⁷
- (iii) a European association of industrial innovation and information transfer consultants.⁸

In addition, market surveys and studies of technological trends will be carried out, the dissemination of information on supply and demand in new technologies will be speeded up, and better use of industrial and commercial property rights will be encouraged.

An Innovation Committee composed of representatives of the Member States will be set up with a view to promoting the exchanging of national experience in this field.

It is estimated that a total of some 10 million ECU will be necessary for the implementation of this three-year programme, subject to a possible review at the half-way stage.

2.1.33. A symposium on the market in non-pharmaceutical products for medical use was held in Luxembourg from 17 to 19 October and was attended by representatives of the industries concerned. The main purpose of the meeting was to pinpoint ways and means of promoting innovation, since this not only constitutes a prerequisite for the survival of firms in the sector in the face of competition from other parts of the world, but also exerts a direct influence on the standard of health care received by individuals in the Member States.

¹ OJ C 304, 22.11.1983.

² COM(83)575 final.

³ OJ C 187, 22.7.1982; Bull. EC 6-1982, point 2.1.30.

⁴ OJ C 96, 11.4.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.21.

⁵ OJ C 155, 14.6.1983.

⁶ Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.26.

⁷ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.46.

⁸ Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.1.10; Bull. EC 4-1983, point 2.1.27.

The participants unanimously condemned the profusion of standards and regulations adopted by the Member States in order to protect users, as well as the lengthy licensing procedures applied in respect of certain products. They expressed the wish that regulations be replaced by a code of good manufacturing practice in cases where there is no major risk to users. They also criticized the disparities between the regulations in force in the various Member States, which made it difficult to market products on a European scale. Lastly, they denounced certain protectionist practices adopted by Member States, in particular hospital procurement policies that give local industries an unfair advantage.

They expressed the wish that a tripartite meeting be held under the auspices of the Commission between national regulatory bodies, the industry and users, in order to pave the way for Community legislation in this field.

2.1.34. On 26 October the Economic and Social Committee endorsed the proposal for a Council Decision empowering the Commission to help finance innovation within the Community.¹ Appended to the Committee's opinion was a survey on the financial assistance arrangements for innovation in small business in Japan and the United States.

Customs union

General legislation

Repayment or remission of duties

2.1.35. On 28 October the Commission adopted a Regulation² laying down provisions for the implementation of Articles 2 and 14 of the Council Regulation of 2 July 1979 on the repayment or remission of import or export duties.³ The new Regulation is designed to put an end to inconsistencies in the application of Community rules which were leading to disparities in the treatment of traders.

Customs procedures with economic impact

Standard exchange arrangements for goods exported for repair

2.1.36. At the first of its October part-sessions Parliament approved⁴ the proposal for a Council Regulation on standard exchange arrangements.⁵

Common Customs Tariff

Nomenclature

2.1.37. On 13 October the Commission adopted a Regulation for the purpose of ensuring uniform application of the Common Customs Tariff, classifying electronic games in subheading 97.04 C.⁶

Economic tariff matters

Tariff quotas

2.1.38. In October the Council adopted a number of Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas in respect of the following products:

certain hand-made products (1984);⁷

certain plywoods of coniferous species, falling within CCT heading No ex 44.15 (1984);⁸

rosin, including 'brais résineux', falling within CCT subheading 38.08 A (1984);⁸

certain wines having a registered designation of origin, falling within CCT subheading ex 22.05 C, originating in Tunisia (1983/84);⁹

raw silk (not thrown), falling within CCT heading No 50.02 (1984);⁸

¹ OJ C 178, 5.7.1983.

² OJ L 297, 29.10.1983.

³ OJ L 175, 12.7.1979.

⁴ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁵ OJ C 153, 11.6.1983; Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.1.44.

⁶ OJ L 283, 15.10.1983.

⁷ OJ L 298, 29.10.1983.

⁸ OJ L 304, 5.11.1983.

⁹ OJ L 295, 27.10.1983.

yarn, entirely of silk, not put up for retail sale, falling within CCT heading No ex 50.04 (1984);¹

yarn, spun entirely from waste silk other than noil, not put up for retail sale, falling within CCT subheading 50.05 A (1984);¹

apricot pulp, falling within CCT subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa), originating in Israel (1984);²

certain handwoven fabrics, pile and chenille, falling within CCT heading No ex 50.09, ex 55.07, ex 55.09 or ex 58.04 (1984);³

ferro-silicon falling within CCT subheading 73.02 C (1984);¹

ferro-silico-manganese falling within CCT subheading 73.02 D (1984);¹

ferro-chromium not more than 0.10% by weight of carbon and more than 30% but not more than 90% by weight of chromium (super-refined ferro-chromium), falling within CCT subheading ex 73.02 E I (1984);¹

apricot pulp, falling within CCT subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa), originating in Morocco (1984);²

apricot pulp, falling within CCT subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa), originating in Tunisia (1984);²

dried figs, falling within CCT subheading ex 08.03 B, originating in Spain (1984);²

certain dried grapes, falling within CCT subheading 08.04 B I, originating in Spain (1984);²

wines of fresh grapes and grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol, falling within CCT heading No 22.05, originating entirely in Greece (1984);¹

'sljivovica' plum spirit, falling within CCT subheading ex 22.09 C IV a), originating in Yugoslavia (1984);²

certain tobaccos, falling within CCT subheading ex 24.01 B, originating in Yugoslavia (1984);²

certain dried grapes, falling within CCT subheading 08.04 B I, originating in Cyprus (1984);²

sweet peppers, falling within CCT subheading 07.01 S, originating in Cyprus (1984);²

salad beetroots, falling within CCT subheading ex 07.01 G IV, originating in Cyprus (1984);²

wines of fresh grapes, falling within CCT subheading ex 22.05 C, originating in Cyprus (1984);²

liqueur wines, falling within CCT subheading ex 22.05 C, originating in Cyprus (1984).²

2.1.39. On 7 November the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a Regulation to open a 500 000 tonne duty-free Community quota for newsprint for the year 1984.⁴

Part of the overall quota (which may be changed in the course of the year) is contractual and part autonomous, but the exact proportions have not yet been fixed as talks are still going on with Canada to determine the volume of the contractual quota to apply from 1 January 1984.

Community surveillance of imports

2.1.40. On 3 October the Council adopted a Regulation establishing ceilings and Community surveillance for the import of certain textile products originating in Cyprus until 31 December.⁵

Origin

2.1.41. As existing rules were proving insufficient to deal with fraud concerning the evidence of origin of textile products, the Commission adopted on 12 October a proposal for a Council Regulation⁶ which would extend and clarify the scope of the Regulation of 11 June 1981,⁷ which deals

¹ OJ L 304, 5.11.1983.

² OJ L 312, 12.11.1983.

³ OJ L 298, 29.10.1983.

⁴ COM(83)646.

⁵ OJ L 275, 8.10.1983.

⁶ COM(83)597.

⁷ OJ L 169, 26.6.1981; Bull. EC 6-1981, point 2.1.30.

with the exchange of information among Member States, and between Member States and the Commission, on all cases of fraud. The proposed new Regulation would also establish procedures for internal Community administrative cooperation and joint Commission/Member State fact-finding missions to non-member countries.

Competition

Twelfth Report on Competition Policy

2.1.42. On 24 October Parliament passed a resolution¹ on the Commission's *Twelfth Report on Competition Policy*,² published in conjunction with the *General Report on the Activities of the European Communities in 1982*.

General rules applying to undertakings

2.1.43. On 25 October Parliament delivered its opinion³ on the amended proposal for a Council Regulation on merger control.⁴ The House recommended that the Commission publish guidelines from time to time indicating what mergers may be authorized and that the powers of the Commission and the Member States be clearly laid down. It also proposed that international competition be taken into account in assessing mergers.

Block exemption for R&D cooperation agreements

2.1.44. On 26 October the Commission announced that it had approved a draft block exemption Regulation for research and development cooperation agreements. After preliminary consultation of the Member States, the draft will be published in the Official Journal early in 1984 to give interested parties the opportunity to comment.

The Commission regards the promotion of research and development as a priority ob-

jective for the Community, and therefore looks favourably on R&D cooperation agreements between firms where this stimulates technical or economic progress and reduces costs. Thought has been given to the concerns expressed in industrial circles about the problems which the EEC Treaty's rules prohibiting agreements in restraint of competition pose for such cooperation agreements, and the proposal seeks to remove the difficulties—often more imaginary than real—that Article 85 is sometimes thought to put in the way of such agreements: that non-exempted agreements are automatically void and that individual exemption procedures are cumbersome and take time. It is for these reasons that the Commission is now preparing this Regulation.

The block exemption would apply to agreements in all sectors of the economy and be capable of extension into the manufacture of the products arising out of a research and development programme in cases of cooperation between all but the largest companies. The block exemption would apply to R&D and production agreements, whatever form they take: the exchange of R&D results or the setting up of joint R&D teams or joint ventures. It would also apply where the whole or part of the R&D programme is subcontracted out to other firms or to specialized R&D organizations or universities. Where the agreement also covers production, cooperation may take the form of specialization or joint production within the framework of a joint venture. Joint subcontracting of the whole or part of the production is also covered by the exemption.

The draft Regulation contains an exhaustive list of all the other restrictive obligations which are covered by the block exemption. For the most part the obligations are necessary to secure the protection of the parties' respective legitimate interests in

¹ Point 2.4.21; OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

² COM(83)140; Bull. EC 4-1983, points 2.1.37 to 2.1.46.

³ Point 2.4.20; OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

⁴ OJ C 36, 12.2.1982; Bull. EC 12-1981, point 2.1.31.

both existing technology communicated to the other participants and the results of the R&D. The obligations in respect of cooperation in production are analogous to those covered by the Regulation exempting specialization agreements.¹

In order to guard against the danger that certain agreements which are often likely to have damaging effects on competition may stultify economic progress rather than promote it, the Commission has provided that agreements which include two or all of the leading three firms in the field, or which extend into production and involve firms with an aggregate turnover of more than 500 million ECU, must first be notified to it for an accelerated individual examination. The Commission must raise any objections to the agreement within six months, or the agreement is deemed to be exempted. This period is reduced to three months in the case of agreements relating to projects of common European interest.

Restrictive practices, mergers and dominant positions: specific cases

Prohibited horizontal agreements

Manufacturers of cast iron and steel rolls fined

2.1.45. On 17 October the Commission took a Decision under Article 85(1) of the EEC Treaty finding against agreements and concerted practices carried out by the majority of the European manufacturers of cast iron and steel rolls.² The Decision was addressed to 25 companies and 2 associations; fines amounting to 1.25 million ECU were imposed on all the parties except for one of the associations, with respect to which the limitation period had expired.

The products concerned are covered by the EEC (not the ECSC) Treaty, and are bought and used mainly by steel producers for incorporation in their rolling mills. Between 1968 and 1980 the parties practised a system of prior consultation on prices before making quotations in each other's home

markets. They also agreed on general price increases and on a temporary allocation scheme. These international restrictive practices were to some extent buttressed by a 'national' market-sharing agreement covering the French and Saarland markets.

These practices ran counter to one of the principal aims of the Treaty, namely the creation of a single market, by interfering with the operation of the price mechanism, by restricting inter-State commerce and by market sharing. In view of the gravity and duration of the infringements, a more substantial fine than that fixed would normally have been justified in this case. There are, however, certain mitigating factors. For example, the Bundeskartellamt of the Federal Republic of Germany has already fined the majority of the parties for similar offences, the parties have been incurring persistent losses in recent years, and they are currently having to bear extra costs of restructuring. These factors have been taken into account in the determination of the total fine, which has been allocated among the parties in proportion to their turnover and the extent of their participation in the illegal activities.

State aids

Aids to research and development

Federal Republic of Germany

2.1.46. On 14 October the Commission decided to terminate the Article 93(2) procedure which it had initiated in October 1982 in respect of the second programme on aid to energy research and technology.³

The Commission had initiated the procedure in view of the large volume and intensity of the aids provided for in this second programme, and the fact that most of the aid would go to very large undertakings and might therefore seriously affect competition in the Community. Moreover, some of the

¹ OJ L 376, 31.12.1982; Bull. EC 12-1982, point 2.1.34.

² OJ L 317, 15.11.1983.

³ Bull. EC 11-1982, point 2.1.35.

programme's provisions were in breach of other Treaty articles.

The Federal German Government argued that the very nature and duration of the proposed programme called for funding on a very large scale and it therefore could be carried out only by large undertakings with the resources needed for the projects. The intensity of the aids was warranted by the high risk element of the research and development projects, which were still far from the stage of commercial exploitation. However, the Government stated that it was prepared to withdraw the discriminatory requirement that recipients must use the services of Lufthansa and German subcontractors.

After careful scrutiny of the programme, the Commission concluded that the German proposals were in line with Community policy as regards both research and technology and energy, both coal and nuclear. It has therefore informed the Federal German Government that it has withdrawn its objections to the programme. The Commission nevertheless asks for an annual report on its implementation, to include a list of recipient projects and the amount of the aids allocated to them.

2.1.47. On 21 October the Commission decided to raise no objection to the extension for the period 1984-88 of a programme of aid to R&D in the field of production techniques (*Fertigungstechnik*) notified by the Federal German Government under Article 93(3) of the EEC Treaty. This programme is the follow-up to one authorized by the Commission in 1980, which itself was the extension of an aid scheme for EDP (*Datenverarbeitungsprogramm*) introduced in 1976.

The aid will be in the form of subsidies of up to 50% of the cost of consultancy services for projects jointly run by businesses and scientific institutes, and of up to 40% for projects of individual firms aimed at improving production techniques, with a maximum of DM 400 000 for CAD/CAM projects (computer-aided design/computer-aided manufacturing) and DM 800 000 for

robot systems projects. Small and medium-sized firms are eligible where it can be proved that the projects could not be carried out without this aid.

In view of the need to coordinate Community R&D in computer technology, the Commission raised no objection to the extension of this scheme. However, it asked the Federal German Government to report annually on the application of the aids, giving the exact name of the project, the size of the undertaking, the sector and so on.

Regional aids

Federal Republic of Germany

2.1.48. In November 1981 the Commission initiated the Article 93(2) procedure in respect of regional aids granted under the Joint Federal Government/*Länder* Programme for improving regional economic structures (*Gemeinschaftsaufgabe*).¹ Following bilateral contacts, the Commission decided on 15 June to terminate the procedure as soon as it had been notified of the twelfth outline plan, amended as it had required.²

The Commission's aim was to exclude certain employment areas from the aid scheme, subject to a transition period expiring on 31 December 1984. The Commission reserved the right to review the final situation in certain other employment areas before the end of 1984. The criteria used in granting restructuring investment aids were also to be altered, to prevent assistance taking the form of operating aids. All these changes were officially notified on 16 September, and the Commission agreed to terminate the procedure, subject to a later decision on the application of the scheme to the agricultural products listed in Annex II to the Treaty.

¹ OJ C 316, 4.12.1981; Bull. EC 11-1981, point 2.1.37.

² Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.65.

Industry aids

Chemicals

United Kingdom

2.1.49. On 12 October the Commission took a decision under Article 93(2) of the EEC Treaty, finding against a British Government scheme of assistance in respect of an investment in a chemicals company to increase its production capacity for oriented polypropylene film.¹

The Commission felt that the assistance was likely to enhance the competitive position of the recipient firm, which was already well established on the market in packaging film, at the expense of competing firms in the Community. The latter already had problems because of underutilization of existing capacity, and the proposed aid was liable to aggravate them. The scheme did not therefore qualify for exemption under Article 92(3)(c), the only provisions under which it might have been approved.

Financial institutions and taxation

Financial institutions

Insurance

2.1.50. On 24 October the Council resumed its discussion² of the proposed second Council Directive on freedom to provide services in the area of direct insurance other than life assurance.³ The debate focused on the general problem of the liberalization of services. The Council agreed to leave it to the special meetings to decide on procedure and the continuation of the work.

2.1.51. On 26 October the Council started its examination of a proposal for a second Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles.⁴ The discussion concentrated on three basic questions: the amounts of guarantees, whether or not the guarantee

body should bear secondary liability, and whether or not the guarantee body's liability should be limited in respect of or exclude damage to property.

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2.1.52. On 26 October the Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on the proposal for a Council Decision concluding the agreement between Switzerland and the Community concerning direct insurance other than life assurance and on the proposal for a Council Directive concerning implementation of the agreement.⁵

Taxation

Indirect taxes

Turnover tax

2.1.53. On 26 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a 15th Directive on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes.⁶ The purpose of this proposal is to extend by two years the time limit set at 1 January 1984 by the Act of Accession of Greece for applying the common system of value-added tax.⁷

Therefore, in accordance with the Decision of 21 April 1970,⁸ Greece's contribution to the 1984 and 1985 Community budgets will continue to be calculated by reference to its share in Community GNP rather than its VAT base: it will pay financial contributions instead of VAT own resources.

¹ Bull. EC 4-1983, point 2.1.55.

² Bull. EC 11-1981, point 2.1.43; Bull. EC 6-1982, point 2.1.55; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.69.

³ OJ C 32, 12.2.1976; Bull. EC 12-1975, point 2.1.36; Bull. EC 2-1978, point 2.1.22.

⁴ OJ C 78, 30.3.1982; Bull. EC 3-1982, point 2.1.35; OJ C 214, 21.8.1980; Bull. EC 7/8-1980, point 2.1.41.

⁵ OJ C 154, 13.6.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.41.

⁶ OJ C 317, 23.11.1983; COM(83)634 final.

⁷ OJ L 145, 13.6.1977.

⁸ OJ L 94, 28.4.1970.

Employment, education and social policy

Employment

Employment and the labour market

Local employment initiatives

2.1.54. In preparing a communication to be laid before the Council on the contribution that local employment initiatives can make to the campaign against unemployment,¹ the Commission organized consultations with the two sides of industry, holding talks with the European Trade Union Confederation on 4 October and the Employers' Liaison Committee on 12 October.

The paper is to be presented to the Standing Committee on Employment at its next meeting on 22 November.

Youth employment

2.1.55. On 13 October Parliament expressed its opinion² on the Commission programme on the promotion of employment for young people and the draft Council resolution attached to it.³ Parliament demanded a more ambitious approach than that proposed by the Commission and called on the Member States to absorb youth unemployment within two years by providing training places and permanent jobs in the context of a Community-wide programme.

Information technology

2.1.56. At the Commission's initiative, a seminar on the possibilities opened by developments in new information technology and their consequences for the employment services was held from 18 to 20 October at Giessen in the Federal Republic of Germany. Representatives of government departments and employment services from the Member States compared their experience regarding information technology mainly on the basis of demonstrations of computerized systems tested in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. Several parti-

cipants in the seminar emphasized the political aspects of the problem while stressing the advisability of introducing technology of this kind.

Financial instruments

European Social Fund

2.1.57. The conciliation procedure between Parliament and the Council initiated in September⁴ reached a positive conclusion. Consequently, on 17 October the Council adopted Decision 83/516/EEC on the tasks of the European Social Fund, together with Regulation (EEC) No 2950/83 implementing this Decision, and Decision 83/517/EEC on the rules of the Committee of the European Social Fund.⁵

The new legislation came into effect on 23 October and constitutes a new charter for the Fund for the next five years; it will be reviewed once more by 31 December 1988 at the latest.

Measures for ECSC workers

Coal—social aspects

2.1.58. On 6 October the Commission transmitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision on a contribution from the general budget to the ECSC budget to finance urgent investment and conversion and redeployment measures in the coal industry.⁶

Steel—social aspects

2.1.59. On 14 October Parliament endorsed² the proposal for a Council Decision relating to a contribution to the European Coal and Steel Community from the general budget of the Communities to implement a

¹ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.53.

² OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

³ OJ C 149, 18.6.1983; Bull. EC 4-1983, points 1.1.11 to 1.1.21.

⁴ Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.40; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.78.

⁵ Point 1.3.1 *et seq.*; OJ L 289, 22.10.1983.

⁶ Point 2.1.185.

series of social support measures to accompany the restructuring of the steel industry.¹

While welcoming the proposal, Parliament called for broader use of Regional and Social Fund resources and other financial instruments for this type of action. It also called for an increase in the number of low-interest loans for conversion, particularly in areas most affected by unemployment following the steel crisis. Finally, it called attention to its resolution of May 1983 on integrated development operations in Community regional policy.²

*Housing*³

2.1.60. Under the ninth housing scheme (second instalment) for workers in the ECSC industries, the Commission approved a global loan for a total of 307 373 ECU to a financial intermediary in the Federal Republic of Germany for the modernization of 69 housing units.

Education and vocational training

Cooperation in education

2.1.61. The Education Committee met on 20 and 21 October and considered the implementation of the conclusions of the Council and Ministers of Education meeting within the Council on greater mobility in higher education.⁴ Those in charge of Member States' information centres on the academic recognition of diplomas and periods of study informed the Committee on the structures and activities of each centre.

The Committee was briefed on the joint study programmes, short study visits subsidized by the Commission in the 1983/84 academic year, the study on the international baccalaureate and the report on guidance and counselling in higher education. Finally, it took note of progress with regard to equal opportunities and cooperation with the ACP countries with respect to education and training.

2.1.62. A seminar—the first of its kind organized by the Commission—was held in

Greece from 11 to 18 October; its subject was the joint study programme and short study visits schemes, which together comprise the greater part of the Commission's activities to encourage international cooperation between institutions of higher education. Following this, the University and the Orthodox Academy of Crete held a major conference on teacher training, with financial and administrative support from the Commission.

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2.1.63. On 12 October Parliament adopted a resolution on the establishment of a school textbook commission.⁵

Vocational training

2.1.64. In the context of the Year of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and the Craft Industry, a symposium on the training needs of small businesses took place in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 October. It was prepared jointly by the Commission and the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training.

The aim of the symposium was to inform participants about four types of traditional training outside firms: initial training for young people, retraining and integration courses for adults, further training for managers and workers and training in setting up new businesses.

Youth exchanges

2.1.65. On 24 and 25 October the Commission held its first meeting with Member States' representatives to discuss the launching of certain youth exchange activities following the Commission communication to the joint meeting of the Ministers of Labour

¹ OJ C 119, 4.5.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.53.

² OJ C 161, 20.6.1983.

³ The details given here are confined to approval decisions. Payments effected pursuant to these decisions are reported in the 'Financing Community activities' section under 'Financial operations—ECSC loans'.

⁴ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.74.

⁵ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

and Social Affairs and the Ministers of Education meeting within the Council on 3 June¹ and Parliament's resolution of 7 June on a European Youth Exchange Programme,² in which Parliament also calls for a special programme of exchanges of young people under the Lomé Convention. Preparations for the International Year of Young People (1985) were also discussed at the meeting.

Living and working conditions and social protection

Wages and incomes

2.1.66. On 12 October Parliament delivered an opinion³ on the Commission memorandum on employee participation in asset formation.⁴ Parliament requested the Commission to draw up a recommendation on this subject and, within five years, to present a report on progress in this area in the Member States, in which the need for a directive, at least with respect to certain aspects of asset formation, is examined.

Equality between men and women

2.1.67. Parliament's Committee of Inquiry into the Situation of Women in Europe met again on 17 and 18 October.⁵ It adopted reports on women and health, problems of women in deprived areas, the situation of women in Greece and the reorganization of working time.

Social security

2.1.68. On 22 October the working party on the concertation of social protection policies, composed of senior social security officials, examined the Commission communication on problems connected with social security.⁶

Health and safety

Public health

2.1.69. From 26 to 30 September the Commission, the World Health Organization

and the WHO Collaborating Centre (Health and Psycho-social Factors) in Belgium jointly held an international seminar in Brussels on the prevention and treatment of drug dependence. The general purpose of the seminar was to exchange information on the experience gained at national and international level and on research in this field. The problems of drug dependence were analysed, a survey of prevention and treatment measures was conducted and the information available for the planning and implementation of programmes was evaluated.

It was unanimously agreed that greater efforts had to be made nationally and internationally to fight drug abuse.

Health and safety at work

2.1.70. The Committee of Senior Labour Inspectors, meeting in Athens on 3 and 4 October, decided to go beyond reciprocal exchanges of information and set up a real system of information exchange at Community level. The Committee also examined the possibility of seconding inspectors to other countries or to the Commission for a few months at a time.

Health and safety (ECSC)

2.1.71. The Mines Safety and Health Commission held its second meeting of the year on 13 October.⁷

In accordance with Article 1 of its terms of reference it adopted a proposal to governments on the use of diesel engines underground in the extractive industries, another on electrical connecting equipment in gassy mines and two proposals on the provision

¹ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.75.

² OJ C 184, 11.7.1983, Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.85.

³ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁴ Supplement 6/79—Bull. EC; 7/8-1979, points 1.2.1 to 1.2.5.

⁵ Bull. EC 4-1983, point 2.1.69; Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.1.67; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.89.

⁶ Sixteenth General Report, point 305.

⁷ Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.1.71.

of statistical data on the safety of oil and gas drilling operations at sea or on land.

The Safety and Health Commission also adopted its tenth report on rescue equipment in mines and its sixth report on the specifications and test conditions for fire-resistant fluids for power transmission in mines.

2.1.72. On 20 and 21 October trade union information days were held in Luxembourg on the initiative of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission for the purpose of informing workers' representatives about safety and hygiene in the Community's steelworks.

Health and safety (Euratom)

2.1.73. On 31 October, following the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,¹ the Commission placed before the Council an amendment to the Directive of 15 July 1980 laying down the basic safety standards for the health protection of the general public and workers against the dangers of ionizing radiation.²

2.1.74. The working party set up by the Commission to examine the transfrontier aspects of plans for action in the event of an emergency in a nuclear power plant situated near a border³ held its first meeting at the end of September. The national representatives presented a report on the present situation in their countries as regards contacts and bilateral agreements relating to plans for transfrontier intervention and on the experience acquired in that area. On the basis of this information a report will be drawn up to show the main points of emergency plans which are to be the subject of bilateral agreements.

Culture

2.1.75. On 10 October Parliament passed a resolution on the promotion of filmmaking in the Community countries.⁴

Regional policy

Integrated Mediterranean programmes

2.1.76. In October the Commission added to its proposal for a Regulation implementing the integrated Mediterranean programmes⁵ a set of measures concerning fisheries and aquaculture.⁶

Coordination and programmes

Regional impact assessment of other Community policies

2.1.77. On 14 October Parliament adopted a resolution on transport problems in peripheral regions of the Community⁴ which complements its resolution of 20 May on the peripheral maritime regions and islands of the Community.⁷

Regional development studies

2.1.78. The Commission financed three studies in October, the subjects being the influence of peripheral and central location on the relative level of development of the regions, German exports seen from the regional angle, and an updating of Community regional labour market analyses and forecasts.

On 27 October the Commission decided, under Article 12 of the ERDF Regulation, to allocate 3 139 million ECU for eight technical and feasibility studies closely connected with Fund operations. One study con-

¹ OJ C 286, 24.10.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.75; COM(83)627 final.

² OJ L 246, 17.9.1980.

³ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.195.

⁴ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁵ OJ C 251, 19.9.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, points 1.3.1 to 1.3.13; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.78.

⁶ Point 2.1.163; COM(83)641 final.

⁷ OJ C 161, 20.6.1983; Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.4.14.

cerns Denmark concerns Denmark and the other seven the United Kingdom.

Financial instruments

European Regional Development Fund

Eighth annual report

2.1.79. On 6 October the Commission sent the Council its eighth annual report on the activities of the European Regional Development Fund.¹ The report describes the Community's regional policy in 1982 and analyses the activities of the Fund, which is an essential means of that policy.

Since the Council had taken no decision on the proposal for the revision of the Fund Regulation² (it is still discussing it), the Commission decided to use the 1981 quotas for the allocation of the quota section's resources in 1982. The main events of the year were therefore the launching of the specific regional development measures, the 'non-quota measures', adopted by the Council in October 1980,³ and the Commission's proposal in November for a second series of six non-quota measures,⁴ to be allocated 210 million ECU over five years.

Total assistance from the Fund decided upon by the Commission in 1982 amounted to 1897 million ECU,⁵ an increase of 11% over the previous year. Under the quota section, which accounts for 95% of the Fund's resources, the Commission granted financial assistance totalling 1862 million ECU to 3262 investment projects and 2 million ECU for eight feasibility studies.

Fund assistance: non-quota measures

2.1.80. On 12 October the Commission sent the Council amendments⁶ to four of its proposals for a second series of non-quota measures.⁴

The changes take account of the amendments requested by Parliament on 10 June (inclusion in the Regulations of the territorial designation criteria for these measures, and direct payment of Fund assistance to the agencies implementing the measures).⁷

Environment and consumers

Environment

Informal meeting of Ministers

2.1.81. At an informal meeting in Athens on 2 and 3 October, the Ministers of the Environment held an in-depth exchange of views dealing mainly with how to ensure that environment policy gradually becomes an integral part of other Community policies and with the items to be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Information system on the state of the environment and natural resources

2.1.82. On 14 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a Decision on the adoption of a work programme for the first phase of the implementation of an information system on the state of the environment and the natural resources in the Community, to run from 1984 to the end of 1987.⁸

A communication on a methodological approach to an information system of this type was attached to the proposal.

The work programme proposed was divided into three parts:

(i) application of the system on a Community-wide scale to biotopes of major importance to nature conservation;

¹ COM(83)566 final; Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.59.

² OJ C 336, 23.12.1981; Bull. EC 10-1981, point 2.1.68.

³ OJ L 271, 15.10.1980; Bull. 10-1980, point 2.1.48.

⁴ OJ C 15, 19.1.1983; Bull. EC 10-1982, points 1.1.12 to 1.1.16.

⁵ For the quota section, the grant decisions are expressed in national currencies. The amounts expressed in ECU do not reflect changes in the rates of exchange during the year, conversion having been made at the rates obtaining in January 1982. For the non-quota section the grant decisions are expressed in ECU.

⁶ OJ C 291, 27.1.1983; COM(83)595 final.

⁷ OJ C 184, 11.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.104.

⁸ OJ C 291, 27.10.1983; COM(83)528 final.

(ii) application of the system to the protection of the Mediterranean and acid rain; and

(iii) preparation of subsequent phases of the system, by conducting the research, studies and pilot projects needed to improve the method and to provide a readier supply of more comparable environmental data.

Prevention and reduction of pollution and nuisances

Freshwater and marine pollution

2.1.83. The Commission took part in a meeting on water quality which was held in the Hague from 17 to 21 October. Various plans to standardize methods of determining certain water parameters were discussed. Ultimately it is hoped that these methods will be adopted as international standards.

2.1.84. The Commission was also represented at the meeting of the European Environmental Bureau's Mediterranean Committee in Athens on 24 October. A representative of the United Nations Environment Programme also attended, and there were detailed discussions on the prospects for specific Community action to protect the Mediterranean.

Titanium dioxide

2.1.85. On 26 October the Economic and Social Committee delivered an opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive on procedures for harmonizing the programmes for the reduction and eventual elimination of pollution caused by waste from the titanium dioxide industry.¹

Barcelona Convention

2.1.86. At its second part-session in October Parliament gave an opinion² on the proposal for a Decision concluding a fourth Protocol, concerning specially protected areas of the Mediterranean Sea, to the Barcelona Convention.³

Chemicals

Acid rain

2.1.87. On 27 October the Economic and Social Committee endorsed⁴ the proposal for a Regulation establishing a scheme to provide forests in the Community with increased protection against fire and acid rain.⁵

Protection and rational use of land, the environment and natural resources

Land

2.1.88. From 4 to 6 October the Commission participated in the Conference of the Peripheral Maritime Regions of the EEC in Saint-Malo. This event—10 years after the foundation of the organization—provided an opportunity to take stock of the work which the Conference had done to promote the member regions and of the contribution which the regions in turn had made to building the Community and also to reassess the region's policy for the years ahead. The resolutions adopted reiterated that the objective was to ensure that the resources of the regions are exploited in a manner compatible with conservation and stressed the need for the Conference and the regions to ensure that all their measures were consistent and, above all, in line with the European Coastal Charter.

2.1.89. Parliament adopted a resolution on Community forestry policy on 14 October.⁶

Flora and fauna

2.1.90. At the second of its October part-sessions Parliament adopted an opinion² on the proposal to amend the Regulation on

¹ OJ C 138, 26.5.1983; Bull. EC 4-1983, point 2.1.82.

² OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

³ OJ C 259, 28.9.1983; Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.66.

⁴ Point 2.4.46.

⁵ OJ C 187, 13.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.123.

⁶ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

the implementation in the Community of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna.¹

Natural resources

2.1.91. The Waste Management committee met once again in Brussels on 11 and 12 October. Part of the meeting was spent on the latest national and Community action on recycling and waste disposal and the rest on discussing a general paper to be drafted on the Community's waste management policy.

International cooperation

2.1.92. On 6 and 7 October the Community held informal talks with the Finnish authorities in Helsinki on a number of topical issues of concern to both sides not only in their bilateral but also in their international dealings, including chemicals, air quality standards and industrial pollution.

2.1.93. The fourth meeting between the Commission and Austria under the programme of cooperation on environmental matters initiated by the exchange of letters on 28 April 1978² took place in Vienna on 24 October. Once again a series of topics of interest to both sides were discussed, including acid rain, chemicals, dangerous wastes and environmental impact assessment.

2.1.94. Finally, the Commission joined in the work on a Global Framework Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer³ in Geneva from 17 to 21 October, where the reading of the draft Convention was taken a stage further.

Consumers

Physical protection

Cosmetics

2.1.95. On 26 October the Council amended for the third time the Directive of

27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products,⁴ Parliament having delivered an opinion on the amendment on 14 October.⁵ The essential feature is the inclusion of a positive list of sunscreen agents.

Dangerous substances and preparations

2.1.96. On 5 October the Commission presented to the Council a proposal⁶ to set up a committee for adaptation to technical progress under the 1976 Directive relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations⁴ so as to speed up the procedure for amending the lists of products annexed thereto.

Parliament had expressed its support for an amendment of this kind in April.⁷

2.1.97. On 14 October Parliament adopted a resolution on the export of dangerous substances and preparations to non-member countries.⁸

Textile names

2.1.98. The Council approved⁹ a proposal to amend¹⁰ the Council Directive of 26 July 1971 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to textile names.¹¹ The purpose of the amending instrument is to eliminate divergences in the application and interpretation of the 1971 Directive. It also takes account of new production techniques and new products on the market.

¹ OJ C 272, 11.10.1983; Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.72.

² Bull. EC 4-1978, point 2.1.57.

³ Bull. EC 11-1981, point 2.1.78.

⁴ OJ L 262, 27.9.1976.

⁵ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁶ COM(83)556 final.

⁷ OJ C 128, 16.5.1983.

⁸ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.1.1983.

⁹ Point 2.4.23.

¹⁰ OJ C 63, 13.3.1980; Bull. EC 1-1980, point 2.1.34.

¹¹ OJ L 185, 16.8.1971.

Agriculture

Proposals for rationalizing the common agricultural policy

2.1.99. As part of the preparations for the European Council meeting in Athens, the Commission sent the Council a report and proposals for changes to the system of monetary compensatory amounts¹ and for amendments to the basic Regulations on cereals, oils and fats and processed fruit and vegetables.²

Council

2.1.100. At its meeting on 17 and 18 October the Council approved the revision of the Community rules on fruit and vegetables and olive oil³ which had been a precondition for the opening of accession negotiations in those areas.⁴

2.1.101. It also heard a statement from the Commission concerning suspension of the payment of advances in respect of various aids, premiums and refunds.⁵

Economic aspects of the common agricultural policy

Agri-monetary measures

2.1.102. On 7 October the Commission submitted the report on the rules for calculating monetary compensatory amounts which the Council had asked for at its meetings in December 1982 and in May this year.⁶

The report is accompanied by a set of proposals for amendments to the MCA system.⁷ The aim of these proposals is twofold:

(i) to insert in the basic Regulation⁸ rules making it possible to implement the principle of the progressive dismantling of MCAs contained in the Commission's July proposals.⁹ This is one of the major elements of the proposed adjustment of the common agricultural policy. The Commission proposes the abolition of existing MCAs in two stages at the start of the marketing years

following the entry into force of the amended Regulation. The new MCAs introduced after the Regulation had entered into force would be dismantled in three equal stages, when the central rates were realigned and at the beginning of the two following marketing years. Dismantlement may be speeded up if the Council so requests. Member States where the adjustment of 'green' rates with a view to dismantlement would lead to a fall in producers' incomes could be authorized by the Council to grant compensatory aids on a degressive basis for a maximum of three marketing years, and a financial contribution from the Community might be made;

(ii) to amend the rules for calculating MCAs for the various categories of product, together with the system of neutral margins. The purpose of the amendments proposed by the Commission is to restrict the application of MCAs to the amount strictly necessary in order to offset temporary differences in price levels between Member States and to prevent such price differences from disrupting the intervention mechanisms and trade.

2.1.103. The Commission proposes retention of the present system of neutral margins for basic products (cereals, sugar, butter, milk powder and beef/veal: 1 point for positive MCAs and 1.5 point for negative MCAs). For sugar it proposes omission of the storage levy from the calculation, and in the case of derived products it proposes that processing costs be ignored.

2.1.104. The Commission is proposing special measures for basic products for which the intervention system is less strict (e.g. wine) or theoretical (pigmeat).

¹ Point 2.1.102.

² Points 2.1.110 and 2.1.111.

³ Point 2.4.23.

⁴ Point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

⁵ Point 2.1.142.

⁶ COM(83)586 final.

⁷ OJ C 299, 5.11.1983.

⁸ OJ L 106, 12.5.1971.

⁹ Supplement 4/83 — Bull. EC; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 1.1.11.

2.1.105. In the case of processed products the impact of processing costs continues to grow whereas the basic material has only a limited impact. The Commission proposes applying a neutral margin of up to 2 points which does not risk disturbing trade.

2.1.106. Lastly, the Commission proposes abolishing the non-cumulation rule (Article 2(1a)(b) of the basic Regulation 974/71),¹ which has not proved entirely satisfactory. This rule provided for the application of a 1% MCA when the MCA would have been between 0 and 1 after deduction of the neutral margin.

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2.1.107. As a result of the movement of the Italian lira on exchange markets, and application of the non-cumulation rule, negative MCAs were introduced on 10 October, removed on 17 October and reintroduced on 24 October.²

Market organizations

Adjustments to basic Regulations

2.1.108. On 18 October the Council approved the adjustment of the basic Regulation on fruit and vegetables and the revision of the provisions on olive oil.³

2.1.109. The Council resumed examination of the proposal for an amendment⁴ to the basic Regulation on processed fruit and vegetables⁵ with a view to adjusting the general rules for the production aid scheme for dried grapes and dried figs for 1983/84. It could not reach agreement on the new scheme and extended⁶ for one marketing year the measures currently in force in respect of dried grapes and dried figs.⁷

2.1.110. The Commission has proposed the introduction of guarantee thresholds for durum wheat⁸ and sunflower seed.⁹

The guarantee threshold for durum wheat will be calculated as for other cereals. If average production in the last three years exceeds the threshold fixed for the year, the single intervention price for durum wheat

will be reduced by 1% for each 50 000 tonnes in excess, up to a maximum of 5%. The Commission is also proposing that the compulsory intervention system be replaced by optional intervention adapted to specific regional situations, and it hopes to apply the intervention price for feed grains to sorghum from the 1984/85 marketing year onwards, so as to encourage sorghum production in Mediterranean regions.

The Commission is proposing that the system of guarantee thresholds applicable to rape seed be extended to sunflower seed.

2.1.111. The Commission hopes to make some changes to the current aid and premium arrangements in the processed fruit and vegetable sector. It proposed that the increases in financial compensation for orange processing be adjusted so as to increase the proportion of the production costs accounted for by the raw material costs borne by processors;¹⁰ it also proposes that there should no longer be the possibility of processing products withdrawn from the market with a view to free distribution of the product obtained. In a normal year these two measures would reduce EAGGF expenditure by 10 million ECU.

Lastly, the Commission intends to abolish aid for cherries preserved in syrup. These are processed mainly in non-Mediterranean Member States, whereas the 1978 Regulation introducing aid for products processed from fruit and vegetables was aimed principally at products which are of importance for the Mediterranean regions of the Community.

¹ OJ L 106, 12.5.1971.

² OJ L 277, 10.10.1983; OJ L 284, 17.10.1983; OJ L 292, 24.10.1983.

³ Point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

⁴ OJ C 94, 8.4.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.119.

⁵ OJ L 73, 21.3.1977.

⁶ OJ L 296, 28.10.1983.

⁷ OJ L 214, 1.8.1981; OJ L 284, 7.10.1982.

⁸ OJ C 298, 4.11.1983; COM(83)604 final.

⁹ OJ C 301, 8.11.1983; COM(83)601 final.

¹⁰ OJ C 301, 8.11.1983; COM(83)596 final.

Prices and specific measures

Cereals

2.1.112. On 25 October the Commission introduced a special export refund for up to 400 000 tonnes of common wheat flour for Egypt.¹ This special refund is necessary to enable Community exporters to recover a share of the Egyptian market. This is a traditional Community market which was lost in 1983 following the sale of a million tonnes of American flour at low prices.²

In order to limit the quantity benefiting from this supplementary refund to 400 000 tonnes and to avoid any speculation, only exporters whose refunds are fixed in advance will qualify and the Commission will have five working days to examine requests for export licences before they are granted.

This special refund has been fixed at 7 ECU per tonne and will be added to the normal refund, currently standing at 72 ECU per tonne. It will entail additional expenditure of 2.8 million ECU for the EAGGF. However, as the flour will in practice be exported over the period December 1983 to July 1984, while the payment of advances to exporters has been suspended till the end of 1983, there should be no extra expenditure under the 1983 budget.

2.1.113. Community wheat stocks at the beginning of the 1983/84 marketing year were abnormally high at 10.5 million tonnes. During the last marketing year the Community exported 13.3 million tonnes of wheat in the form of grain and flour. Wheat flour exports were drastically reduced (2.2 million tonnes of wheat equivalent) in relation to previous years, however, as a result of the market disturbance caused by the American sale of wheat flour to Egypt.

2.1.114. Because of a shortage of feed grains in Italy, which is affecting mainly poultry-rearing establishments, on 6 October the Commission authorized³ the Italian intervention agency to offer for sale on the Italian market 450 000 tonnes of breadmaking wheat from the quantity transferred to it in May.⁴

Pigmeat

2.1.115. The granting of private storage aid for pigmeat came to an end on 9 September.⁵

By the end of this operation, which helped to stabilize and then raise pigmeat prices for ten consecutive weeks, over 120 000 tonnes had been placed under storage contracts, even more than in 1974 and 1979.

The some 42 000 tonnes removed from store on 30 September were marketed without difficulty. The same results may be expected in the next three months, when it is estimated that about 20 000 tonnes will be removed from store each month. This confirms the value of private storage as an instrument for managing the pigmeat market.

2.1.116. Because of the seasonal improvement of the Community market and the marked increase in the world market price of animal feed, export refunds for fresh and frozen meat were reduced by an average of 20% or about 8 ECU, while refunds on processed products remained unchanged.⁶

Wine

2.1.117. After consulting Parliament,⁷ on 26 October the Council abolished with effect from 16 December the accession compensatory amount applied to trade in liqueur wine between Greece and Community or non-member countries, because of the price level attained by Greek products.⁸

2.1.118. On 27 October the Economic and Social Committee gave its opinion on two proposals for Regulations on the designation and presentation of sparkling wines.⁹

¹ OJ L 294, 26.10.1983.

² Bull. EC 2-1983, point 2.2.23.

³ OJ L 274, 7.10.1983.

⁴ OJ L 138, 27.5.1983; Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.1.101.

⁵ OJ L 27, 29.1.1983; OJ L 240, 30.8.1983.

⁶ OJ L 273, 6.10.1983.

⁷ OJ C 277, 17.10.1983.

⁸ OJ L 297, 29.10.1983.

⁹ OJ C 120, 5.5.1983.

Milk and milk products

2.1.119. The Commission examined on several occasions Parliament's suggestion in its September resolution that a 'Christmas butter' scheme be organized at the end of the year.¹

While it shares Parliament's concern regarding the imbalances on the milk products market — butter stocks stand at 860 000 tonnes and milk powder stocks at 1 million tonnes — the Commission still feels that such a scheme would not be justified at a time of budgetary constraints in view of the very high costs in relation to the negligible impact on stock levels.

Whereas Parliament is concerned with the disposal of existing stocks, the Commission insists on the need for durable solutions and intends to attack the problem at its root in order to prevent stocks from accumulating. With this in view it sent the Council a set of proposals in July and September involving in particular the introduction of guarantee thresholds.²

The existing schemes for the sale of butter at reduced prices, and any new disposal programmes, cannot lead to a lasting fall in stocks until these proposals have been adopted.

2.1.120. At its first October part-session Parliament expressed its disapproval of the Commission's stance.³

2.1.121. On 13 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a Regulation on the continuation of imports of New Zealand butter to the United Kingdom on special terms.⁴ At the same time it reported on the operation of these arrangements since 1973.⁵

The report shows that, because butter consumption in the United Kingdom has fallen by nearly 40% over the last eight years while production has increased to two-and-a-half times what it was at the beginning of that period, the United Kingdom's self-sufficiency rate has risen from 10% to 84%. Over the same period the share of New Zealand butter imports in consumption rose from 25% to 30%.

2.1.122. In its proposal for a Regulation the Commission suggests authorizing the import of New Zealand butter to the United Kingdom for a further five-year period, with the volume of imports reduced to 83 000 tonnes in 1984 (87 000 tonnes in 1983) and by 2 000 tonnes annually thereafter. The special import levy is kept at 25% of the intervention price for butter.

Imports of New Zealand butter to a Community producing much more milk than it needs cost 60 million ECU to the Community budget each year. This cost is, however, offset by the maintenance of cooperation with New Zealand in the management of the world market in milk products (75% supplied by the Community and New Zealand).

2.1.123. In order to remedy the difficult situation on the market for the Greek cheeses Kefalotyri and Kasseri, where big stocks are depressing prices, the Commission decided to grant private storage aid for a limited quantity of these cheeses for a restricted period.⁶

Beef/veal

2.1.124. In order to mitigate the seasonal difficulties on the beef/veal market, the Commission introduced private storage aid for beef hindquarters.⁷

Sheepmeat

2.1.125. Pending the conclusion of agreements with some non-member countries which export sheepmeat and goatmeat to the Community, and pending any changes to the voluntary restraint agreements, on 19 October the Council fixed the quantities which may be imported from several non-Community countries, including Chile and

¹ OJ C 277, 17.10.1983.

² Supplement 4/83 — Bull. EC; OJ C 314, 19.11.1983; Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.80 *et seq.*

³ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁴ COM(83)574 final.

⁵ COM(83)616 final.

⁶ OJ L 272, 5.10.1983.

⁷ OJ L 295, 27.10.1983.

Spain, and the levy, for the first quarter of 1984.¹

Oils and fats

2.1.126. On 17 October the Council partially adopted² a proposal for a Regulation which the Commission had sent to it in August.³ This provides for application of the Regulation on the grant of production aid for olive oil by reference to the quantity actually produced to be postponed to the start of the 1984/85 marketing year in order to leave time for the recognition of producer groups and associations thereof.

2.1.127. On 27 October the Council extended the 1982/83 marketing year for olive oil until 20 November.⁴ On 18 October it had been unable to adopt the proposal for a Regulation which the Commission had sent it the same day, concerning the fixing of the representative market price, the threshold price and the percentage of consumption aid to be spent on measures to promote the consumption of olive oil.⁵

2.1.128. In October Parliament endorsed⁶ the proposals for Regulations aimed at tightening controls on the grant of production aid for olive oil.³

2.1.129. On 27 October the Economic and Social Committee adopted an own-initiative opinion on Community policy on oils and fats.

Sugar

2.1.130. As it does every year at the same time, the Commission fixed the amounts of the production levies for sugar — the basic levies and the B levy for sugar and isoglucose.⁴

It is estimated that the Community budget will receive 520 million ECU from these production levies in 1984.

Tobacco

2.1.131. On 28 October Parliament gave a favourable opinion⁷ on the proposal for a Regulation⁸ designed to increase the appropriation for the measure decided on by the

Community in 1982 so as to provide special aid for Italian tobacco growers affected by the earthquake in November 1980.⁹ Parliament expressed surprise that three years after the earthquake Italy had not yet used the aid and wanted to know how damage was assessed because, two years after the disaster, the amount of aid was estimated at three times the original amount determined at the end of 1981.

Flax and hemp

2.1.132. On 18 October the Council took note of the programme of measures to encourage the use of flax fibres for 1982/83 and 1983/84, which the Commission is called upon to implement pursuant to the 1982 Council Regulation.¹⁰ It also postponed by one year, to 1 August 1984,¹¹ application of the 1982 Regulation laying down restrictive measures in respect of hemp and seed imports.¹²

Structures

New measures or amendments to Directives

2.1.133. On 19 October the Council adopted four Regulations¹³ on the following matters, Parliament having delivered its opinions:⁶

(i) a 'common measure' to develop agricultural advisory services in Greece — for 1984 the Greek Government will be able to claim aid from the EAGGF for projects to

¹ OJ L 294, 26.10.1983.

² OJ L 285, 18.10.1983.

³ OJ C 249, 17.9.1985; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.130.

⁴ OJ L 297, 29.10.1983.

⁵ COM(83)599 final.

⁶ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁷ OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

⁸ OJ C 187, 13.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.174.

⁹ OJ L 58, 2.3.1982.

¹⁰ OJ L 162, 12.6.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.136.

¹¹ OJ L 287, 20.10.1983.

¹² OJ L 162, 12.6.1982.

¹³ OJ L 293, 25.10.1983.

set up training centres for teaching staff and advisers, and for employing agricultural advisers; the cost is estimated at 4 million ECU;

(ii) a change in the 'common measure' to develop beef cattle production in Ireland and Northern Ireland — maximum reimbursement by the EAGGF is raised from 27.5 million ECU to 37.5 million, and the measure is extended by a year to 30 April 1984;

(iii) a 'common measure' to accelerate collective irrigation operations in Greece — the sum of 8 million ECU is considered necessary for this measure, which applies to 1984;

(iv) exceptional emergency aid for stock-farming in Italy — the measure consists in granting aid to turn short-term loans (of less than a year) concluded before 30 November into medium-term loans, and is intended to enable stockfarmers to cope with liquidity problems.

Forestry

2.1.134. On 14 October Parliament adopted a resolution on the Community's forestry policy.¹

2.1.135. On 27 October the Economic and Social Committee gave its opinion² on the proposal for a Regulation establishing a Community scheme to provide forests with increased protection against fire and acid rain.³

Coordination of agricultural research

2.1.136. Following Parliament's opinion of 8 July,⁴ on 27 October the Commission amended⁵ its original proposal for a Council Decision on joint research programmes and programmes for the coordination of agricultural research.⁶

2.1.137. In accordance with its Regulation of 27 July,⁷ on 5 October the Commission sent the Council the programme of research on varroaosis (a bee disease) for 1983/84.⁸ *Varroa jacobsoni*, which causes the disease, is a mite which develops in the brood-comb

of honey bees. Since 1975 it has reached Greece, Germany, Italy, France and the Benelux countries and all methods of combating it have so far failed. If nothing is done the hives are lost. This reduces the activity of bees and hence the spread of pollen.

Agricultural legislation

Veterinary legislation

2.1.138. Because of the spread of classical swine fever in the Federal Republic of Germany, the Commission adopted a Decision on 7 October extending the zones from which Member States prohibit the introduction of live pigs into their territory.⁹

2.1.139. Following Parliament's opinion,¹⁰ on 4 October the Commission amended¹¹ its original proposal for a Directive laying down Community measures to combat foot-and-mouth disease.¹²

2.1.140. The same day it proposed that the Council approve a contribution of 3.7 million ECU spread over three years to the Ankara Foot-and-Mouth Disease Institute.¹³ This aid will finance the purchase of 40 million doses of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine to reinforce the south-east European buffer zone.

Competition

2.1.141. Under Articles 92 to 94 of the EEC Treaty, the Commission decided to make no comment on the introduction of the following draft measures, notified by:

¹ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

² Point 2.4.46.

³ OJ C 187, 13.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.123.

⁴ OJ C 242, 12.9.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.146.

⁵ OJ C 311, 16.11.1983; COM(83)643 final.

⁶ OJ C 27, 2.2.1983; Bull. EC 12-1982, point 2.1.128.

⁷ OJ L 204, 28.7.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.139.

⁸ COM(83)576 final.

⁹ OJ L 285, 18.10.1983.

¹⁰ OJ C 242, 12.9.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.149.

¹¹ COM(83)584 final.

¹² OJ C 248, 22.9.1982; Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.1.66.

¹³ OJ C 275, 14.10.1983; COM(83)553 final.

Germany

North Rhine Westphalia: aids for owners of agricultural businesses affected by natural calamities.

Italy

Application of Act No 675.77 of 12 August 1977, on the restructuring and conversion of industry, in the frozen food and heating oil and cake sectors.

Denmark

Amendment of the 1983 budget of the Cattle Levy Fund (financed by parafiscal levies). Aid for control of Aujeszky's disease in pigs.

Belgium

Measures to encourage fuel saving in horticulture, sea fishing and agriculture (change to existing investment aid).

European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund

Guarantee Section

2.1.142. After consulting the Management Committee, the Commission decided on 11 October to suspend until 23 October payment of the optional advances on export refunds and various premiums to the beneficiaries under Community rules.¹

It took this decision as a precautionary measure, following a detailed examination of the situation on agricultural markets and related expenditure for the months of November and December. EAGGF guarantee appropriations available for these two months after adoption of supplementary and amending budget No 2/1983 amounted to 2 395 million ECU, while for the period from January to September expenditure by the Section had averaged 1 337 million ECU a month.

In order to keep EAGGF expenditure for 1983 within the appropriations, the Commission fixed at 1 308 million ECU the advances made available to Member States in

respect of November for payment to EAGGF beneficiaries.

It also suspended payment of the advances on various aids for consumption (olive oil), processing (rape seed, castor seed, peas and field beans), production (dried fodder, soya, cotton), private storage (butter and cream, wine) and distillation (wine), production refunds (sugar, starch products), export refunds on agricultural produce and the premium for leaf tobacco.

This measure, which affected only the payment of advances to beneficiaries, did not stop agricultural payments in general and had no effect on amounts or traders' rights.

2.1.143. The Commission adopted other measures in the days which followed: continuation of the protective measure until the end of December;² reduction from 9% to 8% in the annual interest paid to Member States to finance intervention stocks; reduction for November of the quantity of skimmed-milk powder subsidized for processing into animal feed.

2.1.144. Lastly, it speeded up the work begun several months ago on changing accounting practices relating to stock financing and losses on sales from intervention. With this in view, it replaced Regulation 380/78 on the operation of the system of advances in respect of expenditure financed by the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF³ by a new Regulation.⁴ The most important adjustments are designed to ensure that second-category intervention expenditure (public storage) receives the same treatment as first-category expenditure (aids and refunds) for budget purposes; the period to which the former relates will henceforth be determined by payment and no longer by physical operations.

¹ OJ L 279, 12.10.1983.

² OJ L 289, 22.10.1983.

³ OJ L 56, 27.2.1978.

⁴ OJ L 320, 17.11.1983.

Fisheries

Council

2.1.145. Despite lengthy negotiations on 3 and 4 October and again on 19 and 20 October, the Council failed to reach agreement on the allocation of the North Sea herring stock among the Member States. A decision was particularly difficult to reach because no allocation for herring had been fixed at the time of the agreement of 25 January on fisheries policy. Several Commission attempts at a compromise, notably involving the adjustment of the 1983 allocation in the years to come, were unsuccessful.

Having failed as regards the allocation of herring quotas, the Council was unable to reach a decision on the TACs and quotas for 1983. As a result, the 'rollover' Regulation (No 198/83) adopted by the Council on 25 January¹ will permit Community fishermen to continue to operate in 1983 on the basis of the 1982 TACs and quotas.

On 4 October the Council amended² Regulation (EEC) No 171/83 of 25 January laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources.³ The amending Regulation includes provision for greater mesh sizes for nets used to catch certain species in the North Sea and the establishment of a box for mackerel off the coast of Cornwall.

The Council also adopted three measures in the field of structural policy.⁴

Resources

Internal aspects

TACs and quotas for 1983

2.1.146. Under the 'rollover' Regulation (No 198/83),¹ the Commission decided on 6 October,⁵ as it did in September with regard to other Member States,⁶ to prohibit vessels flying the Danish flag from fishing for saithe.

Control measures

2.1.147. The Commission adopted a Regulation,⁷ pursuant to the Council Regulation of 29 June 1982 establishing certain control measures for fishing activities by vessels of the Member States,⁸ laying down detailed rules concerning the log-book to be kept by the masters of fishing vessels flying the flag of, or registered in, a Member State.

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2.1.148. On 13 October Parliament passed a resolution on fisheries inspectors.⁹

National conservation and management measures

2.1.149. The Commission took note of a UK measure giving effect to the provisions of Regulations Nos 709, 1008, 1009 and 1010/83 concerning fishing by vessels of non-member countries in UK waters. The Commission reminded the UK authorities that it has the right to review the compatibility of the order with Community law and the common fisheries policy at any time.

2.1.150. On 18 October the Commission took note of the following three UK measures:

- (i) The Sea Fishing Licensing Order 1983;
- (ii) The Herring and White Fish (Specified Manx Waters) Licensing Order 1983;
- (iii) The Sea Fishing (Specified Western Waters) (Restriction on Landing) (Variation) Order 1983.

The Commission found these measures consistent with Article 5(2) of Regulation No 170/83³ and reminded the UK authorities of their duty to ensure that hake catches in ICES subarea VIII (EEC zone) did not

¹ OJ L 25, 27.1.1983.

² OJ L 288, 21.10.1983.

³ OJ L 24, 27.1.1983.

⁴ Point 2.1.162.

⁵ OJ L 274, 7.10.1983.

⁶ Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.116.

⁷ OJ L 276, 10.10.1983.

⁸ OJ L 220, 29.7.1982.

⁹ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

exceed the UK quota fixed for that subarea by Regulation No 172/83.¹

2.1.151. On 24 October the Commission took note of a Danish order amending a previous order relating to fishing in the Baltic Sea and the Belts. The Commission found that the ban on herring fishing in ICES subdivision 22 in the last quarter of 1983, and the technical measures relating to herring, were consistent with Article 20(1) of Regulation No 171/83¹ and Article 5(2) of Regulation No 170/83.¹ The Commission also reminded the Danish authorities of their duty to manage herring fishing in accordance with Regulations Nos 198/83² and 172/83.¹

The Commission stated that it was entitled to review the compatibility of the Danish measure with Community law and the common fisheries policy at any time.

National measures for the protection of local stocks

2.1.152. On 20 October the Commission approved two draft United Kingdom measures as being consistent with Article 19 of Regulation No 171/83¹ in that they concern the management of strictly local stocks:

- (i) a draft Devon Sea Fisheries Committee by-law fixing the minimum authorized size of spider crabs at 120 mm;
- (ii) a draft Devon Sea Fisheries Committee by-law amending the by-law on the temporary closure of shellfish beds.

National measures concerning access to and determination of fishing zones

2.1.153. On 6 October the Commission took note of a Dutch measure concerning access to waters within 12 miles of the Netherlands base lines. These provisions are consistent with Article 6 of Regulation No 170/83.¹

External aspects

Bilateral relations

2.1.154. Following consultations between the Commission and Norway the Council

was finally able to agree on granting the latter a definitive quota of 31 000 tonnes of herring in the North Sea in addition to quotas for other species.³ In August the Council had granted Norway an interim quota of 25 000 tonnes.⁴ The Commission will now be able to begin consultations with Norway on fishing rights in 1984.

2.1.155. On 4 October the Council authorized the signing of the fisheries agreement with Sao Tome and Principe.⁵ It also decided to apply the agreement provisionally since it cannot be formally concluded until Parliament has delivered its opinion.

2.1.156. On 5 and 6 October the Commission received a delegation from the Seychelles with which it examined the possibility of an agreement on tuna.⁶

Multilateral relations

2.1.157. The Convention for the Conservation of Salmon in the North Atlantic Ocean⁷ came into force for Canada, the United States, Iceland, Norway, the Faeroe Islands, Denmark and the Community on 1 October.

Markets and structures

Market organization

2.1.158. On 20 October the Commission laid before the Council its proposals⁸ for the prices applicable to fishery products for 1984:

- (i) the retention of the 1983 guide prices for fresh herring and frozen sardines;
- (ii) an increase in the other guide prices varying from 1% to 6% for fresh products (herring, sardines, redfish, cod, saithe, haddock, whiting, ling, mackerel, etc.) and

¹ OJ L 24, 27.1.1983.

² OJ L 25, 27.1.1983.

³ OJ L 278, 11.10.1983.

⁴ OJ L 211, 3.8.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.158.

⁵ OJ L 282, 14.10.1983.

⁶ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.164.

⁷ OJ L 378, 31.12.1982.

⁸ COM(83)630 final.

from 3% to 7% for frozen products (sardines, sea bream, edible crabs, Norway lobster, squid, cuttlefish and octopus);

(iii) the maintenance at its present level of the Community producer price for tuna intended for the canning industry.

2.1.159. On 31 October the Commission adopted a Regulation relating to export refunds in the fishery products sector, reducing the refunds for mackerel to zero.

2.1.160. In order to make prices more stable and reduce withdrawals of shrimps, on 26 October the Commission amended¹ the Regulation of 19 January 1976 laying down common marketing standards for a certain kind of shrimp.²

2.1.161. On 5 October the Commission rejected the request by France for permission to apply the safeguard clause in respect of frozen trout from Bulgaria.

Structures

2.1.162. As agreed in its Resolution of 25 January on structural policy in the fisheries sector,³ on 4 October the Council adopted three measures designed to adjust capacity and improve productivity.⁴ These measures are based largely on the Commission's 1980⁵ and 1977⁶ proposals. They comprise:

(i) a common measure for restructuring, modernizing and developing the fishing industry and for developing aquaculture, entailing Community financial support for individual projects involving the building or modernization of fishing vessels of a length of between 9 and 33 metres, investments in aquaculture or the erection, in the Mediterranean area, of submerged artificial structures to encourage the replenishing of fish stocks; such projects will have to form part of multiannual guidance programmes drawn up by the Member States and approved by the Commission;

(ii) a system of incentives for exploratory fishing involving the catching of species which have hitherto been little exploited or prospecting for new fishing grounds, and for cooperation on fisheries within the

framework of joint ventures to be set up between Community nationals and parties from non-member countries around the Mediterranean or on the west coast of Africa;

(iii) financial support for the temporary or permanent reduction of fishing capacity so as to bring it more closely into line with the requirements of conservation; temporary reduction concerns vessels of less than 18 metres in length which came into service after 1 January 1958, while permanent reduction concerns vessels of more than 12 metres in length.

The above measures, which are intended to last three years, should involve a Community financial commitment of 250 million ECU, including 44 million for temporary fleet reduction, 32 million for permanent reduction, 11 million for exploratory fishing, 7 million for cooperation with non-member countries, 118 million for investments in vessels, 34 million for aquaculture and 4 million for artificial structures.

On 26 October the Commission adopted an implementing Regulation laying down the form which applications for assistance under the restructuring measures should take.⁷

2.1.163. In October the Commission supplemented its proposal for a Regulation implementing the integrated Mediterranean programmes⁸ with a series of measures relating to fisheries and aquaculture⁹ (improvement of port structures, development of lagoons suitable for aquaculture, creation of protected marine areas, improvement of marine areas, etc.). The measures involve a Community financial commitment of 466 million ECU over six years.

¹ COM(83)637 final.

² OJ L 20, 28.1.1976.

³ OJ C 28, 3.1.1983; Bull. EC 1-1983, point 1.1.8.

⁴ OJ L 290, 22.10.1983.

⁵ OJ C 243, 22.9.1980.

⁶ OJ C 278, 18.11.1977.

⁷ OJ L 316, 15.11.1983.

⁸ OJ C 251, 19.9.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, points 1.3.1 to 1.3.13.

⁹ COM(83)641 final.

2.1.164. At the end of October the Commission decided¹ to grant aid from the EAGGF Guidance Section under the Regulation of 21 December 1982 on an interim common measure for restructuring the in-shore fishing industry and aquaculture.² Assistance totalling 36 million ECU is to go to 518 projects for the construction of 370 vessels, improvements to 595 vessels and the development of 34 aquaculture facilities.

2.1.165. With the exception of a subsidy to fishermen's and fish-breeders' cooperatives to encourage the establishment of producer groups and facilitate their operation (budget of DR 50 million) and a subsidy for the sardine marketing and processing body, Navee (DR 5 million), with respect to which the Commission decided to open the examination procedure laid down in Article 93(2) of the EEC Treaty, the Commission raised no objection to the implementation of a Greek programme of measures for 1983 to encourage the development of fishing and aquaculture. The budget for the entire programme is DR 470.3 million.

Transport

Informal meeting of Ministers

2.1.166. The Ministers of Transport held an informal meeting in Athens on 6 and 7 October. Their discussions centred on the Commission's February communication entitled 'Progress towards a common transport policy — Inland transport (1983-85)',³ the new method of adjusting the Community quota for the carriage of goods between Member States⁴ and how to allot the 15 million ECU entered in the 1983 budget for the support of infrastructure projects.⁵

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2.1.167. Parliament adopted a resolution on transport problems in the peripheral regions of the Community.⁶

Inland transport

Frontier formalities and inspections

2.1.168. At the meeting of 26 October given over to examining problems relating to the strengthening of the internal market⁷ the Council agreed in principle to the Directive on the facilitating of formalities and inspections in respect of the carriage of goods between Member States,⁸ one delegation agreeing subject to confirmation by higher authority.

The adoption of this Directive will be an important step towards eliminating barriers to trade between the Member States, since the result will be better organization of the various inspections and a considerable reduction in waiting time.

Infrastructure

2.1.169. The Transport Infrastructure Committee, meeting in Brussels on 25 October, devoted most of its proceedings to exchanging information on infrastructure projects with a view to giving the Commission a better basis on which to assess the eligibility of a project for financing support from the Community under the 1984 budget.

Support for projects of Community interest

2.1.170. On 26 October the Economic and Social Committee issued its opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation on financial support for a multiannual transport infrastructure programme.⁵

¹ OJ C 294, 31.10.1983.

² OJ L 5, 7.1.1983.

³ OJ C 154, 13.6.1983; Bull. EC 2-1983, point 2.1.128.

⁴ OJ C 179, 6.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.221.

⁵ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.175.

⁶ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁷ Point 2.4.23.

⁸ OJ C 127, 18.5.1982; OJ C 192, 15.4.1983; Bull. EC 4-1982, point 2.1.87; Bull. EC 4-1983, point 2.1.137.

Approximation of structures

Reorganization of the railways

2.1.171. The Advisory Committee on Railway Accounts, set up by the Regulation of 12 December 1977,¹ held its annual meeting on 6 October.

It examined the possibility of achieving greater comparability between, and more transparency in, railway accounts by using the information available on State aids and on the source and use of funds.

Harmonization of social legislation

2.1.172. On 3 October, under the arrangements for railway cooperation, the Commission consulted the Committee of Transport Workers' Unions (railway employees section) on the report by the *ad hoc* group of railway experts on training and on making employees aware of the problems.

Rhine navigation

2.1.173. On 12 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal² for a Decision on further³ joint action by certain Member States within the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine on the adoption of measures to eliminate the structural overcapacity of the Rhine fleets and to prevent the creation of new overcapacities. The Commission proposes that the Member States which are also signatories of the Revised Convention for the Navigation of the Rhine (Belgium, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Netherlands, United Kingdom) should take joint action—based on Article 116 of the Treaty—in accordance with the directives annexed to the proposal.

Operation of the market

Access to the market

Removals

2.1.174. On 26 October the Council adopted—Parliament having delivered its opi-

nion⁴—a Directive simplifying the administrative procedures governing the operations of removals undertakings in the Member States by introducing a system of multilateral authorizations.⁵ The Directive, to which the Council had agreed in June,⁶ amends that of 13 May 1965 concerning the standardization of certain rules relating to authorizations for the carriage of goods by road between Member States⁷ and that of 23 July 1962 establishing common rules in this field.⁸ The new system will enter into force on 1 January 1984.

Non-resident carriers

2.1.175. Parliament endorsed⁹ the proposal for a Directive on the conditions under which non-resident carriers may operate certain national transport services within a Member State.¹⁰ Nevertheless, Parliament did suggest limiting the Commission proposal to one national carriage operation and extending the arrangements automatically after agreement had been reached on Community rules to govern vehicle taxation, and the weights and certain other characteristics of vehicles,¹¹ and after the Community quota had been increased.

Liberalization of road haulage

2.1.176. At its first October part-session Parliament approved⁹ the Commission's proposal¹² for an amendment to the Council Directive of 23 July 1962 on the establishment of common rules for certain types of carriage of goods by road between Member States,⁸ the purpose of which is to liberalize certain forms of frontier traffic.

¹ OJ L 334, 24.12.1977.

² COM(83)582 final.

³ COM(83)34 final; Bull. EC 1-1983, point 2.1.101.

⁴ OJ C 277, 17.10.1983.

⁵ OJ C 307, 24.11.1982; Bull. EC 11-1982, point 2.1.120.

⁶ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.224.

⁷ OJ 88, 24.5.1965.

⁸ OJ 70, 6.8.1962.

⁹ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

¹⁰ OJ C 18, 22.1.1983; Bull. EC 12-1982, point 2.1.160.

¹¹ OJ C 16, 18.1.1979; Bull. EC 9-1981, point 2.1.110.

¹² OJ C 200, 27.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.222.

Community quota

2.1.177. On 26 October the Economic and Social Committee gave an opinion¹ on the proposal for a Council Regulation concerning a new method of adjusting the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States.²

Sea transport

2.1.178. The Council adopted the Decision on countermeasures in the field of international maritime transport to which it had agreed in June.³ The Decision provides for consultation between the Member States and the Commission before a Member State applies any countermeasures *vis-à-vis* non-member countries.

2.1.179. On 12 October the Commission sent the Council a recommendation for a Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with the United States on competitive access to shipping trades.⁴

The Commission feels that the bilateral agreements the United States is in the process of negotiating with various non-OECD countries will be detrimental to the operations of the Community's shipping companies as the agreements run counter to the principle of a freight generator being free to choose what company shall ship his freight between his country and the United States.

The United States has indicated that it wishes to avoid the Community and other OECD countries counteracting this move by themselves negotiating similar agreements with the above countries. It has asked the OECD countries to enter into a legally binding commitment to maintain the freedom to choose a carrier but has so far not undertaken to guarantee freedom of access 'to the best of its ability'.

2.1.180. On 18 and 19 October the Commission acted as patron to a symposium entitled 'Sea Technology Europe' which was devoted to the type of advanced technology work done by the European Ports Data Processing Association and the European

Association of Shipping Information or under the research programme on shore-based marine navigation aid systems (COST 301)⁵ being conducted under the auspices of the Commission.

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2.1.181. On 28 October Parliament passed a resolution on the creation of a European Foundation for Safety at Sea.⁶

Air transport

Scheduled passenger tariffs

2.1.182. On 24 October Parliament approved,⁷ subject to a number of changes being made, the proposal for a Council Directive on tariffs for scheduled air transport between Member States.⁸

Cooperation with non-member countries

2.1.183. On 18 October the Commission sent the Council a report on the completion of negotiations for the conclusion of the Agreement between the Community and Spain on the international combined road-rail carriage of goods.⁹ The Commission asked the Council to approve the text of the Agreement and to go ahead with the signing. The Agreement, which was initialled on 6 July,¹⁰ advocates exempting the terminal road section of rail transport operations from all quota and authorization restrictions.

¹ Point 2.4.45.

² OJ C 179, 6.7.1983; EC 6-1983, point 2.1.221.

³ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.227.

⁴ COM(83)588 final.

⁵ OJ L 378, 31.12.1982.

⁶ Point 2.4.21; OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

⁷ OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

⁸ OJ C 78, 30.3.1982; Bull. EC 10-1981, point 2.1.139.

⁹ COM(83)590.

¹⁰ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.182.

Energy

Specific problems

Solid fuels

New system for coking coal and coke

2.1.184. On 26 October the Economic and Social Committee gave a favourable opinion on the Commission communication to the Council on the new system for coking coal and coke for the iron and steel industry in the Community.¹

Restructuring, modernization, retraining and supporting measures

2.1.185. On 6 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a Decision on a contribution from the general budget of the Communities to the ECSC budget.² This rounds off the recent Commission proposals for a balanced solid fuels policy³ and for financial support from the Community for the industries producing solid fuels.⁴ This contribution—of 60 million ECU annually for three years—is intended to finance investment in research and the retraining and redeployment of surplus labour since the Community has set as targets the diversification and security of its energy supplies. Modernization, under Articles 56(2)(a), 56(2)(b), 54 and 55 of the ECSC Treaty, will entail the loss of 50 000 to 60 000 jobs and a consequent increase in the Article 56(2)(b) allowances and payments which the ECSC budget is unable to finance.

Energy saving and new energy sources

2.1.186. On 19 October the Commission sent the Council, for information purposes, its decision⁵ to grant financial support of 18 825 ECU for a second series⁶ of pilot industrial projects and demonstration projects relating to the liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels, under the Regulation of 11 July 1983.⁷ The decision will take effect on expiry of a period of 20 working days from the date of its communication to the Council and Member States if, during that period, no Member State has referred the matter to the Council.

Research and development

Council

2.1.187. On 26 October⁸ the Council approved the second stage of the multiannual research and training programme in the field of biomolecular engineering.⁹

Development of the common policy

Structures and procedures

2.1.188. On 14 October Parliament gave its opinion¹⁰ on the proposal to rationalize the structures and procedures of the Community's R&D committees.¹¹ It welcomed the Commission's initiative as an important step towards improving consultation procedures. It insisted that its opinion had to be obtained before further management and coordination consultative committees were set up and requested the Commission to report to it on the activities of such committees within two years after they were set up.

New JRC research programme

2.1.189. On 26 October the Commission amended¹² the proposal it had presented in June¹³ concerning the JRC's multiannual research programme (1984-87) in order to make the technical changes Parliament has asked for on 14 October.¹⁰

2.1.190. At its meeting in Brussels on 17 October the Euratom Scientific and Technical Committee gave a favourable opinion

¹ OJ C 132, 19.5.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, points 2.1.152 and 2.1.159.

² COM(83)583 final

³ Bull. EC 6-1983, points 1.2.16 and 1.2.17.

⁴ OJ C 232, 30.8.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.188.

⁵ COM(83)1507 final.

⁶ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.191.

⁷ OJ L 195, 19.7.1983.

⁸ Point 2.4.23.

⁹ Point 2.1.197.

¹⁰ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

¹¹ OJ C 113, 27.4.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.167.

¹² OJ C 311, 16.11.1983.

¹³ OJ C 250, 19.9.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, points 2.1.281 to 2.1.284.

on the Commission's proposal to establish a Board of Governors for the JRC.¹ It also pointed to the need to make suitable arrangements for cooperation with that body.

The Committee also endorsed the setting up of a tritium-handling laboratory at Ispra to replace the Super-Sara project,² emphasizing that this programme should be carried out in close cooperation with the Fusion Technology Steering Committee.

Cooperation with non-member countries

2.1.191. On 6 October the Commission proposed that the Council conclude the agreement between the Community and Sweden on the European research and development programme on urban and industrial waste recycling.³ This extends and amends the agreement signed by the two parties in June 1982,⁴ which expires on 31 October.

Horizontal activities

2.1.192. On 17 October the Council formally adopted a second research programme on forecasting and assessment in science and technology (FAST II) 1983-87,⁵ which it had approved on 28 June.⁶ This programme is based on the very favourable evaluation of the results of FAST I (1978-83),⁷ and once again its function is to analyse the long-term implications of technological change for European society.

Codest

2.1.193. The Committee for the European Development of Science and Technology (Codest) met for the second time⁸ on 28 October to select the projects which it will recommend to the Commission for support under the action to improve the efficacy of European R&D.⁹ Apart from a major operation in the field of optonics which should give Europe a lead in this technology applied to computers, the Committee selected projects which would involve some 90 European laboratories in all parts of the Community. The fields of activity range

from pharmacobiology to solid-state physics, and the projects will require a budget of 3.6 million ECU for 1983. It is intended to select further projects for the 1984 budget.

Multiannual programmes

Energy

Thermonuclear fusion

2.1.194. On 27 October a current of 1.3 million amperes was produced for a duration of more than a second in JET,¹⁰ creating a world record and bettering the performance of the Princeton TFTR, the American counterpart of JET.

These results, obtained at the start of the JET experimental programme which is planned to run for several years, can be regarded as an early milestone in the drive towards attainment of full performance parameters (currents of around 4.8 million amperes).

Solar energy

2.1.195. From 17 to 22 October the Commission-sponsored Fifth International Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference was held in Athens, attended by 500 people from the worlds of industry and research.

Discussion centred on the most recent advances in research, development and manufacture of photovoltaic cells and on the applications and future prospects of this method of converting solar energy into electricity.

¹ COM(83)377 final; Bull. EC 2-1983, point 2.1.134.

² COM(83)550 final; Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.166.

³ COM(83)577 final.

⁴ OJ L 174, 21.6.1982; Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.146.

⁵ OJ L 293, 25.10.1983.

⁶ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.257.

⁷ OJ L 225, 16.8.1978.

⁸ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.197.

⁹ OJ C 182, 8.7.1983.

¹⁰ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.260.

Non-nuclear energy

2.1.196. On 28 October Parliament approved¹ a proposal for a Decision adopting a research and development programme in the field of non-nuclear energy.²

Support for industrial development*Continuation and extension of the biomolecular engineering programme*

2.1.197. The second stage (January 1984 to March 1986) of the multiannual research and training programme in the field of biomolecular engineering³ was adopted by the Council on 26 October on a proposal from the Commission⁴ after Parliament had given a favourable opinion.⁵ The programme is to receive appropriations of 7 million ECU, and an addition to the first stage⁶ is the extension of what is known as 'enzyme engineering' to all branches of industry, in particular the pharmaceutical and fine chemicals industry. It will later be incorporated in the biotechnology action programme recently proposed by the Commission.⁷

Esprit programme

2.1.198. On 26 October the Council examined in detail some key issues concerning the Esprit programme.⁸ Parliament gave its opinion on the programme on 14 October.⁵

Basic technological research and application of new technologies

2.1.199. In October the Economic and Social Committee gave its opinion on the Commission's proposals for two multiannual R&D programmes, one in the field of basic technological research and the other concerning the applications of new technologies.⁹

Science and technology for development

2.1.200. On 10 November the Commission published in the Official Journal¹⁰ a call for proposals for the 'Medicine, health and nutrition in the tropics' subprogramme of the first R&D programme in the field of science and technology for development.¹¹

Proposals for participation in the subprogramme must reach the Commission before 15 February 1984.

Living and working conditions*Radiation protection*

2.1.201. In October the Commission organized at Anacapri in Italy an international seminar (attended by 150 scientists) on indoor exposure to natural radiation and related risk assessment.

The conclusions of the seminar indicated that the ongoing nationwide surveys in the Member States will by the end of 1984 yield a reliable estimate of the indoor exposure dose. Critical regions will have been defined. Future work will have to focus on fundamental physics, the dosimetric aspects and lung modelling, the evaluation of risk factors through epidemiological work and the testing of countermeasures to reduce the ingress of radon.

2.1.202. In October the Commission also organized a seminar attended by 170 research scientists on the environmental transfer to man of radionuclides released from nuclear installations.

The conclusions showed the need to resolve uncertainties about transfer factors and, where nuclear energy is used for energy purposes, to test transfer models under the ecological conditions prevailing in developing countries.

ECSC social research

2.1.203. On 25 October the Commission decided to grant financial aid of 1 497 900 ECU to ten projects in the fourth ergonomics programme.¹²

¹ OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

² OJ C 218, 13.8.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.262.

³ OJ L 305, 8.11.1983.

⁴ OJ C 180, 7.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.272.

⁵ OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁶ OJ L 375, 30.12.1981; Bull. EC 12-1981, point 2.1.166.

⁷ Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.157.

⁸ Points 2.1.29 and 2.1.30.

⁹ OJ C 230, 27.8.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.271.

¹⁰ OJ C 303, 10.11.1983.

¹¹ OJ L 352, 14.12.1982.

¹² Bull. EC 9-1980, point 2.1.33.

2. Enlargement and external relations

Enlargement and bilateral relations with applicant countries

Financial cooperation with Portugal and Spain

2.2.1. On 17 October, following up what it had decided in principle on 21 June¹ and the decisions taken by the Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank on 5 and 19 August, the Council adopted formal decisions to extend financial cooperation between the EIB and the applicant countries for the period 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984. The loans to be made available amount to 75 million ECU for Portugal and 100 million ECU for Spain.

In the case of Portugal the Council also authorized the use, for subsidizing part of the new loans, of the amount remaining for interest-rate subsidies under the agreement establishing pre-accession aid.²

Acquis communautaire

2.2.2. A major step forward was made in the negotiations on 18 October, when the Council agreed to adjust, with a view to enlargement, the provisions concerning the organization of the market in fruit and vegetables, and laid down guidelines for olive oil.

Portugal

Accession negotiations

2.2.3. At the 27th deputy-level meeting,³ held in Brussels on 5 October, the Euratom negotiations were concluded. The Portuguese delegation also submitted a statement on fisheries.

2.2.4. Mr Natali visited Lisbon on 28 and 29 October, where he met General Eanes, President of the Republic, Mr Mario Soares, Prime Minister, Mr Jaime Gama, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Ernani Rodrigues Lopes, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, and Mr Soares Costa, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.

Spain

Accession negotiations

2.2.5. The 17th ministerial meeting⁴ of the negotiations for Spain's accession to the Community was held in Luxembourg on 18 October with Mr Grigorios Varfis, Greek State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the chair; the Spanish delegation was headed by Mr Fernando Morán, the Foreign Minister. The Community presented statements on Ceuta and Melilla (on which agreement was reached), external relations (textiles and the Community's preferential commercial policy) and social affairs. The Spanish statements concerned the ECSC and fisheries.

Bilateral relations

2.2.6. The Commission sent the Council a report on the conclusion of an agreement between the Community and Spain on the combined road-rail carriage of goods.⁵

Commercial policy

Implementing the common commercial policy

Import arrangements

Commercial policy instruments

2.2.7. A further exchange of views⁶ was held by the Council on 26 October concerning the proposal made by the Commission in March with a view to strengthening the instruments of the common commercial policy, in particular for protection against

¹ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.2.3.

² OJ L 349, 23.12.1980; Fifteenth General Report, point 624.

³ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.2.4.

⁴ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.2.5.

⁵ Point 2.1.183.

⁶ Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.2.6; Bull. EC 6-1983, points 1.5.12 and 2.2.6.

unfair commercial practices.¹ The discussions focused on the key issue of the decision-making process, concerning which the Commission had made certain compromise suggestions on 6 October.

Easing of restrictive measures

2.2.8. Under the Council Regulation of 4 December 1980 on import arrangements in respect of State-trading countries,² the Commission decided to open the following quotas:

Italy-Czechoslovakia: aluminium alloy waste, recast into ingots, containing not more than 97.5% aluminium;

France - Bulgaria/Poland/Romania/Czechoslovakia: potatoes.

Trade protection

2.2.9. The trade protection measures taken in October are shown in Table 3.

Export credits

Arrangement on Guidelines for Officially Supported Export Credits ('Consensus')

2.2.10. The negotiations on the revision of the Arrangement on Guidelines for Officially Supported Export Credits resulted in a new agreement,³ which entered into force on 15 October. It is the fourth revision of the Arrangement since it was set up in April 1978,⁴ and on 26 October the Council decided to apply it in the Community.

The new 'Consensus', which constitutes a fair and balanced compromise between the interests of the various participants, will lead to a reduction in minimum rates while ensuring that conditions of competition remain the same for all Community exporters.

One of its key provisions is the introduction of a permanent system for the automatic adjustment of minimum interest rates every six months on the basis of the average rates of interest of the currencies which constitute the International Monetary Fund's special drawing rights. This major innovation will put an end to the uncertainties and difficul-

ties which dominated the previous negotiations.

Another major aspect is the finalization of arrangements for participant countries (such as the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Japan) which have market rates lower than the minimum rates under the Arrangement. It was agreed that export credits in the currencies of these countries could be granted at market rates, by the issuing countries and also by the other countries which participate in the Arrangement.

Sectoral commercial policy measures

Iron and steel products

Steel—external measures

1984 arrangements

2.2.11. On 5 October the Commission presented a communication⁵ to the Council proposing that the arrangements which entered into force in 1978⁶ for imports of iron and steel products into the Community should be extended to cover 1984.

The Commission also reviewed the situation regarding the external measures taken under the programme to combat the steel crisis. Its conclusion is that the situation is satisfactory since the system has provided the Community market with sufficient protection while at the same time safeguarding the traditional export flows from other countries with which the Community has concluded arrangements, and account has been taken of developments of the Community market.

The Commission therefore proposed that the arrangements should be extended to cover 1984, the main features of the 1983

¹ OJ C 83, 26.3.1983; Bull. EC 2-1983, points 1.3.1 and 1.3.8.

² OJ L 353, 29.12.1980.

³ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.2.20.

⁴ Twelfth General Report, point 452.

⁵ COM(83)589 final.

⁶ Twelfth General Report, point 453.

Table 3

Council		Commission	
<p><i>Definitive anti-dumping duties</i> on imports of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • copper sulphate originating in Czechoslovakia or the USSR OJ L 274, 7.10.1983 (provisional duty: OJ L 151, 9.6.1983) • outboard motors originating in Japan OJ L 275, 8.10.1983 (provisional duty: OJ L 152, 10.6.1983) <p><i>Adjustment of the definitive anti-dumping duty</i> on imports of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithium hydroxide originating in the United States or the Soviet Union OJ L 294, 26.10.1983 (OJ L 23, 30.1.1980) 	<p><i>Extension of the provisional anti-dumping duty</i> on imports of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • certain glass textile fibres (rovings) originating in Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic or Japan OJ L 283, 15.10.1983 (provisional duty: OJ L 160, 18.6.1983) 	<p><i>Termination of the anti-dumping proceeding</i> concerning imports of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unwrought nickel, not alloyed, in the form of cathodes produced by electrolysis, either uncut or cut into squares, originating in the Soviet Union OJ L 286, 19.10.1983 (provisional duty: OJ L 159, 17.6.1983) 	<p><i>Notice of initiation: of an anti-dumping proceeding</i> concerning imports of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • propan-1-ol (propyl alcohol) originating in the United States of America OJ C 275, 14.10.1983 • certain sensitized paper for colour photographs originating in Japan OJ C 292, 28.10.1983 • certain ceramic tiles originating in Spain OJ C 282, 19.10.1983 <p><i>of an anti-subsidy proceeding</i> concerning imports of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soya bean oil cake originating in Argentina OJ C 283, 20.10.1983 <p><i>of a Community procedure for investigating</i> the trend of imports of electric or electronic piezoelectric quartz watches originating in certain third countries, the terms under which those articles are imported and the effects of the said imports on Community production OJ C 285, 22.10.1983</p> <p><i>Acceptance of undertakings:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • offered by exporter of copper sulphate OJ L 281, 13.10.1983 • given in connection with the anti-dumping proceeding in respect of imports of lithium hydroxide originating in the People's Republic of China and terminating that proceeding OJ L 294, 26.10.1983

system being retained, namely the basic price and the arrangements system. The list of countries remains the same, but the Commission is prepared to examine whether it is advisable or possible to extend the coverage for Brazil to products other than cast iron, and whether to conclude arrangements with other countries.

In addition, in order to strengthen the system in force, the Commission proposed that, for the purposes of administering the arrangements, it should be obligatory for the Member States to inform the Commission, by an expedited procedure, of any threat of injury, in order to avoid infringements of the triple clause. It also intends to improve advance surveillance.

Management of arrangements

2.2.12. Management of the arrangements at present in force has involved only minor problems, which have been settled by consultation, with the exception of imports into Germany of reinforcing bars originating in Spain; these products—supplied in large quantities at abnormally low prices—were not allowed to benefit from the price rules under the Arrangement.

Special steels

2.2.13. The consultations requested by the Community under Article XIX of the GATT with a view to compensation for the injury suffered as a result of the United States measures concerning special steels,¹ took the form of a number of rounds of talks in which some progress was made.

The new official deadline for completing these negotiations is 30 November.²

Carbon steel

2.2.13a. The Arrangement which has regulated Community exports of carbon steel to the United States since October 1982³ has been functioning in a satisfactory manner. Periodic consultations between the Community and the United States on the administration of the Arrangement have successfully resolved any administrative difficulties that have arisen.

Textiles

Agreements and arrangements with non-member countries

2.2.14. A further round of exploratory talks on the future arrangements for trade in textiles was held in Brussels from 29 September to 7 October between delegations from the Commission and China. China's requests as regards quota levels are high in relation to the possibilities existing under the global ceilings adopted by the Community for the most sensitive categories of textile products.

2.2.15. Consultations with Yugoslavia and Portugal were held on 17 and 18 October respectively to examine a number of management issues which had arisen. A new regional limit for exports of T-shirts (cat. 4) to the United Kingdom was agreed with Yugoslavia.

2.2.16. Preliminary negotiations took place with four 'preferential' countries for the extension of the existing voluntary restraint arrangements, which expire at the end of the year. The countries are Turkey and Egypt (cotton yarn), Spain (economic content and duration) and Malta.

Non-ferrous metals

2.2.17. On 6 October the Commission adopted a Regulation suspending until the end of the year the issue of export licences for aluminium waste and scrap.⁴ This measure was taken following a rapid and substantial increase in Community exports over the last few months, a trend which could in the long term have created a critical situation owing to a shortage of this product at a time of distinct tension on the world market, caused by structural changes in aluminium production and other factors. This measure, which is of a temporary nature, does not in any way prejudice the arrangements which will be laid down for 1984.

¹ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.2.22.

² Point 2.2.19.

³ OJ L 307, 1.11.1982.

⁴ OJ L 278, 11.10.1983.

Relations with industrialized countries

Switzerland

Joint Committee for the EEC-Switzerland Clock and Watch Agreement

2.2.18. The Joint Committee set up by the EEC-Switzerland Clock and Watch Agreement met in Brussels on 11 October. The delegations examined the practical questions arising from the application of the 1967 and 1972 Clock and Watch Agreements and held a detailed discussion on the trend of trade and the commercial policy problems facing the clock and watch industries of the contracting parties (imports of clock and watch products at low prices and counterfeiting). The Committee was in favour of stepping up work in GATT on international trade in counterfeit goods.

United States

Special steels

2.2.19. Two further rounds of consultations between the Community and the United States took place in Geneva on 5 and 6 and 26 October.¹ The first meeting revealed the inadequate and illegal nature (under GATT rules) of the compensation offered by the United States to European exporters, since the method chosen by the USA covers only those products affected by tariff increases. The Commission therefore requested a new round of consultations on the basis of a more comprehensive offer including compensation for quota restrictions. As the United States did not make a concrete proposal at the new discussions on 26 October, the Commission and the US authorities decided to extend until 30 November the period in which a compromise could be sought.

2.2.20. On 17 October the Council, having taken note of the Commission's report on the GATT Article XIX on compensation, decided that the US position was inadequate, since it did not cover products subject to quotas, and was unsatisfactory for

products subject to tariff increases. In addition, the Council stressed the need for the US to administer the quotas in a manner which took account of the needs and interests of all Community exporters, and for exemptions to be admitted for certain products.

Sale of wheat flour to Egypt

2.2.21. The Commission decided to introduce a special export refund for up to 400 000 tonnes of wheat flour for Egypt.² This refund is needed to enable Community exporters to recover a share of the Egyptian market, which has traditionally been supplied by the Community and represents about 20% of the world market for flour; the Community lost its market here in 1983 following the sale at subsidized prices of a million tonnes of American flour.³ In addition, by facilitating the resumption of commercial sales to the Egyptian market, the refund should also help restore a more realistic price level on the world market.

Japan

2.2.22. On the basis of a Commission communication of 7 October, the Council expressed on 17 October its grave concern over the continuing deterioration in trade between the Community and Japan.⁴ It noted that the practical measures which the Japanese authorities said would bring about a massive and visible increase in imports of manufactured goods into Japan had still not materialized. The Council therefore decided:

- (i) to pursue vigorous efforts to open up the Japanese market;
- (ii) to request the Government of Japan to adopt policies and strategies which would lead to a substantial shift in favour of buying manufactured and processed products from abroad; and

¹ Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.2.15; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.2.41.

² Points 2.1.112 and 2.1.113.

³ Bull. EC 2-1983, point 2.2.23.

⁴ Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.2.21.

(iii) to continue to encourage Community enterprises to intensify their efforts in selling to and investing in Japan.

The Council also decided on a number of other guidelines; for instance, the majority of delegations endorsed in principle the Commission's proposal to increase duty on audio systems with laser pick-ups in accordance with Article XXVIII of the GATT.

2.2.23. On 21 October the Japanese authorities announced a package of measures to stimulate internal demand and facilitate imports of foreign goods. The announcement of these measures was accompanied by a statement by the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Nakasone.

2.2.24. Pending more detailed analysis, the Commission welcomed the measures in so far as they met some of the Community's requests and included moves to encourage imports of manufactured products. It is not evident, however, that they correspond to the wish expressed by the Council on 17 October to see 'a substantial shift in favour of buying manufactured and processed products from abroad'.

Synergium 83 — an international meeting place

2.2.25. Synergium 83, an international symposium sponsored mainly by the Commission and Jetro (Japan External Trade Organization), and concerned with new technologies and certain aspects of traditional Japanese culture was held in Aachen, Liège and Maastricht from 14 to 23 October. The Synergium was opened by Mr Gaston Thorn at Liège and by Mr Etienne Davignon at Maastricht; Mrs Simone Veil, former President of the European Parliament, chaired the discussions.

New Zealand

Commission proposals for butter imports

2.2.26. On 13 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a Regulation to authorize the import of New Zealand

butter into the United Kingdom on special terms for a further period of five years.¹ The special import arrangements for New Zealand butter should be seen primarily in the context of the existing cooperation between the Community and New Zealand in managing the world market for dairy products.

2.2.27. The New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs and of Overseas Trade, Mr Cooper, referred during his visits to the Commission and Parliament on 17 and 18 October to the importance of the Community market for New Zealand's agricultural sector. He reiterated the vital interest of his country in maintaining its traditional outlets for butter and sheepmeat at reasonable levels and over a long period.

Relations with other countries and regions

Mediterranean countries

Mediterranean policy

2.2.28. Following the visits paid by Mr Natali in 1981, 1982 and earlier this year,² and in line with the Council's decision of 25 January 1983, exploratory talks were held between a Commission delegation and delegations from Tunisia (on 17 October), Algeria (on 19 October) and Morocco (on 20 and 21 October). During these talks the Community's partners gave their views on how the relationship with the Community had evolved since the signing of the Cooperation Agreements,³ voiced their concern that enlargement of the Community would heighten some of their difficulties and made suggestions on how to overcome them.

¹ Points 2.1.121 and 2.1.122.

² Bull. EC 5-1983, point 2.2.22; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.2.31.

³ Twelfth General Report, point 460; OJ L 263, L 264 and L 265, 27.9.1978.

Cyprus

2.2.29. The EEC-Cyprus Association Council held its ninth ministerial-level meeting in Luxembourg on 17 October,¹ providing the opportunity for a wide-ranging exchange of views on the operation of the Association Agreement and the implementation of the decision adopted by the Association Council on 24 November 1980 regarding the process of transition to the second stage of the Agreement.²

2.2.30. On 12 October Parliament passed a resolution on economic and trade relations between the Community and Cyprus.³

Malta

2.2.31. On 17 October the Council adopted a Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate a second Financial Protocol with Malta to take over from the present protocol (which is due to expire on 31 October).⁴

Morocco

2.2.32. King Hassan II of Morocco, accompanied by a number of Ministers, among them the Ministers of Agriculture and Trade, visited the Commission on 19 October. The King was received by Mr Thorn and took part in a working meeting at which, in addition to the President, Mr Ortoli, Mr Haferkamp, Mr Natali, Mr Davignon, Mr Dalsager and Mr Pisani were also present.

Discussions centred on the state of relations between the Community and Morocco in the light of the 1976 Cooperation Agreement⁵ and on the possible effects of the Community's enlargement on Morocco.

Both delegations restated their desire for deeper and more fruitful cooperation, recognizing that one of its fundamental elements was the political factor.

Israel

2.2.33. On 28 October Parliament gave its opinion⁶ on the Commission's recommendation regarding the conclusion of the pro-

ocol on financial cooperation between the Community and Israel.⁷ It expressed satisfaction at the signing of the new Financial Protocol on 24 June⁸ and hoped that the procedure decided on to put the sum allocated to use would be completed as quickly as possible, so that there would be no hiatus in financial cooperation between the two parties.

Asia

Asean countries

2.2.34. The fourth meeting of the EEC-Asean Joint Cooperation Committee was held in Brussels on 5 and 6 October at ambassador level.⁹ The discussions on trade revealed a large measure of agreement on both bilateral and multilateral aspects. The two delegations expressed their firm hope that the Common Fund, a key element of the Integrated Programme, would soon become operational. The Asean delegation presented a programme outlining ways of strengthening cooperation in the areas of training, science, insurance and technology.

Singapore

2.2.35. Mr Thorn paid an official visit to Singapore on 30 October, in the course of which he held talks with Mr Suppiah Dhanabalan, the Foreign Minister.

Thailand

2.2.36. On 31 October Mr Thorn paid another official visit, this time to Thailand. He was received by King Bhumiphol and met the Prime Minister, General Prem Tin-

¹ Bull. EC 10-1982, points 2.2.41 and 2.2.42; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

² Bull. EC 11-1980, point 2.2.54.

³ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁴ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.2.54; Fourteenth General Report, point 505.

⁵ Tenth General Report, points 509 and 510.

⁶ OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

⁷ Bull. EC 3-1982, point 2.2.40.

⁸ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.2.41.

⁹ Bull. EC 11-1982, point 2.2.72.

sulanond, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Siddhi Sovetsila. The talks centred on bilateral relations between Thailand and the Community and touched on the major world political and economic problems.

Latin America

2.2.37. On 12 October Parliament adopted a resolution on economic and commercial relations between the Community and Latin America.¹

Andean Pact

2.2.38. A Framework Agreement for economic cooperation between the Community and the Andean Pact countries was initialled on 27 October.² This non-preferential agreement, the first of its kind between the Community and a group of Latin American countries, will run for five years and is aimed at tightening commercial and economic links between enterprises in the two regions and, where possible, undertake scientific and technical cooperation in a large number of fields, including development cooperation. They also agree to foster harmonious growth, diversification and improvement in the quality of their trade by whatever means appropriate. In addition, the two parties will grant each other most-favoured-nation treatment under the GATT.

Colombia

2.2.39. On 6 October Mr Belisario Betancur, President of Colombia, was received by Mr Thorn and Mr Haferkamp. Speaking for the Heads of State of all the Andean Pact countries, he gave an assurance that they were prepared to sign the Agreement with the Community, if possible before the end of the year. He transmitted the thanks of the countries of the Contadora Group (Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela) for the support the Ten had given them in their initiative in Central America. The Colombian President referred to the decision of the SELA Council of Ministers

(of which all Latin American countries are members) taken on 22 September, which expressed willingness to reopen the dialogue with the Community.³ Mr Thorn voiced his satisfaction over the spirit of openness and the readiness to restart the dialogue displayed in these statements.

Development⁴

North-South relations

2.2.40. The results of Unctad VI⁵ and the outlook for the North-South dialogue were reviewed at various international gatherings in October, including the meetings of the Unctad Trade and Development Board⁶ and the OECD group on North-South Economic issues.⁷

2.2.41. On 25 October the Economic and Social Committee adopted an opinion⁸ on the Commission's memorandum on Community development policy.⁹

Food aid, emergency aid and exceptional aid

Food aid

Emergency aid

2.2.42. On 6 October the Commission authorized the following allocations from the 1982 emergency food reserve under the World Food Programme:

Syria: 1 200 tonnes of wheat; Lesotho: 3 600 tonnes of wheat; Gambia: 1 800 tonnes of

¹ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

² Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

³ Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.2.27.

⁴ See also 'Relations with other countries and regions'.

⁵ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, points 2.2.61 to 2.2.64.

⁶ Point 2.2.63.

⁷ Point 2.2.71.

⁸ Point 2.2.46.

⁹ Bull. EC 9-1982, points 1.1.1 to 1.1.11; Supplement 5/1982 — Bull. EC.

rice; Nicaragua: 7 200 tonnes of wheat; Senegal: 2 700 tonnes of rice; Somalia: 10 100 tonnes of wheat for the refugee population.

These allocations represent 35 150 tonnes cereal equivalent (worth 4 393 750 ECU) out of the 40 000 tonnes of cereals set aside for 1982. The aid will be delivered free at the port of shipment; the cost of its transport to destination will be reimbursed on production of supporting documents.

2.2.43. On 20 October the Commission allocated 2 700 tonnes of beans worth 2.3 million ECU to Paraguay to help flood victims; the aid will be distributed by a non-governmental organization.

2.2.44. On 13 October the Commission allocated 600 tonnes of cereals, 100 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder and 100 tonnes of butteroil, for a total value of 500 000 ECU, to Licross for distribution to drought victims in the Gondar and Wollo regions of Ethiopia. The food was to be transported by a ship provided by Licross itself.

Generalized preferences

2.2.45. The Commission's July proposal¹ on the Community's scheme of generalized tariff preferences for 1984 was approved by the Economic and Social Committee on 27 October.²

Commodities and world agreements

Coffee

2.2.46. The fourth International Coffee Agreement came into force provisionally on 1 October for six years.³

2.2.47. The International Coffee Council, meeting in London, set the initial global quota for the coffee year 1983/84 at 56.2 million bags and held the price range to the previous year's levels. It also adopted a resolution to strengthen control of exports

to countries which are not parties to the Agreement.

Natural rubber

2.2.48. The Community and the Member States took part in the fourth special session of the International Natural Rubber Council.

Among major decisions taken at the meeting were the appointment as buffer stock manager of Mr H. Adams, completion of a procedure for the proper transfer of his powers and functions and the retaining of N.M. Rothschild and Sons Ltd to advise the new manager on fund management.

In the light of the present state of the natural rubber market and the fact that the buffer stock now stands at almost 270 000 tonnes, an investment of some USD 200 million, the International Natural Rubber Council's decisions have a vital part to play in ensuring that the 1979 Agreement operates correctly and safeguarding the interests of its members.

Hard fibres

2.2.49. The FAO's intergovernmental Group on Hard Fibres held its eighteenth session in Arusha, Tanzania.⁴ A representative of the Commission participated, as did five Community Member States; the only other importing country present was the United States. The Group reaffirmed its indicative price recommendations for both sisal and abaca fibres⁵ and held further discussions on the possibility of recommending an indicative price range for baler twine, the main manufactured product of sisal. It was agreed by most participants that such a recommendation would not be viable without a system of supply management for sisal.

¹ OJ C 263, 3.10.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, points 2.2.73 to 2.2.78.

² Point 2.2.46.

³ Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.2.33.

⁴ Bull. EC 6-1982, point 2.2.22.

⁵ USD 650-750 per tonne for East African UG sisal fibre cif Europe, and USD 64-94 per 125-kg bale for three representative abaca grades, fob Manila.

Agreement was also reached on procedures by which a number of already approved research, development and market promotion projects for coir and abaca might be financed from an FAO trust fund.

Relations with non-governmental organizations

2.2.50. From 1 January to 31 October 344 admissible projects for a total value of 37.3 million ECU were submitted to the Commission by 125 NGOs and grant aid totalling 15 million ECU was committed for 141 projects.

In addition, 1 545 920 ECU was spent on cofinancing 31 projects to inform the European public about development issues.

ACP States and OCTs

ACP-EEC Conventions

Negotiations for a new convention

2.2.51. The negotiations for the conclusion of a new ACP-EEC Convention to take over from the second Lomé Convention (which is due to expire on 28 February 1985) were opened formally on 6 and 7 October in Luxembourg.¹

2.2.52. In accordance with the conclusions of the co-chairmen and in order to get the practical work under way as quickly as possible, an initial negotiating meeting was held in Brussels on 19 October. The meeting was a plenary, attended by the ACP Ambassadors, headed by their Chairman, Mr Cavalevu from Fiji, and on the Community side by representatives of the Commission as negotiators² and of the Member States as observers. The main subject discussed was the organization of negotiations, which are to be conducted at ministerial and plenary levels and, subsequently, within working parties to be set up to deal with specific fields.

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2.2.53. The Advisory Committee on Development Policies, made up of 24 leading

figures from the Community Member States and the ACP countries, met in Brussels on 20 and 21 October under the chairmanship of Mr Pisani. Detailed discussions were held on a number of subjects such as self-reliant development, the priority to be given to rural development and to independence as regards food supplies, population growth, trade and monetary systems.

The Advisory Committee meeting, which is quite independent of the formal negotiating process already initiated with a view to renewing the Lomé Convention, should provide valuable material for the high-level policy work of the next few months.

European Development Fund

2.2.54. In October the Commission decided on the allocation of fifth EDF resources totalling 56 686 908 ECU to finance projects and programmes and emergency aid operations within its purview in the following sectors:

	ECU
Water engineering	9 200 000
Energy	2 270 000
Economic infrastructure	5 770 000
Road infrastructure	10 600 000
Port infrastructure	4 000 000
Railways	10 300 000
Rural production	13 215 000
Education and training	1 111 908
Emergency aid	220 000
	56 686 908

Export earnings

Stabex

2.2.55. On 26 October, under the system for the stabilization of export earnings, the Commission approved for 1982 the following 23 transfers, advances covering 70% of the amounts in question having already been paid on the basis of the decision of 14 September:

¹ Point 1.2.1 *et seq.*

² Bull. EC 9-1983, points 2.2.40 to 2.2.42.

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Recipient ACP State	Product	Amount in ECU
Benin	Cotton	877 329
	Palm oil	1 614 942
	Cashew kernels	215 789
Chad	Cotton	3 593 163
Fiji	Coconut oil	788 481
Guinea-Bissau	Palm nuts	360 528
	Sawn wood	88 719
Kiribati	Copra	1 036 682
Mali	Groundnut oil	3 548 554
Samoa	Cocoa beans	561 805
	Copra	877 434
Sao Tome	Cocoa beans	2 679 188
Sierra Leone	Coffee	3 831 246
	Cocoa beans	2 447 381
Solomon Islands	Copra	1 726 633
Swaziland	Cotton	3 103 968
Togo	Cocoa beans	7 115 332
Tonga	Copra	1 685 134
	Coconut oil	391 688
	Bananas	223 173
	Coconuts	365 327
Tuvalu	Copra	63 150
Upper Volta	Sheanut kernels	1 046 734
	Total	38 242 380

These amounts include the advances already made.

2.2.56. The Commission also decided to

make the following seven transfers in respect of 1982. No advance had been paid for these:

Recipient ACP State	Product	Amount in ECU
Comoros	Copra	293 528
Grenada	Cocoa beans	1 318 965
	Nutmeg and mace	278 590
	Mohair	694 147
Lesotho	Coffee	16 344 445
Papua New Guinea	Cocoa beans	4 201 081
	Copra and copra oil	3 604 036
	Total	26 734 792

2.2.57. In view of the events that took place in Grenada at the end of October, it was also decided that the actual transfers to that country should remain in suspense until the situation become clearer.

Visits

2.2.58. The President of the Cape Verde Republic, Mr Aristides Pereira, paid an official visit to the Commission on 27 October,

accompanied by the State Secretary for Planning and Cooperation, Mr José Brito, as well as several other high-ranking officials. He was received on behalf of the Commission by Mr Pisani. During the meeting a wide range of issues was discussed, including present and future cooperation between Cape Verde and the Community, and the outlook for the forthcoming negotiations for the renewal of the ACP-EEC Convention.

President Pereira was visiting Brussels in his capacity as current chairman of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel in order to preside over the fifth conference of the Club du Sahel, which was hosted on the occasion by the Commission.

2.2.59. Mr Syed Ahmed Salim Ahmed, the Sudanese Minister of Cooperation, Commerce and Supply, accompanied by the Ambassador-designate, Mr Syed Osman Abdullah Al-Sammahouni, visited the Commission on 5 October.

Mr Syed Ahmed expressed his Government's satisfaction with the pace of implementation of the indicative programme. He particularly referred to the approval recently of the innovative Inputs and Rehabilitation Programme (Second Phase) which, besides providing quick disbursements, facilitates the double injection of foreign exchange and local counterpart funds.

Mr Syed Ahmed also indicated his Government's desire to enter into a food strategy dialogue.

2.2.60. A Tanzanian delegation led by Professor Mbilinyi, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, paid a visit to the Commission on 3 and 4 October.

The major aim of this visit was to discuss future EEC support for Tanzanian agriculture and the possibility of reaching a co-operation agreement on a food strategy in Tanzania.

Southern Africa

Visits

2.2.61. Mr Peter Mmusi, Vice President of Botswana and Chairman of the SADCC¹ Ministerial Council, and Mr Arthur Blumeris, SADCC's Executive Secretary, paid an official visit to the Commission on 10 October and had talks with Mr Edgard Pisani. The progress made in cooperation between the two parties was discussed. The cooperation started under the first Lomé Convention, to which six SADCC countries were signatory. During the life of the second Lomé Convention Zimbabwe became the seventh SADCC member to join. Programmed aid for these seven States amounts to some 380 million ECU for the duration of the Convention, to which aid for regional cooperation totalling 70 million ECU should be added. The major part of the funds is being used for rural development, social infrastructure and training projects.

Angola and Mozambique received 18 million ECU for rural development and fisheries projects as part of the 1981-82 programmes of aid to non-associated developing countries.

The SADCC countries also received large food aid allocations, estimated at between 15 and 20 million ECU per year.

2.2.62. Mr Samora Moises Machel, President of the People's Republic of Mozambique, paid an official visit to the Commission on 4 October. He was received by Mr Thorn and Mr Pisani and took part in a working session with the Commission.

The visit provided an opportunity for an exchange of views on the main problems—both general and specific—of concern to the Community and Mozambique. The main points that emerged from the talks were the political importance that the two parties attached to President Machel's

¹ Southern Africa Development Coordination Conference (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe).

first visit to the Commission, the confirmation by Mozambique that it intended shortly to send an Ambassador who would be accredited to the Community, Mozambique's undertaking to participate in the negotiations for the forthcoming convention as a full negotiator and to work actively and positively towards becoming a party in its own right to the future convention.

Meanwhile the Commission will continue sending substantial humanitarian aid (food aid) to Mozambique. It will also continue to implement an interim programme of development projects, to be financed from the funds earmarked for non-associated developing countries.

International organizations and conferences

United Nations

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Trade and Development Board

2.2.63. The Trade and Development Board, Unctad's main permanent body, held its regular meeting in Geneva from 3 to 14 October.

At the meeting, the first since Unctad VI,¹ no significant progress was made.

One of the most important issues was to finalize the details of a work programme for the Board in the field of protectionism and structural adjustment. Other issues included the holding of a meeting of the Board at ministerial level, export credit guarantees, East-South trade and the setting-up of a system of generalized preferences among developing countries.

Unido

2.2.64. The second consultation on the agricultural machinery sector (the first was in 1979) was held in Vienna from 17 to 21

October and was attended by Community representatives. This consultation was concerned with the possibilities for cooperation at world level, integrated production of agricultural machinery and capital goods and the main clauses to be included in the standard contracts governing imports, assembly and manufacture of agricultural equipment and training.

International Atomic Energy Agency

2.2.65. The IAEA's General Conference was held in Vienna in October. The Commission's representative, who was participating as an observer, stressed the growing importance of cooperation with the Agency in the nuclear safeguards and other fields.

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)

2.2.66. On 28 October Parliament adopted a resolution on reinforcing GATT in its role as the bulwark of free trade.²

GATT Council

2.2.67. At the meeting of the GATT Council on 3 October the Community referred to the process set in motion by the Council recommendation on the conclusions of the panel which had examined the complaint by Hong Kong concerning certain restrictions applied by France. The Community again raised the question of the American DISC system of subsidies.³ The Council was not able to take decisions on trade in high-technology products or on the question of counterfeit goods.³

Committee on Trade and Development

2.2.68. Consultations were held with a group of contracting parties on the way in which they had implemented Part IV of

¹ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.2.47; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, points 2.2.61 to 2.2.64.

² Point 2.4.21; OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

³ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.2.91.

the General Agreement, which deals with questions of trade and development. The consultations were one of the results of the GATT ministerial meeting held in November 1982,¹ when it was also decided that they would be concerned primarily with Norway, Sweden, Finland, Austria and Hungary. The Community will itself be the subject of the consultations scheduled for spring 1984.

Group on Quantitative Restrictions and Other Non-tariff Measures

2.2.69. The Group on Quantitative Restrictions and Other Non-tariff Measures held its second meeting on 21 October in Geneva.² The purpose of this meeting was to take stock of the information base (stage I of the work programme) and to discuss procedures for the review (stage II).

As regards quantitative restrictions, it was agreed to proceed on the basis of a section-by-section review of the tariff nomenclature. Emphasis was placed on the need to maintain a strict balance between the review of quantitative restrictions and that of other non-tariff measures.

Work will start on stage II in December.

Committee on Tariff Concessions

2.2.70. The GATT Committee on Tariff Concessions met on 20 October. After discussing preparations for future negotiations on the adaptation of the current schedules of concessions to the 'harmonized system', in particular the possibility of installing a computerized data base, the Committee devoted most of its time to a discussion of the problem raised by the Japanese delegation of the application of Article XXVII to 'new products'.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Group on North-South Economic Issues

2.2.71. On 17 and 18 October, at its first meeting since Unctad VI, the Group on

North-South Economic Issues assessed the results of the Belgrade Conference and the immediate and longer-term prospects for the North-South dialogue.

The OECD countries broadly share the Community's own view on Unctad VI: although it had failed to achieve what was expected of it and to attain all its objectives, it did allow the North-South dialogue to continue. The OECD countries feel, however, that they should try to give a fresh impetus to the dialogue. With this in mind, they have drafted an outline work programme for the Group.

Future work also includes preparation for important events in 1984, in particular the mid-term review of the International Development Strategy and the fourth Unido General Conference.

Trade Committee

2.2.72. Much of the OECD Trade Committee meeting on 24 and 25 October was taken up with the examination of the Secretary-General's proposals for the progressive dismantling of trade restrictions and internal measures which distort trade, to be achieved by means of certain practical measures to be taken in the coming months in conjunction with a longer-term programme.

Council of Europe

2.2.73. The Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly adopted unanimously the Draft European Convention on Protection from Torture, which provides for regular unannounced prison visits by a committee of independent members elected by the Assembly.

¹ Sixteenth General Report, point 802.

² Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.2.77.

Diplomatic relations

2.2.74. The President of the Council and the President of the Commission received the following ambassadors, who presented their letters of credence to take effect from 6 October 1983:

HE Rev. Mgr Angelo Pedroni, Apostolic Nuncio, Head of Mission of the Holy See to the European Communities,

HE Mr Moteane John Melamu, Head of Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the European Communities,

HE Mr Mohammad Hoveyda, Head of Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the European Communities,

HE Mr Zhang Shu, Head of Mission of the People's Republic of China to the EEC,

HE Mr Stig Brattström, Head of Mission of the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Communities,

HE Mr Rudolph I. Castillo, Head of Mission of Belize to the European Communities,

HE Mr Luís Alberto de Vasconcelos Gois Fernandes Figueira, Head of Mission of the

Portuguese Republic to the European Communities,

HE Mr Gaston Eyabo, Representative of the People's Republic of the Congo to the EEC,

HE Mr Jean Keutcha, Representative of the United Republic of Cameroon to the EEC and Head of Mission to the ECSC and Euratom.

The new ambassadors succeed:

Mgr Eugene Cardinale (Holy See), who died on 24 March, Mr Bengt Rabaens (Sweden), who retired on 31 August, and Mr Geoffrey Gabotsewe Garebamonu (Botswana), Mr Zheng Weizhi (China), Mr Ernani Rodrigues Lopes (Portugal), Mr Alfred Raoul (Congo), and El Hadj Mahmoudou Haman Dicko (Cameroon).

Mr Hoveyda is the first ambassador to be accredited by Iran since the Islamic Republic was established.

Mr Castillo is the first ambassador from Belize to be accredited to the Communities. His appointment brings the number of diplomatic missions to 124.

3. Financing Community activities

Budgets

General budget

Supplementary and amending budget No 2/1983

2.3.1. On 24 October the President of Parliament declared supplementary and amending budget No 2/1983 adopted. It totals 2 207.5 million ECU in appropriations for commitments and 2 165.2 million ECU in appropriations for payments.

The two amendments which Parliament adopted on 12 October¹ to the draft which the Council established on 22 July² were accepted by the Council on 18 October. They increase the appropriations for aid to disaster victims in developing and other non-member countries by 4 million ECU and retain the payment appropriation of 64.5 million ECU for the European Social

¹ Point 2.4.8; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

² Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.3.2.

Fund as a provisional appropriation (the Council wanted to delete it).

2.3.2. As a result of supplementary and amending budget No 2/1983 the increase in non-compulsory expenditure in the 1983 budget compared with the 1982 budget is 33.52% in appropriations for commitments and 38.67% in appropriations for payments.

Draft 1984 budget

First reading by Parliament

2.3.3. The draft general budget of the Communities for 1984 was given its first reading by Parliament at the sittings from 24 to 28 October.¹

With a series of amendments and proposed modifications Parliament appreciably altered the shape of the budget as reflected in the expenditure estimates in the Council's draft.² In appropriations for payments Parliament proposed increases in expenditure of only 547.96 million ECU, a modest 2.21% up on the appropriations in the draft. This does, however, take up virtually all the available appropriations within the 1% VAT own resources limit. But in appropriations for commitments Parliament entered an additional 2 478.17 million ECU, an increase of 9.5%.

Parliament's overall objective was to restore the priorities which it felt had been neglected because of restrictions on expenditure or the sharp increase in farm spending: these priorities concern measures to combat unemployment, action against hunger in the world and industrial and regional policies; it has also sought to achieve a new balance in expenditure by means of a two-pronged action: bringing farm spending under control and introducing new policies, mainly in the industrial sector. Parliament's strategy pending the outcome of the Athens European Council is as follows:

(i) entry in the reserve of the 1 202 million ECU earmarked, as non-compulsory expenditure, for the compensation to the United Kingdom and for the reduction of the resulting burden on Germany;

(ii) entry in the reserve of 5% of the EAGGF Guarantee Section appropriations (825 million ECU) as a token of the political determination to control this type of expenditure in such a way as to release appropriations for new policies and to cover any requirements which might result from decisions on common prices and related measures for 1984/85 assuming that the 1% VAT own resources limit still applies;

(iii) entry of appropriations totalling 1 210 million ECU to develop a European industrial area.

For structural expenditure Parliament partly reinstated the appropriations proposed by the Commission. The increases for social policy are 251.70 million ECU for commitments and 146.86 million ECU for payments. For regional policy Parliament increased the appropriations in the Council's draft by 357.50 million ECU for commitments and 120 million ECU for payments.

Energy policy, too, was given substantial increases of 112.60 million ECU for commitments and 82.60 million ECU for payments. They are mainly intended for radioactive waste, thermonuclear fusion, raw materials, safeguards and investments. Parliament increased the research appropriations entered by the Council by 208 million ECU for commitments and 30.69 million ECU for payments. The sectors to benefit are mainly medical research, radiation protection, scientific and technical training, information technology and cooperation with non-member countries. The JRC would receive 14 million ECU of these increases.

It is nevertheless industrial policy which is the focal point of Parliament's attention, in its endeavour to create a European industrial area. The broad lines of its action are as follows:

(i) interest subsidies for new investments which will develop employment;

¹ Point 2.4.15; OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

² Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.3.3 *et seq.*

- (ii) aid for cooperation between European industrial undertakings;
- (iii) technological innovation fund for firms needing to convert and reorganize;
- (iv) aid for the exportation of industrial and craft products;
- (v) aid to national offices for European standardization.

Parliament entered 1210 million ECU in appropriations for commitments for these measures, and it partially reinstated, with an increase of 4.49 million ECU, the appropriations for payments proposed by the Commission in its preliminary draft (66.95 million ECU) for other measures.

Finally, for development aid, Parliament's increases of 224 million ECU for commitments and 128 million ECU for payments centred on the special programme for combating hunger in the world, financial and technical cooperation with non-associated developing countries and food aid.

Mr Antonios Georgiadis, the President of the Council, explained the financial constraints which prevented the Council from putting on its list of priorities all the requests made by Parliament. He referred also to the work being done on the reform of the Community's finances. Maintaining that the Commission's forecasts were reasonable, Mr Georgiadis was against the Budget Committee's request that 825 million ECU for agricultural expenditure be entered in a reserve; he was also opposed to a similar request concerning appropriations for measures in favour of the United Kingdom and Germany.

For the Commission, Mr Tugendhat said he thought the rapporteur's proposals were 'a balanced and well-thought-out package'. However, if the budget were adopted as proposed by the Committee, all the Community's resources would be used up and any adjustment during the year would have to be in the form of amendments: there could be no supplementary budget. Mr Tugendhat thought that present uncertainties should make us err on the side of prudence, and that we should leave ourselves a margin.

ECSC operating budget

Transfer from the general budget to the ECSC budget

2.3.4. On 11 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a Decision to transfer 180 million ECU (for 1984 to 1986) from the general budget to the ECSC budget to finance Community investment in modernizing and restructuring the coal industry.¹

For 1984 the Commission has already entered an appropriation of 60 million ECU in the draft budget. The proposal is intended to establish the legal basis required for the transfer of the appropriation once the general budget has been adopted.

Own resources

Future financing of the Community

2.3.5. On 26 October the Economic and Social Committee gave its opinion² on the green paper and proposals for the future financing of the Community.³

2.3.6. In response to the 'conclusions' of the Stuttgart European Council⁴ the Court of Auditors adopted a report on 6 October concerning the financial management of Community activities in the fields of EAGGF guarantee expenditure, the structural Funds and development aid.⁵

Financial regulations

2.3.7. On 18 October Parliament approved a common position on the proposed amendment⁶ to Regulation No 2892/77⁷ implementing in respect of own resources accruing from VAT the 1970 Decision on the replacement of financial contributions from

¹ Point 2.1.185; OJ C 290, 26.10.1983; COM(83)583 final.

² Point 2.4.43.

³ Bull. EC 1-1983, points 1.2.1 to 1.2.15; Bull. EC 5-1983, points 1.1.1 to 1.1.6.

⁴ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 1.5.7.

⁵ Point 2.4.40.

⁶ OJ C 200, 4.8.1982; amendments OJ C 67, 12.3.1983.

⁷ OJ L 336, 27.12.1977.

Member States by the Communities' own resources.¹ This proposal takes account of the need to adjust the 1977 Regulation even before a definitive uniform system has been adopted. The common position approved was transmitted to Parliament under the arrangements governing the conciliation procedure.²

2.3.8. The Commission amended for the second time³ its proposed amendment⁴ to Regulation No 2891/77⁵ implementing the 1970 Decision on own resources.¹ It clarified the rules governing the establishment and making available of own resources so that the Commission will be better able to control and monitor them.

Financial operations

ECSC

Loans raised

2.3.9. In October the Commission made various private placings in Belgian francs and German marks for the equivalent of 112.32 million ECU.

Loans paid out

2.3.10. Acting under Articles 54 and 56 of the ECSC Treaty, the Commission paid out loans for a total of 106.15 million ECU in October.

Industrial loans

2.3.11. Industrial loans (Article 54) totalling 89.36 million ECU were paid out during the month to help finance the following projects:

France

Electricité de France, Paris: construction of two coal-fired power stations at Le Havre and Cordemais.

Usinor, Paris: modernization of the Dunkirk and Montataire works.

Compagnie Française des Aciers Spéciaux, Paris: modernization of the Dunes and Marais works (continuous casting, ladle refining, etc.).

Subsidized housing⁶

2.3.12. Loans for workers' housing totalling 1.26 million ECU were made for steel workers.

Conversion loans

2.3.13. Conversion loans (Article 56) totalling 15.53 million ECU were made to two banks in Germany, Industriekreditbank AG — Deutsche Industriebank, Düsseldorf and Deutsche Bank AG, Düsseldorf to finance multiregional loans for small and medium-sized firms.

Euratom

Loans raised

2.3.14. In October the Commission concluded a number of private placings for Euratom in Dutch guilders and German marks for the equivalent of 51.77 million ECU.

¹ OJ L 94, 28.4.1970.

² Conciliation procedure established in 1975 (OJ C 89, 22.3.1975).

³ OJ C 303, 10.11.1983; COM(83)621 final.

⁴ OJ C 231, 4.9.1982; OJ C 146, 4.6.1983.

⁵ OJ C 336, 27.12.1977.

⁶ Only payments made during the month are reported in this section. Decisions to grant loans were reported in the 'Employment, education and social policy' section at the time of decision.

4. Political and institutional matters

European political cooperation

2.4.1. The Foreign Ministers met twice in the course of the month—first on 10 October on the occasion of the special Council meeting in Athens. The Ministers discussed Mr Genscher's forthcoming talks with Mr Gromyko (in Vienna on 15 and 16 October) and the situation in Lebanon and Cyprus.

2.4.2. The second meeting—an informal, Gymnich-type meeting—took place at Vouliagmeni on 22 and 23 October, when the political cooperation topics included East-West relations—with particular reference to disarmament (Genscher-Gromyko talks)—Lebanon, Central America and Grenada.

No statements were issued following these meetings.

2.4.3. On 13 October Parliament adopted resolutions on the situation in Argentina, the elections in Turkey, greater respect for human rights and civil liberties in Brazil, the arrest of Mr Pedro Felípe Ramírez and Mr Juan Pablo Cárdenas and the position of 48 Uruguayan women detainees.¹ On 28 October resolutions were passed on the situation in Cambodia and on persons missing in Argentina.²

European policy and relations between the institutions

European policy

Greek memorandum

2.4.4. As it indicated in its response to the Greek memorandum,³ the Commission has adopted a proposal for a Directive authorizing Greece to postpone until 1 January 1986 the introduction of the common VAT system, which, in accordance with the Act of Accession, it should have started to apply on 1 January 1984.⁴

Preparations for the 1984 direct elections

2.4.5. On 14 October Parliament adopted a resolution concerning the preparation of the 1984 direct elections.⁵

European Foundation

2.4.6. On 28 October Parliament passed a resolution on the European Foundation.⁶

Institutions and organs of the Communities

Parliament⁷

Strasbourg: 10 to 14 October

2.4.7. The first October part-session, which took place in a very tense atmosphere, was dominated by earnest debates on the substance of some difficult and controversial issues. The debate on supplementary budget No 2/1983 again confronted the House with the problem of compensation for Britain and with the financing of Christmas butter. The Commission's sus-

¹ Point 2.4.13; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

² OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

³ Bull. EC 3-1983, point 1.4.2.

⁴ Point 2.1.53.

⁵ Point 2.4.12; OJ C 307, 14.11.1983.

⁶ Point 2.4.21; OJ C 322, 28.11.1983.

⁷ This report was prepared from *Le point de la session* published by Parliament's Secretariat. The complete texts of the resolutions adopted by Parliament are reproduced in OJ C 307, 14.11.1983 and OJ C 322, 28.11.1983, and the reports of the proceedings are contained in OJ Annexes 1-304 and 1-305. The political groups of members are indicated in brackets by the following abbreviations: *Soc* = Socialists; *EPP* = European People's Party—Christian Democratic Group; *ED* = European Democratic Group; *Com* = Communists and Allies; *Lib* = Liberals and Democrats; *EPD* = European Progressive Democrats; *Ind* = Group for the Technical Coordination and Defence of Independent Groups and Members; *NA* = Non-affiliated. The countries of origin are indicated as follows: B = Belgium, DK = Denmark, D = Federal Republic of Germany, GR = Greece, F = France, IRL = Ireland, I = Italy, L = Luxembourg, NL = Netherlands, UK = United Kingdom.

pension of advances for export refunds rather shook a number of members, who saw it as a piece of blackmail intended to sway budget votes or as an attempt by the Commission to hide the seriousness of the situation. The debate on the own-initiative report by Mr Adam Fergusson (*ED/UK*) on arms procurement within a common industrial policy again brought out the longstanding divisions concerning Parliament's competence to deal with security problems.

Supplementary budget No 2/1983 (11 and 12 October)

2.4.8. Presenting the conclusions of the Committee on Budgets the rapporteur, Mr Robert Jackson (*ED/UK*) highlighted the unusual nature of this supplementary budget, quoting as an example, the first refusal of expenditure on agriculture—350 million ECU for Christmas butter—because of the risk of exceeding the own resources ceiling. He then announced that he would not vote for the resolution, for which he was rapporteur, if the amendments concerning risk-sharing ('the British problem')—tabled by the majority of his fellow committee members—were adopted. The Committee on Budgets, he said, was harming the Community by attaching conditions to the respect of undertakings given to the United Kingdom and to the Federal Republic of Germany.

For his part, the Council President, Mr Georgiadis, urged the House to take a decision as soon as possible in view of the very real and urgent problem in agriculture. On the matter of risk-sharing he hoped, like the rapporteur, that Parliament would have nothing to do with the idea of a budget reserve. He was surprised by Parliament's stance on the United Kingdom refund problem and reminded the House that the refund was based on the principle of risk-sharing and had been 'settled by Regulation No 624/83'.¹

He therefore considered that this refund was unavoidable and that it was illogical to tie payment to the long-term solution to be found to the British problem and for

financing the Community. Pointing out that in its vote on supplementary budget No 1/1983 on 18 February² the House had endorsed the Council's decision dividing the expenditure of this budget into compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure, Mr Georgiadis was surprised that it was now regarding all refunds as non-compulsory expenditure. He urged the House to honour the compromise of 18 February.²

The Commission Vice-President, Christopher Tugendhat, went further when he declared that if this budget was not adopted by the end of the month 'the Community will quite simply not have the means for discharging its responsibilities under the common agricultural policy'. He also considered that the Community was bound by the Council agreement of October 1982 on risk-sharing³ and that the idea of putting the amount of the compensation to the UK into a reserve and imposing conditions served no purpose.

Speaking for the Socialist Group, Mrs Magdalene Hoff (*Soc/D*) believed that the rebate to the United Kingdom was a political problem tied to the long-term solution of Community financing and that the agricultural side of this supplementary budget simply showed up the shortcomings of the common agricultural policy. She therefore concluded that the 370 million ECU intended to compensate the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Kingdom ought to be entered as a reserve in Chapter 100 of the budget, only to be released in accordance with the decisions in Athens. The spokesman for the EPP Group, Mr Harry Notenboom (*EPP/NL*) fully agreed, declaring that there was nothing automatic about the rebate to the United Kingdom, which must depend on the long-term solution for Community financing and the decisions of the Athens European Council. Lord Douro (*ED/UK*), on the other hand, thought that the common agricultural policy was proving too expensive to be justifiable, whilst enter-

¹ O J L 73, 19.3.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.73.

² O J C 68, 14.3.1983; Bull. EC 2-1983, point 2.4.8.

³ Bull. EC 10-1982, point 2.3.4.

ing the repayment demanded by the United Kingdom in Chapter 100 was damaging and harmful to the Community. This view was not shared by Mrs Carla Barbarella (*Com/I*)—author of the amendment in question—or by Mr Pierre-Benjamin Pranchère (*Com/F*), who both maintained that the increase in agricultural expenditure could be blamed on the Community decisions which had led, among other things, to the loss of the milk and flour markets in Egypt and the butter market in the Soviet Union. Mrs Barbarella further contended that according to Regulation No 624/83 budgetary readjustments should be made only when a final decision on the financing of the Community was taken. She also condemned the Council's ploy of asking Parliament to decide simultaneously upon the British compensation and on compulsory expenditure like agricultural spending. Mrs Jacqueline Nebout (*EPD/F*) felt that a budget that institutionalized a refund to a Member State was not only a purely arithmetical exercise, but an attempt to 'perpetuate fair returns'. Several other speakers also expressed at least implied criticism of the Council, the bluntest in fact coming from Mr Erwin Lange (*Soc/D*), for whom the supplementary budget exemplified the failure of the Council's budgetary policy since 1977.

In his reply the Council President, Mr Georgiadis, again maintained that Parliament must respect the compromise¹ it had accepted when adopting supplementary budget No 1/1983, which also meant accepting what had been decided concerning the classification of expenditure.

With nearly all the British members present, the House approved the Jackson report by 134 votes to 41 with 100 abstentions. The key amendment by the Committee on Budgets, which would have entered the compensation appropriations in Chapter 100, received 211 votes in favour, 79 against with 2 abstentions. For the amendment to be adopted a special majority of 218 was required. All the Council therefore had to do was accept the two minor amendments—carryover of 64.5 million ECU for the Social Fund to the 1984 budget and an in-

crease of 4 million ECU in aid to Poland—to make a second reading superfluous. In the explanations of vote Mr Dero Pfennig and Mr Horst Langes (*EPP/D*) declared that the House had held itself up to ridicule and that the minority of European Democrats had prevented it from giving a political lead with an eye to Athens. In contrast, Mr Neil Balfour (*ED/UK*) believed that rejecting Mrs Barbarella's amendment would improve the atmosphere for the Athens European Council. Earlier, the President, Mr Piet Dankert, had declared two amendments inadmissible—one of which would have allowed 350 million ECU for a 'Christmas butter' operation—on the ground that their adoption would have taken expenditure in 1983 beyond the limit imposed by the own resources ceiling.

Suspension of advances for export refunds in the agricultural sector

(12 and 13 October)

2.4.9. In a statement to the House Mr Christopher Tugendhat presented the measures that the Commission had taken the night before to suspend advances for export refunds. To justify this decision he said that the Commission had decided, as a precautionary measure, to take steps to maintain expenditure in 1983 within the available funds, taking account also of supplementary budget No 2. He added that the Commission had taken this decision rapidly in order to avoid pre-emptive measures by third parties.

These explanations failed to convince either Mr David Curry (*ED/UK*) or Mr Pierre-Benjamin Pranchère (*Com/F*), who found that the Commission's move put intolerable pressure on Parliament and on the farming community, where it had started a panic. To a question from Mr Fritz Gauthier (*Soc/D*), Mr Tugendhat replied that the suspension of the advances did not stop exports but simply held up payments.

Mr Georges Sutra (*Soc/B*) and Mr Horst Langes (*EPP/D*) condemned the scaremong-

¹ OJ C 68, 14.3.1983; Bull. EC 2-1983, point 2.4.8.

ering by the Commission and the doom-laden tones of Mr Tugendhat's statement. Mr Noel Davern (*EPD/IRL*) and Mr Olivier d'Ormesson (*EPP/F*) pointed to the farmer's loss of confidence in the CAP after this measure. Mr Charles Delatte (*Lib/F*) thought the Commission's rush was really meant to pressurize the House in the vote on the supplementary budget. Mrs Christiane Scrivener (*Lib/F*) simply questioned the Commission's competence and the reliability of its estimates.

Aiming his criticism at another target Mr Reinhold Bocklet (*EPP/D*) pointed out that no operator would conclude contracts while this measure was in force. Mr Louis Baillet (*Com/F*) wondered why the Commission was reluctant to specify the amounts of the frozen appropriations and say clearly what repercussions this decision might have on Member States' budgets and farmers. Astonished that the Commission had not mastered the cash flow problems, Mr Kent Kirk (*ED/DK*) advised it to set up a cash system in order to avoid such problems in future. After reminding members that the Commission alone made the distinction between compulsory and non-compulsory agricultural expenditure, Mr Erwin Lange (*Soc/D*) rounded on the Commission with the words that the House had lost all confidence in it. Mr Daniel Curry (*ED/UK*) found that the Commission's attitude smacked of either conspiracy or confusion: assuming confusion, he believed that no distinction had been made between appropriations and available funds.

The President of the Commission, Mr Gaston Thorn, thanked Mr Curry and Mr Lange for their hard-hitting but objective criticism.

The fact that expenditure had practically reached the resources limit and, more especially, the danger of speculation in the wake of press leaks had prompted the Commission to take these measures suddenly. Nevertheless the decision concerned only advance financing operations and involved no loss for producers. Such a measure was a token of the Commission's determination to respect the budgetary limits.

Mr Poul Dalsager in turn told the House that the measures taken, the gentlest they could find, were simply a safeguard designed to allow the Commission time to review the situation.

Arms procurement and the sale of arms

2.4.10. Right from the outset the rapporteur, Mr Adam Fergusson (*ED/UK*) declared that this issue was neither outside the concern and competence of Parliament nor the private preserve of NATO or the national defence agencies. Rejecting suspicions of any intention whatsoever to set up a military-industrial complex, he nevertheless pointed out that it was an arbitrary distinction to separate the civil from the military where advanced technology was concerned. Highlighting the danger of duplication in research undertaken by the countries of Europe, he reminded the House that the French Prime Minister was advocating a concerted arms manufacturing policy. Mr Fergusson believed that the economies of scale and the sufficiently large European market would make it possible to reduce to a minimum the volume of arms sales to the Third World, which could then be subjected to a commonly defined external policy.

Mrs Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul (*Soc/D*) declared that arms exports set off wars and that the European countries should abstain from such sales when they harmed the interests of the Community or were intended for countries that flouted human rights. Mr Klaus Hänsch (*Soc/D*) suggested that they should be talking about disarmament co-operation rather than about security and arms supply in Europe. He also called for a reduction in European arms exports and in the number of recipient countries and a reappraisal of Europe's needs, all of which he found better than confirming the status quo. Mr Pancrazio De Pasquale (*Com/I*) took issue with the report, not because it was not Parliament's place to discuss it but for reasons of general policy. Selling arms to restore balance, he felt, was contrary to the aims of *détente*. Political cooperation should operate only to compel the Member States to abandon unilaterally certain types

of arms. The French Communists, declared Mr Robert Chambeiron (*Com/F*), were also against the Fergusson report, which was completely out of step with the people's concern for disarmament, peace and negotiation. Mrs Emma Bonino (*Ind/I*) and Mrs Luciana Castellina (*Ind/I*) said they were appalled at the cynical impudence with which this report considered the problems of arms manufacture and astounded that it said nothing about deploying Pershing missiles on European soil. They said they would publicize the report and expose it to condemnation by the pacifist movements.

The problems of competence were raised by Mr Patrick Lalor (*EPD/IRL*), who condemned this attempt to incorporate Ireland into NATO, and by Mr Richie Ryan (*EPP/IRL*), who protested that the report made no distinction between NATO and the European Community. Mr Brendan Halligan (*Soc/IRL*) wanted nothing to do with a Community armaments industry and believed that Ireland must adhere to its policy of neutrality. Mr Christian de la Malène (*EPD/F*), however, contended that the debate raised not only a problem of competence but also questions of substance and procedure. On competence and substance he thought that they should be talking about security and not defence. As to the procedure adopted—the industrial approach—it did not seem to him to be equal to the seriousness of the matter; but he did not question the value of discussing financial and industrial aspects of defence. Mrs Gisèle Charzat (*Soc/F*) also flatly refused any policy of standardization that would tighten America's grip on Europe's arms supplies. She pointed out that the adoption by the United States of protectionist measures in 1977 and American pressure to promote sales of American arms to Western Europe had resulted in raising the exchange of equipment from 5.3 to 1 in favour of the US in 1977 to 15 to 1 in 1982. By way of example Sir Peter Vanneck (*ED/UK*) hit at the purchase by Belgium of American fighters instead of French planes. Mr Tom Normanon (*ED/UK*) thought that though defence and strategy were NATO's responsibility when it came to developing concepts,

the Community should be investing heavily in high technology in order to remain competitive on the world markets. Mr Egon Klepsch (*EPP/D*) believed that to talk of arms did not mean talking of strategy or weapons but of technological development and effective use of public finance. Mr Niels Haagerup (*Lib/DK*) said that the report was not about security; like the Klepsch report of 1978,¹ it aimed at ensuring closer coordination of the industrial policy provided for by the Treaties.

At the end of the debate Mr Narjes, speaking for the Commission, said that while the limits of competence should be respected, it was none the less true that the arms industry involved the economy and trade. He therefore proposed closer cooperation between arms manufacturers and the setting up of international consortia to enable Europe to compete more successfully with the United States, particularly in telecommunications. For procedural reasons (several members had not received the text of the amendments in their own language) it was decided to postpone the vote until the second October part-session.²

2.4.11. Parliament gave opinions on a number of Commission proposals including:

- (i) a Regulation concerning standard exchange arrangements;
- (ii) a Directive on the power take-offs of wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors and their protection;
- (iii) a Directive on the roll-over protection structures (rear-mounted rollbar, frame or cab type) of narrow-track wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors;
- (iv) a Directive and Regulation on the Community trade mark;³
- (v) a programme to promote employment for young people;⁴

¹ OJ C 163, 10.7.1978; Bull. EC 6-1978, point 2.3.17.

² Point 2.4.19.

³ Point 2.1.19.

⁴ Point 2.1.55.

(vi) a Decision relating to a contribution to the ECSC out of the general budget of the Communities to implement a programme of social measures for the iron and steel industry;¹

(vii) a memorandum on asset formation;²

(viii) a Directive concerning cosmetic products;

(ix) four Regulations on agricultural structures;

(x) four Regulations on monitoring the granting of production aid for olive oil;

(xi) a Directive on the conditions under which non-resident carriers may operate certain national transport services within a Member State;³

(xii) a Directive on the establishment of common rules for certain types of carriage of goods by road between Member States;⁴

(xiii) a communication on rationalizing the system of Community R&D committees;⁵

(xiv) a Decision on the second stage of the research programme in the field of biomolecular engineering;⁶

(xv) the first European strategic programme for research and development in information technology (Esprit);⁷

(xvi) a Decision on a research programme (1984-87) to be implemented by the JRC.⁸

2.4.12. The House also passed resolutions on:

(i) the sale of Christmas butter at reduced prices: the House condemned the Commission's decision not to implement a Christmas butter scheme, as it had requested last September;⁹

(ii) the crisis in the European steel industry: the Council was urged to take a further decision concerning the financial resources to be made available for the accompanying social measures. It also urged the need for a decision on the allocation of part of the 'non-quota' section of the Regional Fund for measures to assist the steel-making regions which are particularly hard hit by the crisis and called for an immediate decision

to extend the production quotas until 1985. Parliament also demanded that the voluntary restraint agreements concluded with a number of non-member countries be substantively improved;

(iii) establishment of a school textbook commission: the Commission was asked to organize symposia on education policy and awarding research contracts and to commission a scientific institute to examine the way in which Europe is taught in schools. The House also called for an increase in the budget allocation for the Kreyssig Fund;

(iv) the promotion of film-making in the Community countries: aware of the serious economic and social crisis afflicting the film industry in the Community, Parliament hoped that the Commission would this year mount a new Community project, in close collaboration with the film industry, to boost the efficiency of the distribution of films produced in Community countries; it also hoped the Commission would examine the possibility of instituting an annual European film festival;

(v) exports of dangerous substances and preparations to non-member countries: Parliament urged the Commission to amend the Directives in force so that certain conditions could be applied to exports of pesticides; the House believed that legislative and market conditions must be urgently established to ensure that exports of all pesticides to developing countries were subject to certain rules;

(vi) Community forestry policy; the House strongly deplored the Council's complete failure to act in response to the Commission's forestry proposals of 1978.¹⁰ The

¹ Point 2.1.59.

² Point 2.1.66.

³ Point 2.1.175.

⁴ Point 2.1.176.

⁵ Point 2.1.188.

⁶ Point 2.1.197.

⁷ Point 2.1.30.

⁸ Point 2.1.189.

⁹ OJ C 277, 17.10.1983.

¹⁰ OJ C 301, 15.12.1978.

Commission and the Council were urged to produce, as soon as possible, a comprehensive policy on forests and woodlands embracing the various aspects of the problem and its economic, commercial, regional, ecological, social and cultural implications;

(vii) fisheries inspectors: the House urged the Commission to appoint fisheries inspectors as soon as possible as reaffirmed by the Council in its agreement on the common fisheries policy;

(viii) transport problems in the peripheral regions of the Community: Parliament stressed the need to undertake specific Community projects, as part of transport policy, in order to foster the development of transport facilities between the central and peripheral regions and between the peripheral regions themselves. It also called for equal access to markets, creation of a special fund for transport, acceptance of public intervention in the form of subsidies and flexibility in applying rules governing drivers' hours;

(ix) economic and trade relations between the Community and Cyprus: the House confirmed the need to strengthen economic and trade relations with Cyprus and welcomed the Council's decision to give the Commission a brief to negotiate the second Financial Protocol;

(x) economic and trade relations between the Community and Latin America: Parliament reaffirmed its resolve to bring Latin America and the Community closer to a new and lasting partnership; it welcomed the forthcoming signing of a cooperation agreement with the Andean Pact countries but drew attention to Latin America's declining share in Community imports and called for improvements in the generalized preferences scheme for Latin-American countries;

(xi) preparation for direct elections in 1984: the responsible departments of the Commission and the President of Parliament were urged to contact the European Broadcasting Union and its relevant member organizations without delay concerning preparations for the second direct elections.

2.4.13. In the field of political cooperation and human rights Parliament passed the following resolutions:

(i) the situation in Argentina: the House expressed its support for the holding of the October general elections in Argentina and expressed its complete solidarity with the Argentinian democratic and progressive forces;

(ii) the elections in Turkey: in anticipation of the November elections Parliament asked the authorities in Ankara to return to the Turkish people their full sovereignty through free elections;

(iii) improved observance of human rights and civil liberties in Brazil and the defence of two imprisoned priests: the House hoped that relations between the Community and Brazil would not be affected as a result of behaviour which infringed human rights and civil liberties;

(iv) the situation of 48 Uruguayan women detainees, in particular Mrs Ibarburu;

(v) the arrest in Chile of Mr Pedro Felipe Ramirez and Mr Juan Pablo Cardenas.

Strasbourg: 24 to 28 October¹

2.4.14. Parliament devoted its second part-session to the first reading of the 1984 draft budget, for which it demanded that the Council find at Athens an overall solution for the Community. The House was unable to vote on the Commission's proposals on the future financing of the Community and referred the question to the Committee on Budgets. It also called for further explanations on the suspension of EAGGF advances. A majority of members voted in favour of European cooperation on arms.

Draft budget for 1984

2.4.15. The first reading of the draft general budget of the Communities for 1984 focused on two main points:

(i) the entry of a reserve for the EAGGF;

¹ OJ C 322, 28.11.1983; OJ Annex No 1-305.

(ii) a reserve for the compensation to the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany.

2.4.16. These points were dealt with in the resolution on the Commission's budget adopted by the House on the basis of the amended report by Mrs Christiane Scrivener (*Lib/F*).

The debate on the 1984 budget revealed a fairly broad identity with the rapporteur's guidelines, despite some mixed feelings about the narrow limits within which Parliament had agreed to move so as not to exceed available own resources. Taking their cue from the rapporteur several speakers delivered their speeches with an eye to Athens.

On behalf of the Council, Mr Georgiadis explained that it had not been able to act on all Parliament's requests because of the international crisis and the exhaustion of resources. Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the Commission Vice-President with responsibility for the budget, was glad that the Council had at last shown signs of being ready to work in a spirit of compromise between now and the end of the year and found the rapporteur's proposals on the budget to be a balanced and thoughtful package.

The spokesmen of the political groups were nearly all of one mind as to the priorities (a reserve for the EAGGF and a reserve for the compensation to the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany). Several speeches, notably those by Mr Pietro Adonnino (*EPP/I*), Mr Neil Balfour (*ED/UK*), Mr Hendrik Louwes (*Lib/NL*), Mrs Magdalena Hoff (*Soc/D*) and Mrs Carla Barbarella (*Com/I*), took this line, whilst Mrs Jacqueline Nebout (*EPD/F*) expressed certain reservations on the overall compromise explaining that her Group had objections to entering commitment appropriations for the industrial area and that it disapproved of appropriations for the common agricultural policy being entered in a reserve. Mrs Emma Bonino (*Ind/I*) contended that no debate was possible on the 1984 budget and that the solution proposed

by the Committee on Budgets was technically unacceptable and politically unclear.

The rapporteur of the Committee on Agriculture, Mr Neil Blaney (*Ind/IRL*) acknowledged the need to put an end to limitless guarantees in agriculture but felt that the system should be modulated according to sector. He also wanted to see a genuine Community commercial policy for agricultural products and an end to compensatory amounts. For the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Mr Fernand Herman (*EPP/B*) considered that it would be more sensible and more effective to transfer certain items of national expenditure to European level. In particular he suggested that appropriations be re-entered for the social side of steel industry restructuring and gave priority to the Esprit programme. For the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, Mr George Patterson (*ED/UK*) hoped that the Social Fund would get 10% of the budget instead of 6% because of mounting unemployment. The rapporteur for the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning, Mr Raphaël Chanterie (*EPP/B*) regretted the delays in reforming the Regional Fund, whilst the rapporteur for the Committee on Transport, Mr Willem Albers (*Soc/NL*) stressed the need to mount a number of projects outside the Community, with Austria for example. For the Committee on the Environment, Mrs Vera Squarcialupi (*Com/I*) mentioned the problem of waste, while Mr Giovanni Papapietro (*Com/I*), for the Committee on Culture and Youth, said that the Committee would like its own budget to be 1% of the total Community budget. The rapporteur for the Committee on Development, Mr John de Courcy-Ling (*ED/UK*) said he would be satisfied if appropriations of 128 million ECU could be re-entered for this sector.

Parliament first adopted the amendment concerning the EAGGF Guarantee Section by 284 votes to 43 with 3 abstentions. It then passed the resolution drafted by Mrs Christiane Scrivener (*Lib/F*). In their explanations of vote Mr Eric Foster (*ED/UK*) and Mr Pietro Adonnino (*EPP/I*) had an-

nounced that they would be voting for the resolution. Sir Henry Plumb (*ED/UK*), however, had explained that his Group had no choice but to vote against it because of the proposals to freeze the British repayments for 1983.

Future financing of the Community

2.4.17. Parliament discussed the Commission proposals for raising the Community VAT ceiling in order to increase own resources, and the ways of doing this. In his report Mr Rudi Arndt (*Soc/D*) had stressed a number of points: unacceptable situations must be defined with full consideration for all the advantages inherent in Community membership; the present method of calculating net contributions was faulty and violated the Treaty; any increase in the VAT rate must be accompanied by measures to absorb agricultural surpluses; any increase in agricultural spending must not exceed the increase in own resources; the increase in own resources must facilitate development of Community policies other than agricultural policy; the increase in the VAT rate proposed by the Commission was adequate; the Commission proposal to apply a variable rate of VAT to the proportion of net agricultural expenditure that exceeded 33% of the total budget was an acceptable basis for discussion, but the Committee on Budgets believed that, to deal with structural surpluses, it would be better to take as the basis of reference Member States' shares in common organizations of the market where such structural surpluses exist; special arrangements must be provided for Member States where the share of agriculture in gross domestic product was higher than the average.

Speaking for the Committee on Agriculture Mr Isidor Früh (*EPP/D*) approved the increase in Community financial resources. While the agricultural policy needed to be changed, whatever savings were sought must never be allowed to impair it. He particularly emphasized that the provisions for modulation of VAT according to an agricultural criterion must not penalize the poorer Community countries for which agriculture was a vital part of their economies.

For the Commission, Mr Tugendhat found the Arndt report to be in tune with the Commission proposals. He went on to stress the historic importance of the debate. It was the first time that an elected European Parliament was taking a formal decision on a proposal for increasing own resources.

The proposals of the Committee on Budgets were by and large supported by the spokesmen of the main political groups: Mr Thomas von der Vring (*Soc/D*), Mr Harry Notenboom (*EPP/NL*) and Lord Douro (*ED/UK*). But several French members, notably Mr Henri Saby (*Soc/F*), Mr André Rossi (*Lib/F*), Mr Christian de la Malène (*EPD/F*) and Mr Maurice-René Simonnet (*EPD/F*) were opposed either to the resolution as a whole or to certain points which questioned the financing of the CAP. Mr Louis Baillot (*Com/F*) was also against the transfer of powers in respect of own resources from national parliaments to the European Parliament.

Parliament adopted a number of amendments to the Commission's text, the most important being the one by Mr Eisso Woltjes (*Soc/NL*), which deleted the provision for modulating VAT on the basis of the agricultural indicator. The House nevertheless rejected the draft decision which it had only just radically amended and then, on a proposal from the rapporteur, Mr Rudi Arndt (*Soc/D*), decided to refer it back to the Committee on Budgets.

Suspension by the Commission of advances for export refunds

2.4.18. Mr Pol Marck (*EPP/B*) and Mr Mark Clinton (*EPP/IRL*), on behalf of the EPP Group, and Mr Martin Bangemann (*Lib/D*), for the Liberals, pressed the Commission to explain its decision to extend until 31 December the suspension of advances paid to Member States under the EAGGF Guarantee Section.¹

Fielding the many questions from the floor President Thorn first of all refuted any sug-

¹ Point 2.4.9.

gestion that the Commission had committed any managerial blunders; he regretted that such decisions had had to be taken on the day when the House was discussing the supplementary budget.

Again for the Commission Mr Poul Dalsager pointed out that there was no legal obligation to pay these advances. The Commission would lift this suspension before the end of the year if this proved possible.

Mr Tugendhat indicated that the Commission had temporarily suspended the advances laid down by the common organizations of the markets, but that on 1 January there would not necessarily be a return to the status quo, i.e. the present arrangements.

Arms procurement and sale of arms

2.4.19. By 169 votes to 143 with 13 abstentions Parliament adopted the report by Mr Adam Fergusson (*ED/UK*) on armaments, which had been debated during the previous part-session.¹

Among those who voted against were all the Irish members, including Mr Neil Blaney (*Ind/IRL*), on the grounds that the resolution compromised Ireland's neutrality, certain members of the Non-affiliated Group, nearly all the Danish members, nearly all the Socialists, including Mr Derek Enright (*Soc/UK*), who urged that Europe should not behave like the United States. One exception was Mr Carlo Ripa di Meana (*Soc/I*), who declared he would not reject a Parliamentary text which urged Europeans to be more independent of the Americans in the matter of arms. All the Communists also voted against, like Mr Sergio Segre (*Com/I*) who said he could not endorse a report which instead of trying to reduce arms encouraged the arms race, and Mr Jacques Denis (*Com/F*), for whom the report spurned any idea of *détente* and disarmament.

2.4.20. Parliament gave opinions on a number of Commission proposals including:

(i) a Regulation on merger control;²

(ii) a decision concluding the Protocol concerning specially protected areas of the Mediterranean Sea;

(iii) a Regulation on the implementation in the Community of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna;

(iv) a Directive on tariffs for scheduled air transport between Member States;³

(v) a Regulation providing for special aid for raw tobacco following the earthquake in Italy in November 1980;⁴

(vi) a decision adopting a research and development programme in the field of non-nuclear energy;⁵

(vii) a Recommendation concerning the conclusion of a Protocol relating to financial cooperation between the Community and Israel.⁶

2.4.21. The House also passed resolutions on:

(i) the Commission's *Twelfth Report on Competition Policy*: the House noted with satisfaction that the report was very clear and demonstrated that the Commission had resolved to take more determined action than in the past to uphold undistorted competition based on the market economy system of the Communities;

(ii) creation of a European Foundation for Safety at Sea: considering the size of the Community's merchant fleet Parliament believed that measures taken at Community level could play a substantial role in resolving the world's sea transport problems. But since the Commission was not at present in a position to draw up appropriate proposals for improving safety at sea, the House proposed that a Foundation be set up in Greece whose task would be to conduct research and organize training courses for crews in order to heighten safety-consciousness;

¹ Point 2.4.10.

² Point 2.1.43.

³ Point 2.1.182.

⁴ Point 2.1.131.

⁵ Point 2.1.196.

⁶ Point 2.2.33.

(iii) further development of GATT and of the free trade principle: the House considered that GATT had proved to be an extremely valuable international institution, which must henceforth be developed and strengthened at this time of recession and decline in international trade;

(iv) the European Foundation: Parliament called for binding agreements on its involvement in the appointment and co-opting of members of the Foundation Council; the House also insisted that it be represented on the management bodies of the European Foundation; it would not agree to the appropriations allocated to the European Foundation in the general budget of the Community as non-compulsory expenditure until there was provision for participation by Parliament and its rights were assured in the appropriate bodies of the Foundation.

2.4.22. In the field of political cooperation and human rights the House passed resolutions on:

- (i) the situation in Kampuchea;
- (ii) persons missing in Argentina.

Council

2.4.23. The Council held six ordinary meetings in October and a special meeting to prepare for the Athens European Council. The table below lists the number, place and date of each meeting, the names of the Council President and Commission representatives and the main items of business. A more detailed account of specific items can be found in the sections of the Bulletin referred to in the footnotes.

Table 4 — *Council meetings in October*

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
873rd Luxembourg 3 and 4 October	Fisheries	Mr Simitis	Mr Contogeorgis	<i>TACs and quotas.</i> ¹ <i>Norway.</i> ¹ <i>Technical conservation measures.</i> ¹ <i>Structural measures.</i> ¹ <i>Fisheries agreement between Sao Tome and Principe and the Community.</i> ¹ <i>Community relations with various non-member countries concerning fisheries.</i> ¹
874th Luxembourg 17 and 18 October	Foreign affairs	Mr Varfis	Mr Thorn, Mr Haferkamp, Mr Natali and Mr Davignon	<i>Relations with United States—Special steels.</i> ² Council conclusions. <i>Council conclusions concerning Japan.</i> ² <i>Steel—external aspects 1984.</i> ³ <i>Accession of Spain and Portugal.</i> ⁴ <i>Relations with Malta.</i> ⁵ <i>Relations with Cyprus.</i> ⁵ <i>Newsprint: 1983 tariff quota.</i> <i>Supplementary and amending budget No 2/1983.</i> ⁶

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
875th Luxembourg 17 and 18 October	Agriculture	Mr Simitis	Mr Dalsager	<p><i>Forecasting and assessment in science and technology 1983-87—FAST II.</i>⁷</p> <p><i>Reform of the European Social Fund.</i>⁸</p> <p><i>Reform of agricultural structures.</i>⁹</p> <p><i>Adjustment of acquis communautaire for Mediterranean products.</i>¹⁰</p> <p><i>Arrangements for dried grapes and figs for 1983/84.</i>⁹</p> <p><i>UK imports of New Zealand butter.</i>⁹</p> <p><i>Changes to Community list of less-favoured agricultural areas.</i></p> <p><i>Representative market price and threshold price of olive oil for 1983/84.</i>⁹</p> <p><i>Preservatives for use in foodstuffs.</i></p> <p><i>Common research programmes and agricultural research coordination programmes.</i></p> <p><i>Suspension of advances for agricultural products.</i>⁹</p>
876th Luxembourg 19 and 20 October	Fisheries	Mr Simitis	Mr Contogeorgis	TACs and quotas for 1983. ¹
877th Luxembourg 24 October	Economic and financial affairs	Mr Arsenis	Mr Ortoli, Mt Tugendhat	<p><i>Economic situation in Community.</i>¹¹</p> <p><i>Interest subsidies on certain EMS loans.</i></p> <p><i>Possible items for Athens European Council.</i></p> <p><i>Action to be taken following annual IMF meeting.</i></p>
878th Luxembourg 26 October	Research	Mr Lianis	Mr Davignon	<p><i>First R&D programme in information technologies (Esprit).</i>¹²</p> <p><i>Second stage of R&D biomolecular engineering programme.</i>⁷</p>
879th Luxembourg 26 October	Internal market	Mr Moraitis	Mr Davignon Mr Narjes	<p><i>Plan for transnational development of supporting infrastructure for innovation and technology transfer.</i>¹³</p> <p><i>Standardization.</i>¹²</p>

Table 4 — (continued)

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
				<p><i>Community certification procedure for products originating in non-member countries.</i>¹²</p> <p><i>New commercial policy instrument.</i>³</p> <p><i>Insurance against civil liability in respect of use of motor vehicles.</i>¹⁴</p> <p><i>Arrangements for movement within Community of goods sent from one Member State for temporary use in one or more other Member States.</i></p> <p><i>Facilitation of formalities and inspections in respect of carriage of goods between Member States.</i></p> <p><i>Single document.</i></p> <p><i>Defective products.</i></p> <p><i>Textile names.</i>¹²</p>

¹ Fisheries.² Industrialized countries.³ Commercial policy.⁴ Enlargement and bilateral relations with applicant countries.⁵ Mediterranean countries.⁶ Financing Community activities.⁷ Research and development.⁸ Point 1.3.1 *et seq.*⁹ Agriculture.¹⁰ Point 1.1.1 *et seq.*¹¹ Economic and monetary policy.¹² Internal market and industrial affairs.¹³ Industrial innovation and information market.¹⁴ Financial institutions and taxation.

Commission

Activities

2.4.24. As in July and September, the Commission devoted much of its proceedings to the preparations for the Athens European Council.

Decisions, communications and proposals

2.4.25. With an eye to the December European Council, the Commission adopted a number of proposals which supplement its July report on the common agricultural policy,¹ particularly as regards the milk sector; it also proposed a series of amendments to the MCA system.

In order to keep EAGGF expenditure for 1983 within the limits of available resources, the Commission was obliged to adopt a number of measures, in particular the suspension of advance payments for export refunds and various aids and premiums. In addition, the Commission decided to introduce a special refund for exports of up to 400 000 tonnes of wheat flour to Egypt. This measure will help Community exporters to regain part of the Egyptian market lost in 1983 following cut-price sales of 1 million tonnes of American wheat.

The Commission transmitted to the Council its annual report on the economic situation

¹ Supplement 4/83 — Bull. EC.

in the Community for 1983-84. The Council will consult Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee before adopting it.

The Commission adopted a proposal for a Directive authorizing Greece to postpone until 1 January 1986 the introduction of the common VAT system initially scheduled for 1 January 1984.

The Commission adopted a factual report on relations between the Community and Japan for the Council meeting of Foreign Ministers on 17 October. It also reviewed the external aspects of the steel crisis measures and proposed that the arrangements for steel imports into the Community which came into force in 1978 should continue to apply in 1984.

*Discussions, policy debates
and work in hand*

2.4.26. The Commission kept a close watch on developments in the Caribbean following recent events in Grenada.

As part of the preparations for the Athens European Council, the Commission had detailed discussions on the communications which it will be presenting to the Council in November on the revision of the ERDF, the organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat and international negotiations relating to the common agricultural policy.

The Commission virtually completed its work on the proposal for a Council Directive on parental leave and leave for family reasons.

**Relations with workers'
and employers' organizations**

2.4.27. Mr Davignon spoke to the European Trade Union Confederation about the document entitled 'Energy and energy research in the Community: a five-year programme of action and its financing'.¹ Preliminary consultations with the European Trade Union Confederation covered the forthcoming work programme of the Dublin Foundation, social security in the Member States, the future financing of the Community and the preparatory work for the renewal of the Lomé Convention.

Court of Justice²

Analysis of judgments delivered between 1 July and 30 September 1983

Competition

2.4.28. In the area of State aids the Court made an order on 20 September in proceedings taken by the Commission against France regarding measures to assist the French textile and clothing industry.³

As an interim measure pending the judgment on the substance of the action, the Court ordered France not to renew contracts concluded between the State and individual employers regarding job maintenance, job creation, and investment: employers must conclude such contracts to qualify for an arrangement under which the State takes over part of the burden of textile and clothing manufacturers' social security contributions. The Court also ordered contracts already renewed to be suspended. In stating its grounds the Court placed the emphasis on the fact that France had implemented the aid measures before the end of the two-month period in which the Commission must consider a plan to grant assistance, and without giving the Commission notice. The Court considered that there was an urgent need for interim measures because the effect of the French scheme on competition on the common market would grow more and more difficult to reverse.

Free movement of persons; social provisions

2.4.29. The Court delivered an important judgment on freedom of establishment which brought its previous case law a step

¹ Supplement 5/83 — Bull. EC.

² For more detailed information, see the texts published by the Court of Justice in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and the *European Court Reports*, and the publications of its Information Office (e.g. the annual synopsis of the work of the Court or the information quarterly).

³ Case 171/83R *Commission v French Republic*.

further.¹ A veterinary surgeon who had qualified in a Member State other than that in which he was now opening a practice was refused membership of the national veterinary association, on the grounds that the Member State in which he was establishing himself had not yet incorporated into national law the Community directives² intended to facilitate the exercise of freedom of establishment by veterinary surgeons. The Colmar Court of Appeal sought a preliminary ruling, to which the Court replied very clearly that a veterinary surgeon whose training and qualifications met the requirements of the Community directives had been entitled to exercise his profession in another Member State since 20 December 1980, the date on which the period allowed for giving effect to these directives expired. The Court stressed, moreover, that 'absence of enrolment with a national body of veterinary surgeons cannot preclude the practice of the profession or justify prosecution for improper practice thereof when such enrolment was refused in contravention of Community law'.

Thus the Court has here ruled that citizens of the Community have an individual right to freedom of establishment wherever a directive has direct effect, regardless of whether or not it has been incorporated into national law by the Member State concerned.

2.4.30. As regards social security for migrant workers, the Court was for the first time called upon to rule on a kind of payment which has only recently joined the range of employment and social security measures in existence, namely the early retirement scheme: the case concerned a French guaranteed allowance on retirement.³ The main question was ultimately one of determining to which legal category such schemes belong.

The Court replied that these payments have specific features which prevent them from being classed together with the old-age schemes referred to in Article 46 of Regulation No 1408/71,⁴ where such payments are combined with old-age pensions paid by other Member States, Community law does

not prevent domestic rules against overlapping of benefits from being applied.

2.4.31. In an action brought against the Belgian State by an official of the European Communities and his wife, the Court gave preliminary rulings on a number of important questions.⁵ The Court observed that European officials must enjoy all the advantages which Community law confers on nationals of Member States with regard to the free movement of persons, freedom of establishment, and social security. The mobility of labour within the Community ought to be a means by which workers could improve their living and working conditions and advance themselves socially. The difficulty at the root of the main action was that non-Belgians had to pay an additional registration fee for higher education; the Court held that the question did fall within the scope of the Treaty, being caught by Article 128, which makes provision for general principles to be laid down for implementing a common vocational training policy. It followed that where a Member State organized courses of education providing vocational training, a requirement that a national of another Member State lawfully established in the first Member State must pay a registration fee to attend these courses which was not required of its own nationals constituted discrimination on grounds of nationality prohibited by Article 7 of the Treaty.

Common agricultural policy

2.4.32. The Court clarified and consolidated its previous case law on the recovery of Community assistance improperly paid out by national authorities.⁶ It held that in the absence of Community arrangements

¹ Case 271/82 *Auer v (1) Ministère Public; (2) Ordre National des Vétérinaires de France; (3) Syndicat National des Vétérinaires Praticiens de France.*

² OJ L 362, 23.12.1978.

³ Case 171/82 *Valentini v Assedic.*

⁴ OJ L 149, 5.7.1971.

⁵ Case 152/82 *Forcheri and Marino.*

⁶ Joined Cases 205 to 215/82 *Deutsche Milchkontor GmbH and Others v Federal Republic of Germany.*

the rules and procedures laid down in national legislation applied, provided however that they were the same as those governing the recovery of purely national financial benefits and that proper regard was had to the interests of the Community. In particular, a Member State could not impose a heavier onus of proof on recipients of Community assistance than on recipients of domestic assistance, in order to reduce its own financial risks in the clearing of EAGGF accounts with the Commission.

Taxation

2.4.33. At the end of lengthy proceedings for failure to fulfil Treaty obligations, the Court declared that, by levying excise duty on still light wines made from fresh grapes at a higher rate, in relative terms, than on beer, the United Kingdom had failed to fulfil its obligations under the second paragraph of Article 95 of the EEC Treaty.¹

The Court said that, following the detailed inquiry it had conducted, it was clear that the United Kingdom tax system had the effect of subjecting wine imported from other Member States to an additional tax burden so as to afford protection to domestic beer production. Since such protection was most marked in the case of the most popular wines, the effect of the United Kingdom tax system was to stamp wine with the hallmarks of a luxury product which, in view of the tax burden which it bore, could scarcely constitute in the eyes of the consumer a genuine alternative to the typical domestically produced beverage.

Insurance

2.4.34. In response to a reference for a ruling on a question of interpretation submitted to it by the Italian Court of Cassation,² the Court held that the first paragraph of Article 17 of the Convention of 27 September 1968 on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters must be interpreted as meaning that, in the case of an insurance contract between an insurer and a policyholder which was concluded by the latter both for

himself and for the benefit of third parties not party to the contract and contains a clause conferring jurisdiction in respect of proceedings which may be brought by those third parties, the latter may, even if they have not expressly subscribed to the clause conferring jurisdiction, rely on it provided the requirement of writing laid down in Article 17 of the Convention is satisfied in the relationship between the insurer and the policyholder and that the insurer's agreement has been clearly expressed.

Commercial policy

2.4.35. For the first time, a Soviet State-trading company contested a Commission Regulation before the Court of Justice.³ Raznoimport made an application for annulment of a Regulation imposing a temporary anti-dumping duty on imports of nickel originating in the USSR and at the same time asked the Court for an order suspending the operation of the duty under Article 185 of the EEC Treaty. Giving judgment according to the procedure for matters of urgency, the President of the Court rejected the application. He ordered the Commission, however, to monitor very closely trends in the price of nickel on the market in order to determine whether it was necessary to maintain the anti-dumping duty at the current rate.

Composition of the Court

2.4.36. At its meeting on 5 October the Court decided on the composition of the Chambers from 7 October:⁴

First Chamber: Mr T. Koopmans, President, and Lord Mackenzie Stuart and Mr G. Bosco, Judges;

Second Chamber: Mr K. Bahlmann, President, and Mr P. Pescatore and Mr O. Due, Judges;

¹ Case 170/78 *Commission v United Kingdom*.

² Case 201/82 *Gerling Konzern Spezial-Kreditversicherung AG*.

³ Case 120/83R *Raznoimport v Commission*.

⁴ OJ C 291, 27.10.1983.

Third Chamber: Mr. Y. Galmot, President, and Mr U. Everling and Mr C. Kakouris, Judges;

Fourth Chamber: Mr T. Koopmans, President, and Mr K. Bahlmann, Mr P. Pescatore, Mr A. O'Keefe and Mr G. Bosco, Judges;

Fifth Chamber: Mr Y. Galmot, President, and Lord Mackenzie Stuart, Mr O. Due, Mr U. Everling and Mr C. Kakouris, Judges.

2.4.37. The Court also appointed Sir Gordon Slynn as First Advocate-General for a period of one year from 7 October.

2.4.38. New cases

Case	Subject	Basis
ECSC— Steel		
224/83 — Ferriera Vittoria Srl v Commission ¹	Decision imposing a fine on the applicant for failure to comply with its price lists	Article 36 of the ECSC Treaty
Aids to the steel industry		
222/83 — (1) Commune of Differdange; (2) Commune of Dudelange; (3) Commune of Petange; (4) Commune of Esch-sur-Alzette and (5) Commune of Sanem v Commission ²	Decision 83/397/EEC, ECSC (aids that the Luxembourg Government proposes to grant to the steel industry)	Article 173 of the EEC Treaty
226/83 — Hoogovens Groep BV v Commission ³	Decisions 83/396/ECSC and 83/398/ECSC (aids that the Italian and Netherlands Governments propose to grant to the steel industry)	Article 33 of the ECSC Treaty
Customs union		
230/83 — Expeditiebedrijf W. Bosman BV v Commission ⁴	Commission Decision of 10 January 1983 finding that the remission of import duties in a particular case is not justified (import of textiles)	Article 173 of the EEC Treaty
Free movement of goods		
229/83 — Association des Centres Distributeurs Edouard Leclerc v Thouars Distributeurs SA, and Others	Is a national law prohibiting booksellers from reducing the price fixed by the publisher or importer by more than 5% compatible with Community law?	Article 177 of the EEC Treaty
231/83 — (1) H. Cullet; (2) Chambre syndicale des réparateurs automobiles et détaillants de produits pétroliers 'CSNCRA' v Centre Leclerc, Toulouse and Centre Leclerc, Saint-Orens-de-Gameville	Is a national law imposing minimum prices for fuel on sale to the public compatible with Articles 3(f), 5 and 30 of the EEC Treaty?	Article 177 of the EEC Treaty

Case	Subject	Basis
Infringements		
220/83 — Commission v France ²	Freedom to provide services in the co-insurance field	Article 169 of the EEC Treaty
221/83 — Commission v Italy ⁵	Directives 78/1026/EEC and 78/1027/EEC (right of establishment and freedom to provide services for veterinary surgeons)	Article 169 of the EEC Treaty
223/83 — Commission v Federal Republic of Germany	Directive 78/686/EEC (mutual recognition of dentists' diplomas)	Article 169 of the EEC Treaty
225/83 — Commission v France ⁵	Article 80 of the EEC Treaty — Decision 79/854/EEC authorizing certain special tariff measures	Article 169 of the EEC Treaty
232/83 — Commission v Netherlands ⁴	Directive 75/362/EEC (mutual recognition of doctors' diplomas)	Article 169 of the EEC Treaty
239/83 — Commission v Federal Republic of Germany	Directive 75/362/EEC (mutual recognition of doctors' diplomas)	Article 169 of the EEC Treaty

Disputes between the Community and its staff

v Commission: 285/81 rev., 227/83,⁶ 228/83,³ 233/83,⁵ and 235/83.¹

¹ OJ C 305, 11.11.1983.

² OJ C 299, 5.11.1983.

³ OJ C 311, 16.11.1983.

⁴ OJ C 310, 15.11.1983.

⁵ OJ C 302, 9.11.1983.

⁶ OJ C 293, 29.10.1983.

2.4.39. Judgments

Date and case	Held
ECSC — Steel	
19.10.1983, 179/82 — Lucchini Siderurgica SpA v Commission ¹	1. The amount of the fine imposed on the applicant is reduced 2. Remainder of the application is dismissed
19.10.1983, 265/82 — Union sidérurgique du nord et de l'est de la France 'Usinor' v Commission ¹	1. Article 2 of the Commission Decision of 13 August 1982 imposing a fine on the applicant is void 2. Remainder of the application is dismissed
19.10.1983, 75/83 — Ferriere San Carlò SpA v Commission	It is not necessary to give a ruling on the application
Customs union	
5.10.1983, 186 and 187/82 — Ministero delle Finanze v Esercizio Magazzini Generali SpA, in liquidation and Mellina Agosta Srl ¹	According to the existing Community customs provisions, the removal by third parties of goods subject to customs duty, even through no fault of the taxable person, does not extinguish the obligation to pay duty on them

Date and case	Held
6.10.1983, 289/82 — Lohmann GmbH v Oberfinanzdirektion Frankfurt am Main ¹	Interpretation of CCT heading No 30.04 (expression 'put up in retail packings for medical or surgical purposes')
27.10.1983, 321/82 — Volkswagenwerk AG v HZA Braunschweig	The suspension of customs duties provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 1789/79 cannot be applied to imported goods, submitted to customs and declared for release for free circulation before the reintroduction of customs duties, if the certificate of origin was produced after the time at which that reintroduction took effect
Free movement of goods	
6.10.1983, 2-4/82 — (1) Delhaize Frères 'Le Lion' SA; (2) GB-INNO-BM SA; (3) Metsdagh SA v Belgian State ¹	A systematic public-health inspection on the importation of meat and poultry, carried out when they arrive on the territory of the State of destination in order to ascertain any changes in their condition whilst in transit from the exporting State, falls within the field of application of the public-health inspection carried out in the exporting country in accordance with Directives 64/433/EEC and 71/118/EEC
Competition	
11.10.1983, 210/81 — Demo-Studio Schmidt v Commission ¹	Application dismissed (annulment of decision to permit exclusive sales outlets)
25.10.1983, 107/82 — Allgemeine Elektrizitäts-gesellschaft AEG-Telefunken AG v Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application dismissed 2. AEG-Telefunken AG is ordered to pay the Commission default interest on the fine imposed 3. The applicant is ordered to pay the Commission's costs
Agriculture	
26.10.1983, 297/82 — De Samvirkende Danske Landboforeninger v Ministry of Fiscal Affairs	Compatibility of a national tax, intended to appropriate a substantial part of the increase in income from agriculture resulting from a change in the rate of exchange, with the common agricultural policy
27.10.1983, 276/82 — BV Roomboterfabriek 'De Beste Boter' v Produktschap voor Zuivel	Suspension of the possibility of advance fixing of export refunds
Commercial policy	
4.10.1983, 191/82 — EEC Seedcrushers' and Oil Processors' Federation (Fediol) v Commission ²	By interlocutory judgment, the Court held that the action was admissible
Infringements	
11.10.1983, 273/82 — Commission v Italy ¹	By not adopting within the prescribed period the measures necessary to comply with Council Directive 77/796/EEC (mutual recognition of carriers' diplomas), the Italian Republic has failed to fulfil its obligations under the Treaty

Date and case	Held
26.10.1983, 163/82 — Commission v Italy	Application dismissed (Directive 76/207/EEC — equal access to employment)
19.10.1983, 280/82 — Commission v Belgium	Order for removal from the Court Register (Directive 65/65/EEC and 75/319/EEC — proprietary medicinal products)

Disputes between the Community and its staff

v Commission:

6.10.1983, 118-123/82¹ — Applications dismissed

20.10.1983, 92/82 — Application dismissed

20.10.1983, 299/82 — Application dismissed

v Council:

28.9.1983, 193-198/82 — Application dismissed

v Economic and Social Committee:

29.9.1983, 277/82 — Application dismissed

Orders for removal from the Court Register

21.9.1983, 100/83 — A. Miraglia v Stadt Augsburg

22.9.1983, 122/83 — H. de Compte v European Parliament

19.10.1983, 86/83 — ILFO SpA v Commission

¹ OJ C 316, 22.11.1983.

² OJ C 293, 29.10.1983.

Court of Auditors

Report on the management of Community activities

2.4.40. In response to the formal request made by the Council on 25 July pursuant to the 'conclusions' of the Stuttgart European Council,¹ the Court of Auditors adopted its report on 6 October.²

It had been asked by the European Council to review the sound financial management of Community activities and interpreted this request as seeking not an audit report as such but rather a more general expression of the Court's views on Community expenditure.

Structure of the Court

2.4.41. On expiry of the term of office of six of the ten members of the Court of Auditors, the Council, in its Decision of

17 October,³ appointed the following as members of the Court for the period from 18 October 1983 to 17 October 1989: Mr Carey, Mr Haase, Mr Lelong, Mr Mart, Mr Middelhoek and Mr Vallas.

At this was the first term of office for Mr Carey, Mr Haase and Mr Vallas, they were sworn in before the Court of Justice of the European Communities on 19 October.

Following the above appointments, the Court re-elected Mr Pierre Lelong President and divided up its responsibilities between members as follows:

Mr Pierre Lelong (President): Secretariat of the Court, external relations (other institutions), national audit bodies and public relations), management of the personnel and

¹ Bull. EC 6-1983, point 1.5.7.

² OJ C 287, 24.10.1983.

³ OJ L 293, 25.10.1983.

administration of the Court, budget and accounts of the Court.

Mr André J. Middelhoek: Working methods and professional training, studies, technical preparation of annual and special reports, work programme of the Court and coordination of missions in the Member States, language service.

Mr Aldo Angioi: Audit sector: European Regional Development Fund, EAGGF Guidance Section (regional measures).

Mr Keld Brixtofte: Audit sector: own resources.

Mr Charles John Carey: Audit sector: research and investment, energy and industry, external bodies.

Mr Paul Gaudy: Audit sector: European Social Fund, EAGGF Guidance Section (non-regional measures), fisheries.

Mr Lothar Hasse: Audit sector: ECSC, general accounts and borrowings and loans.

Mr Marcel Mart: Audit sector: cooperation with associated developing countries (European Development Fund, European Association for Cooperation), cooperation with non-associated developing countries, cooperation with non-member countries, food aid.

Mr Michael N. Murphy: Audit sector: EAGGF Guarantee Section.

Mr Stergios Vallas: Audit sector: staff and operational expenditure of the institutions, including the Office for Official Publications and the information offices.

Economic and Social Committee

211th plenary session

2.4.42. The Economic and Social Committee held its 211th plenary session on 26 and 27 October with Mr Ceyrac in the chair.

The Committee adopted more than a dozen opinions, including an own-initiative opinion on Community oils and fats policy. The most notable feature of the proceedings was

the debate on the future financing of the Community.

Opinions

Financing of the Community

2.4.43. By 108 votes to 3 with 7 abstentions, the Committee adopted a cautious and finely balanced opinion on the future financing of the Community.¹ The Committee's position reflected its wish to see both a raising of the VAT ceiling on own resources and more effective Community expenditure.

The opinion reaffirmed certain positions of principle, notably concerning the idea of 'fair returns', which the Committee rejects, and expressed an overall view on the future of the Community, of which the own resources issue is only one aspect.

The Committee was in favour of rationalization and economy measures—'particularly, though not exclusively, in agriculture'—but warned against false economies (transferring expenditure back to the Member States or setting essential policies aside purely because of their cost to the budget). It asked that only measures directly connected with the common agricultural policy should be included in the agricultural budget: expenditure resulting from external agreements, countertrade agreements or the budgetary consequences of the MCAs should be excluded.

The Committee was convinced that the proportion of agricultural expenditure in the budget was too high and that other policies were inadequate, but it did not accept that balance could be restored by increasing expenditure on these other policies.

On the technical aspects, the Committee approved the idea of modulating Member States' contributions and was not opposed to the introduction of an agricultural criterion in calculating VAT, but it feared that the effect would be distorted if Member States with a high agricultural output were

¹ OJ C 145, 3.6.1983; Bull. EC 5-1983, points 1.1.1 to 1.1.6.

tempted to take on this additional cost and put off structural reforms.

The Committee was in favour of raising the ceiling on own resources, but linked this with stringent control of expenditure to ensure that it was both justified and effective. It agreed with raising the ceiling to 1.4%, 'provided that expenditure is tailored to needs', and raised no objection in principle to the procedure proposed for future increases.

The Committee did not state its views on the introduction of specific taxes to finance certain sectors as this would require an examination of the principles involved.

Community oils and fats policy

2.4.44. At the end of a very lively debate, the Committee adopted its own-initiative opinion on Community oils and fats policy, by 73 votes to 64 with 3 abstentions, but deferred discussion of the introduction of a tax on vegetable fats (seeds and oils) imported or produced in the Community.

The Committee noted the need to narrow the gap between import prices and Community costs in this sector but, in view of the proposal made by the Commission in September, decided to consider the appropriateness of applying a tax in this field at a later date.¹

This compromise formula was made necessary by vigorous opposition to such a tax, which, according to Mr Zinkin (workers—United Kingdom), would result in increased costs for cattle breeders, industry and the consumer. Where the consumer was concerned, introduction of a tax would lead to an increase in the price of margarine and a general rise in the price of oils and fats and to job losses, and would have a grave impact on the economies of developing countries. The argument put forward by those in favour of the measure was that it would reduce expenditure in support of olive oil and would give less dependence on imports and a better price/quality ratio between olive and other vegetable oils.

The debate is to be continued later.

Community quota

2.4.45. By 72 votes to 38 with 2 abstentions the Committee adopted its opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States.² The Committee considered that the Commission proposal needed to be radically amended to take account of the specific nature of the transport industry—where, in the Committee's opinion, the principle of free competition should be applied with prudence.

The Committee expressed its regret that the automatic mechanism would work only for increasing Community quotas and criticized the fact that at the end of the transition period it would fall to the Member States to issue Community authorizations. The Committee wanted to see an extension of the transition period envisaged in the proposal for application of the new system, to allow for conditions of competition to be harmonized and other economic aspects to be taken into account, such as varying inflation levels and trade balances in the Member States.

During the debate, an amendment was moved by Mrs Bredina (employers—United Kingdom), Mr Fortyn (employers—Netherlands) and Mr Kenna (employers—Ireland) approving the timeliness of the Commission proposal. This was rejected by 46 votes to 55 with 9 abstentions.

2.4.46. Following debate, the Committee also adopted six other opinions on the following:

- (i) Community tourism policy:³ the Committee put forward specific proposals, notably regarding social and regional tourism, frontier checks, insurance, agri-tourism, the environment and the cultural heritage;
- (ii) the proposal for a Regulation on sparkling wines produced in the Community;⁴

¹ OJ C 289, 25.10.1983; Bull. EC 9-1983, point 2.1.95.

² OJ C 179, 6.7.1983 and Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.221.

³ Supplement 4/82 — Bull. EC; Bull. EC 6-1982, points 1.4.1 to 1.4.4.

⁴ OJ C 120, 5.5.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.106.

(iii) the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a Community scheme to provide forests in the Community with increased protection against fire and acid rain:¹ the Committee supported the Commission's proposal but regretted that its scope for dealing with the damage and its causes would be limited in the absence of a Community forestry policy;

(iv) the proposal for a Council Directive on procedures for harmonizing programmes to reduce pollution caused by waste from the titanium dioxide industry:² the Committee registered its strong disapproval of the failure to adhere to the timetable set by the basic Directive of 20 February 1978³ and asked the Council to retain the original 1987 deadline, rather than 1993 as recommended in the current proposal;

(v) the memorandum on the Community's development policy:⁴ in this additional opinion on non-ACP aspects, the Committee stressed the need to coordinate bilateral aid and approved the principle of a dialogue with the recipient countries, underlining the importance of integrated rural development plans and local processing of raw materials as instruments of economic progress in these countries;⁵

(vi) proposals for Council Regulations and a Decision on the Community's generalized tariff preferences scheme for 1984:⁶ the Committee approved the proposed scheme and accepted the fact that the Commission had only proposed marginal changes compatible with the present economic situation.

2.4.47. The Committee also adopted, without discussion, opinions on the following:

(i) the proposal for a Council Directive⁷ amending the 1970 Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the permissible sound level and the exhaust system of motor vehicles;⁸

(ii) the proposal for a Council Decision empowering the Commission to help finance innovation within the Community;⁹

(iii) the proposal for a Council Decision on conclusion of the agreement between

Switzerland and the Community concerning direct insurance other than life assurance¹⁰ and a proposal for a Council Directive on implementation of this agreement in the Member States;¹⁰

(iv) the proposal for a Council Regulation on financial support for a multiannual transport infrastructure programme;¹¹

(v) the communication from the Commission to the Council on the new system for coking coal and coke for the iron and steel industry in the Community;¹²

(vi) two proposals for Council Decisions adopting a multiannual research and development programme for the Community, one in the field of basic technological research and the other in the field of the applications of new technologies.¹³

European Investment Bank

Operations in October

2.4.48. Loans announced by the European Investment Bank in October for investments within the Community totalled 949.5 million ECU,¹⁴ broken down as follows: 434.1 million in Italy, 193.8 million in Greece, 160.2 million in the United Kingdom, 114.6 million in France, 40 million in Ireland and 6.8 million in Denmark. Of the total

¹ OJ C 187, 13.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.123.

² OJ C 138, 26.5.1983; Bull. EC 4-1983, point 2.1.82.

³ OJ L 54, 25.2.1978.

⁴ Bull. EC 9-1982, points 1.1.1 to 1.1.11.

⁵ OJ C 90, 5.4.1983; Bull. EC 2-1983, point 2.4.31.

⁶ OJ C 263, 3.10.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, points 2.2.73 to 2.2.78.

⁷ OJ C 200, 27.7.1983; Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.8.

⁸ OJ L 42, 23.2.1970.

⁹ OJ C 178, 5.7.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, points 2.1.44 and 2.1.45.

¹⁰ OJ C 154, 13.6.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, point 2.1.41.

¹¹ Bull. EC 7/8-1983, point 2.1.175.

¹² OJ C 132, 19.5.1983; Bull. EC 3-1983, points 2.1.152 and 2.1.159.

¹³ OJ C 230, 27.8.1983; Bull. EC 6-1983, point 2.1.271.

¹⁴ The conversion rates at 30 September used by the EIB in statistics for the fourth quarter were 1 ECU = BFR 45.89, DKR 8.17, DM 2.26, DR 79.46, FF 6.87, HFL 2.53, IRL 0.73, LIT 1 370, LFR 45.89, UKL 0.57, USD 0.86.

amount, 301.9 million ECU was provided from the resources of the new Community borrowing and lending instrument (NCI).¹ Outside the Community the Bank lent 15 million ECU in Spain and 16.3 million ECU in ACP countries (Central African Republic, Congo, Ghana, Rwanda and Senegal).

Community

Italy

2.4.49. A total of LIT 583 500 million was lent, of which LIT 260 000 million was provided from the NCI; LIT 273 500 million was for the Mezzogiorno, including a loan of LIT 20 000 million towards reconstruction work in the areas hit by the November 1980 earthquakes.

Industry. LIT 483 000 million was lent for financing small medium-sized ventures in particular: two global loans (lines of credit), of LIT 130 000 million each were granted to the Istituto Mobiliare Italiano (IMI) and Mediocredito Centrale from NCI resources for productive investment by small firms in the Piedmont, Val d'Aosta, Liguria, Lombardy and Emilia-Romagna regions; in the provinces of Padua, Treviso, Venezia, Verona and Vicenza in the Veneto region; in the Tuscan provinces of Florence, Livorno, Lucca, Massa-Carrara, Pisa and Pistoia; and the Greater Rome area.

The Bank also lent LIT 223 500 million from its own resources, of which 195 000 million in global loans for small industrial ventures: 145 000 million, including 75 000 million to the Istituto per lo Sviluppo Economico dell'Italia Meridionale (Isveimer), 50 000 million to IMI and 20 000 million to Interbanca (Banca per Finanziamenti a Medio e Lungo Termine SpA) for capital projects in the Mezzogiorno, and 50 000 million to the Mediocredito Centrale for deprived areas of central and northern Italy.

The Bank granted loans for larger-scale industrial projects as well:

LIT 20 000 million to Somind SpA and Comind Sud SpA for the rebuilding of a car components factory in Naples, as part of

Community aid towards reconstruction in the areas of Campania and Basilicata hit by the November 1980 earthquakes, together with a 3% interest rate subsidy financed by the Community. The factory, which belongs to the FIAT Group, is one of the largest industrial plants to be affected by the earthquakes. The investments, estimated at around LIT 100 000 million, will contribute to the economic recovery of the region.

LIT 8 500 million was lent to build a factory near Salerno in Campania to produce optical fibres for the telecommunications industry. This is a high-technology venture to turn out top-quality optical fibres with a high transmission capacity to be used for converting electric signals into light impulses. The production unit, which will be the only one of its kind in Italy, will help boost the regional economy.

Telecommunications. A loan of LIT 100 000 million was made to SIP (Società Italiana per l'Esercizio Telefonico pA) to continue development of telephone facilities in Campania. An estimated LIT 420 000 million is being ploughed into capital investment aimed at extending the telephone service to a further 133 000 subscribers. The EIB had already lent LIT 100 000 in May for the development of communications in Campania.

Greece

2.4.50. Of DR 15 400 million granted by the Bank, 2 500 million from NCI resources and 2 500 million from EIB resources were advanced to the Deposit and Loans Fund, Greece's leading institution in the sphere of finance for local authorities, to be on-lent in support of smaller-scale infrastructural schemes implemented in less-developed areas, involving water supply facilities, sewerage and sewage disposal works, solid waste disposal, roads and transport equipment, supportive infrastructure for small industrial estates as well as back-up facilities for tourism and the wholesale marketing of farm produce and fish. Funds may

¹ OJ L 298, 20.10.1978; Bull. EC 10-1978, point 2.1.10.

also be given over to ventures in Athens and Thessaloniki to reduce pollution and improve the environment.

DR 4 000 million was lent for improving, strengthening, aligning and Standardizing national and provincial roads in mainland Greece and on certain islands. The works, costing at some DR 12 300 million and scheduled for completion by 1985, focus on upgrading more than 1 800 km and strengthening a further 1 300 km of roads with an eye to enhancing driving conditions for both cars and lorries by ensuring greater safety, time and fuel savings, access during winter months, etc. The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is also financing these infrastructure improvements.

DR 2 300 million is earmarked for sewerage and sewage treatment works designed to alleviate pollution and enhance the environment in Thessaloniki, Volos, and Agios Nikolaos in Crete. The various works focus on main and secondary sewers, conduits, pumping and treatment plants, sea outfalls, etc. The facilities, scheduled for commissioning at end-1985 and end-1986, will restore the quality of the bay water in all three localities and should permit resumption of inshore fishing and bathing, thereby giving added impetus to economic activities and tourism, particularly at Agios Nikolaos. The scheme, which is also attracting financial support from the ERDF, ties in with international efforts to reduce pollution in the Mediterranean, in line with the provisions of the Barcelona Convention, to which the Member States are parties.

DR 2 600 million was made available to the Public Power Corporation to contribute towards reducing Community dependence on fuel imports. DR 2 000 million of this will part-finance construction of two hydro-electronic power stations with a combined installed capacity of 423 MW at Sfikia and Assomata on the Aliakmon River southwest of Thessaloniki. The works comprise construction of two dams, one at Sfikia 82 metres high and the other, 62 metres high, at Assomata, together with turbines, generators, transformers and ancillary equipment. The two stations, exploiting both

direct water power and pumped storage power, will improve the country's electricity supply system by providing peak-load electricity in place of old thermal plant whose surplus production will be used for pumping; these facilities should help to cut fuel imports by some 240 000 toe per annum, either by reducing consumption or by harnessing natural water power. In addition, the project will extend the area irrigated by around 15 000 ha using water drawn from the Aliakmon river. The ERDF is also backing this scheme.

DR 600 million was lent to help fund the construction of two units, each with a capacity of 105 MW, of a power station at Pigai, north of Ioannina, Epirus. The venture centres on a main dam with a capacity of 260 million cubic metres, along with ancillary works. The power station should be connected to the grid in 1986, thereby saving some 44 000 toe per annum. This hydro-electric scheme could be extended in the longer term to handle additional quantities of water channelled to the dam, thus boosting output by around 65%.

DR 1 500 million went to the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (ETBA) in the form of a global loan financing smaller-scale industrial ventures throughout the country with an eye to reducing regional imbalances. ETBA has already received, and deployed the proceeds of, three EIB global loans, the last of which (DR 1 240 million in September 1981) helped to fund 22 smaller-scale ventures creating or safeguarding an estimated 900 jobs.

United Kingdom

2.4.51. UKL 93.9 million was lent, of which UKL 40 million was provided from the NCI.

Infrastructure. UKL 43.9 million was lent, including 19.2 million to finance roadworks and upgrade sewerage facilities in Scotland's Strathclyde region. The road schemes (15 in all) are designed to improve the regional road system, to provide better connections with the motorway network and to facilitate movement of industrial and tourist

traffic. They should also improve access to several derelict sites for industrial and commercial development in the future. The sewerage scheme replaces an old inadequate system and should reduce pollution in the coastal area, so making it more attractive for tourist development. The work will help to improve development conditions in areas which have been hard hit by the decline of traditional industries (steel, shipbuilding, heavy engineering).

UKL 10 million was lent for road improvements in the Lothian region of Scotland, involving the final 6-km section linking the M8 and M9 motorways, a 6-km stretch of the Edinburgh bypass and an 8.2-km section of road which will form the Musselburgh bypass and east approach to Leith. Construction of the whole project should be completed in 1985/86, and the road links will help to give the region's existing and planned industrial sites better access to the national and regional road network. There should also be substantial environmental gains, as the new roads will divert much heavy goods traffic from town roads and reduce urban congestion.

A loan of UKL 6.2 million was made towards improvements at Manchester Airport, to help cover the cost of extending and strengthening the main runway and other works (improvements to taxiways, renewal of the runway lighting system and landscaping). Manchester is a category 'A' gateway international airport and is the main UK airport after London-Heathrow and Gatwick. It serves a catchment zone of about 13 to 15 million people, principally in North-West England, Yorkshire, Humberside and North Wales—areas which have been hard hit by unemployment in traditional industries, such as textiles, clothing, steel, shipbuilding and motor manufacturing. The airport makes a major contribution to regional development by attracting new industries, or helping existing ones expand and compete effectively.

The EIB lent UKL 6 million for road construction in the Cardiff area, to improve access to the dockland and industrial devel-

opment areas; the works include an 11.1-km section of the new peripheral distributor road which will connect the dockland to the M4 motorway (South Wales—London) and improvements to roads serving industry in the dockland area, as well as improved access to Cardiff Airport and the principal tourist centres. It should also reduce traffic congestion and heavy industrial traffic in the city centre.

UKL 2.5 million was lent for the construction of 4 km of dual carriageway constituting the access/waterfront section of the Liverpool inner ring road in Merseyside. These works will improve conditions for attracting new industrial and commercial activities, particularly to rundown dockland areas.

The EIB granted a loan of UKL 30 million to Barclays Bank and the ICFC, a division of Investors in Industry, to help finance investment by small and medium-sized industrial and tourism enterprises. In each case, UKL 5 million will be drawn from the EIB's own resources and will be used for investment in assisted areas, and UKL 10 million from the resources of the NCI will be on-lent ventures outside assisted areas.

Energy. 46.7 million ECU was provided from the NCI to help finance the laying of high-voltage submarine cables linking the British and French power grids, with a total nominal capacity of 2 000 MW. The joint promoters of the project are the Central Electricity Generating Board and Electricité de France, which will receive UKL 20 million and FF 100 million respectively, to finance the laying by the two authorities of eight cables over a distance of 69 km (of which 45 km of submarine cable) between Bonningues, 8 km from Calais, and Sellin-ge, 24 km from Dover. The project which also includes construction of two converted stations, control centres and various ancillary installations, will provide a reliable, efficient link between the two grids and connect the British power network with the whole of the West European system. It will also provide greater operating flexibility and enhance security of supply.

France

2.4.52. The EIB granted a loan of FF 783.3 million, mainly in the energy sector: in addition to the FF 100 million for the cross-channel power link (see above), FF 300 million was granted to Electricité de France for work on constructing the first two units of Flamanville nuclear power station, on the coast near Cherbourg, which is to be equipped with four 1 280 MWe pressurized water reactor units in all and a turbo-generator. Work has already started on the first two units, one of which should be commissioned by the end of 1985 and the other by the end of 1986. When fully on-stream, the project financed will save the Community 3.5 million toe a year in fossil fuels.

FF 200 million was lent to the Caisse d'Aide à L'Équipement des Collectivités Locales (CAECL), in the form of a global loan, to help finance smaller-scale investment schemes to tap new or alternative forms of energy. The schemes, which may be located anywhere in France, will be implemented by public authorities such as the communes, departments, regions, urban councils and intercommunal associations. They will centre either in using new sources of energy (e.g. geothermal or biomass energy), exploiting oil substitutes such as coal, wood or hydroelectricity produced by small stations of up to 4 500 kW, recovering heat lost from industrial installations, waste-processing plant and thermal and nuclear power stations, or distributing energy mainly by means of district heating networks.

A loan of FF 36.3 million was made to CAECL for the Syndicat Mixte d'Aménagement Rural de la Drôme, for a project to recover waste heat from the Eurodif uranium enrichment plant, and to recycle it to heat the equivalent of 2 400 dwellings at Pierrelatte and 36 ha of glasshouses for growing horticultural produce. The new equipment includes a hot water pumping unit, various modifications at the Eurodif plant itself, units for connecting up with the Pierrelatte district heating grid and 30 km of hot water transmission and distribution mains. The project should make for savings of about 12 300 toe a year.

FF 27 million was lent to CAECL for the Syndicat Mixte pour la Géothermie à Meaux towards financing development of geothermal resources to replace fuel oil for district heating in the Beaval district of Meaux. The project includes a well sunk to a depth of almost 2 000 metres providing water at a temperature of around 76°C, a geothermal plant connected to an existing oil-fired heating plant, which will continue to operate at peak hours, a piping system and equipment to adapt the existing district heating network and substations. The geothermal water will cover almost 80% of heating and hot water requirements in some 7 000 dwellings and should allow for energy savings estimated at more than 10 000 toe per annum.

FF 120 million was also made available to CEPME (Crédit d'Équipement des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises) in the form of a global loan to fund smaller-scale schemes in industry and the hotel trade chosen with an eye to their impact on regional development or new industrial biases.

This loan brings to FF 500 million the aggregate amount of credit made available to CEPME by the EIB from its own resources since March 1982. FF 380 million has already been channelled into financing investment in nearly 300 small and medium-scale ventures, chiefly in the hotel and catering trade, agricultural and other processing industries, metalworking, printing and woodworking, which between them will generate a total of 6 400 jobs.

Ireland

2.4.53. The EIB lent IRL 29 million, of which IRL 15 million was provided from NCI resources for the construction of the thermal power station at Moneypoint, County Clare, which will diversify energy imports by an increased use of coal, thereby reducing dependence on imported oil for electricity generation by some 1.2 million tonnes per annum; IRL 14 million was lent from the EIB's own resources to help finance extensions of the national electricity grid in areas where improved power sup-

plies are essential for industrial development and future growth. Both loans carry a 3% interest subsidy, in accordance with the arrangements adopted when Ireland joined the European Monetary System.¹

Denmark

2.4.54. A global loan of DKR 55 million was provided from NCI resources to help small and medium-sized firms throughout Denmark to finance capital investment schemes. The loan, which was made available to Finansieringsinstitut for Industri og håndvaerk A/S (FIH), should help to afford small businesses easier access to investment finance; NCI loans are complementary to those from the EIB's own resources, since they are available irrespective of location. An NCI loan worth DKR 25 million had already been made available to FIH in June 1982 to help finance 35 small and medium-scale ventures (over 750 jobs) chiefly in metalworking and mechanical engineering, foodstuffs and woodworking.

Outside the Community

2.4.55. Under the decision taken by the EIB's Governors on 5 August 1983 in favour of continued pre-accession financial cooperation between the Community and Spain, the EIB lent 15 million ECU to the Istituto de Credito Official to finance, through the Banco de Credito Industrial, smaller-scale industrial and allied tertiary sector ventures in the less-developed regions of Spain. This loan is the first to be authorized under the decision, which provides for 100 million ECU to be deployed up to 30 June 1984; this decision extends the financial coopera-

tion in existence since December 1981, under which the EIB has already lent 200 million ECU to Spain.

2.4.56. Under the second Lomé Convention the Bank lent 4 million ECU from its own resources to the Banque Nationale de Développement du Congo towards financing small and medium-scale ventures in the industrial, agricultural processing, mining and tourism sectors. From the risk capital which it manages on behalf of the Community, the Bank granted 6 million ECU for rehabilitating and modernizing a manganese mine managed by the Ghana National Manganese Corporation at Nsuta, in the south-west of the country (the new equipment should permit continued mining of the most profitable oxide ores and help to safeguard some 1 500 existing jobs); 5.1 million ECU was lent to the Central African Republic towards rehabilitating the country's sole textile plant (600 jobs) at Bangui, taken over by the Union Centrafricaine de Textile (most of the mill's output will be sold on the home market, and a certain amount will be exported to CACEU countries such as Cameroon, Congo, Gabon and Chad); 700 000 ECU was lent to the Banque Rwandaise de Développement to finance feasibility studies and equity participation in small and medium-sized enterprises in the industrial, agricultural processing, mining and tourism sectors in Rwanda; lastly, 500 000 ECU was lent to the Government for a feasibility study on the mining of gold deposits at Sabadala in east Senegal.

¹ OJ L 200, 3.8.1979; Bull. EC 7/8-1979, point 2.1.2.



PART THREE
DOCUMENTATION

1. ECU

Values in national currencies of one ECU

31 October 1983 ¹	
Belgian franc and Luxembourg franc (convertible)	45.9285
Belgian franc and Luxembourg franc (financial)	46.4697
German mark	2.25884
Dutch guilder	2.53245
Pound sterling	0.574723
Danish krone	8.14798
French franc	6.87549
Italian lira	1 372.10
Irish pound	0.726460
Greek drachma	80.8183
United States dollar	0.859038
Swiss franc	1.83705
Spanish peseta	130.703
Swedish krona	6.71381
Norwegian krone	6.34271
Canadian dollar	1.05851
Portuguese escudo	106.778
Austrian schilling	15.8750
Finnish mark	4.87032
Japanese yen	200.886
Australian dollar	0.939353
New Zealand dollar	1.29784

¹ OJ C 295, 2.11.1983.

NB. Explanatory notes on the ECU and 'green' rates can be found in Bull. EC 7/8-1982, points 3.1.1 to 3.1.3.

Representative rates ('green' rates)

Conversion rates into national currencies for the ECU used in connection with the common agricultural policy

October 1983	
National currency	Value in national currency of one ECU
Belgian franc and Luxembourg franc	44.9008
Danish krone	8.23400
German mark	2.65660 ¹ 2.52875 ² 2.54273 ³ 2.51457 ⁵ 2.57524 ¹⁰
Greek drachma	66.5526 ⁴ 77.24797 74.8027 ⁸ 71.5619 ¹⁰
French franc	6.55400 ³ 6.49211 ⁶ 6.62985 ⁸ 6.37174 ⁹ 6.19564 ¹⁰
Irish pound	0.725690
Italian lira	1 341.00
Dutch guilder	2.81318 ¹ 2.72149 ² 2.73327 ³ 2.70981 ⁵ 2.75563 ¹⁰
Pound sterling	0.618655

¹ For seeds.

² For cereals.

³ For milk and milk products.

⁴ For olive oil.

⁵ For beef and veal, sheepmeat, sugar, eggs and poultrymeat and rice.

⁶ For beef and veal, sheepmeat, sugar, cereals, eggs and poultrymeat and rice.

⁷ For beef and veal, sheepmeat, sugar, cereals, eggs and poultrymeat, milk and milk products, and rice.

⁸ For pigmeat and wine.

⁹ For olive oil and fish.

¹⁰ For other products.

2. Additional references in the Official Journal

3.2.1. This section lists the titles of legal instruments and notices of Community institutions or organs which have appeared in the Official Journal since the last Bulletin was published but relating to items appearing in earlier issues of the Bulletin; the references were not available when the Bulletin went to press.

The number of the Bulletin and the point to which this additional information refers is followed by the title shown on the cover of the Official Journal, the number of the issue and the date of publication.

Bull. EC 4-1983

Point 2.4.30

Special report of the Court of Auditors on the application of Regulations (EEC) No 1078/77 and (EEC) No 1041/78 introducing a system of premiums for the non-marketing of milk products and for the conversion of dairy herds
OJ C 278, 17.10.1983

Bull. EC 6-1983

Point 2.1.67

Commission Decision of 22 June 1983 on an aid

proposal in favour of two textile and clothing firms in Belgium
OJ L 261, 22.9.1983

Point 2.4.33

Special report of the Court of Auditors on the budgetary management of the programme for supplying agricultural products and foodstuffs to Poland
OJ C 278, 17.10.1983

Bull. EC 7/8-1983

Points 2.2.73 to 2.2.78

Commission proposals to the Council fixing the Community's scheme of generalized tariff preferences for 1984
OJ C 263, 3.10.1983

Points 2.4.26 to 2.4.29

Opinions adopted by the Economic and Social Committee during its session on 6 and 7 July 1983
OJ C 286, 24.10.1983

3. Infringement procedures

3.3.1. In October the Commission sent 22 letters of formal notice to eight Member States concerning their failure to incorporate Directives into national law, the said Member States having failed to inform the Commission of national implementing provisions relating to the environment and to consumer policy:

(i) Council Directive of 15 July 1980 relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption¹ (Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, Netherlands);

(ii) Council Directive of 20 March 1978 on toxic and dangerous waste² (Greece);

(iii) Council Directive of 29 June 1978 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the lead content of petrol³ (Greece);

(iv) Council Directive of 18 September 1979⁴ amending for the sixth time the Directive of 25 June 1967 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances⁵ (Greece);

(v) first Commission Directive of 22 December 1980 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to methods of analysis necessary for checking the composition of cosmetic products⁶ (Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, United Kingdom);

¹ OJ L 229, 30.8.1980.

² OJ L 84, 31.3.1978.

³ OJ L 197, 22.7.1978.

⁴ OJ L 259, 15.10.1979.

⁵ OJ L 196, 16.8.1967.

⁶ OJ L 383, 31.12.1980.

(vi) Commission Directive of 11 February 1982¹ adapting to technical progress Annex II to the Council Directive of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products² (Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, Luxembourg, United Kingdom);

(vii) Council Directive of 2 April 1979 on the conservation of wild birds³ (Luxembourg);

(viii) Council Directive of 15 July 1980 on air quality limit values and guide values for sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates⁴ (Ireland, Netherlands).

3.3.2. In October the Commission delivered three reasoned opinions concerning two Member States in the following cases:

(i) fishing in the Baltic Sea (United Kingdom);

(ii) closure of the Resia Pass to imports of butter and cheese (Italy);

(iii) restrictions on imports of Cagliata cheese (Italy).

3.3.3. The Commission referred to the Court five new cases involving the following Member States:

(i) Case 220/83 (France: failure to comply with the principles of freedom to provide services in the co-insurance field);

(ii) Case 221/83 (Italy: failure to incorporate into national law two Directives concerning the right of establishment and freedom to provide services for veterinary surgeons);

(iii) Case 223/83 (Germany: failure to incorporate fully into national law a Directive on the mutual recognition of dentists' diplomas);

(iv) Case 225/83 (France: failure to comply with the authorization condition, that is to say the gradual reduction in authorized tariff cuts);

(v) Case 239/83 (Germany: inconsistency with the Directive on the mutual recognition of doctors' diplomas of the measures taken to incorporate that Directive into national law).

3.3.4. The Commission decided to terminate the following infringement procedure, under which a reasoned opinion had been delivered:

failure to implement the Council Directive of 26 June 1964 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat (Italy).

¹ OJ L 63, 6.3.1982.

² OJ L 262, 27.9.1976.

³ OJ L 103, 25.4.1979.

⁴ OJ L 229, 30.8.1980.

4. Young Europeans

An exploratory study of 15- to 24-year-olds in Community countries

3.4.1. Looking ahead to 1985, which has been designated International Youth Year, and, more simply, just to obtain a clearer picture of the views held by young Europeans, the Commission had a sample survey conducted in the 10 Community countries in the spring of 1982.¹

In the final analysis, young Europeans seem to be quite close to their elders: their opinions and attitudes are similar on many subjects. Nevertheless, if one can talk about young people specifically, it is for three reasons. Firstly, between the ages of 15 and 24, everyone goes through a very special period of their life which sees a radical transformation of living conditions and, in fact, the metamorphosis from child to adult. Secondly, while remaining close to their elders in attitudes and opinions, the generation of 15- to 24-year-olds

does, however, harbour certain aspirations and values of its own. Finally, and very importantly in the context of European research, young people show little involvement in European problems.

The use of the term 'metamorphosis' is neither inappropriate nor exaggerated. How else can one describe the transition, in a few short years, from studies to working life, from living with one's parents to living together and from lack of material concern to financial worries? The individual will not undergo such a complete and brutal transformation at any other stage of his/her life. The rapid abandonment of the protective shells of childhood (such as school and parents) and exposure to external events of all types (emotional, material or work-related) seem to be characteristic of the metamorphosis peculiar to youth.

¹ Published by the Commission under the title 'Young Europeans', Brussels, December 1982.

Young people live through this period of transformation with a certain degree of happiness. Despite the brutal and important changes that they experience in their living conditions, their spirits remain high. However, the main components of their state of mind change: while satisfaction with one's personal life is primarily dependent on the quality of relationships with parents at the age of 15 or 16, love, prospects in one's personal life and job/career prospects primarily affect the state of mind of 23- or 24-year-olds. The independence acquired by young people between the ages of 15 and 20 is not only material and financial but also psychological.

Yet an important concern is expressed in the fear of unemployment. At a time when they should be taking charge of their life, young people see their job/career future jeopardized by the difficulty of finding a job.

In spite of the importance of the metamorphosis which they are undergoing, young people are not solely concerned with themselves, except perhaps at certain crucial times such as the start of working or married life. Overall, their areas of interest in the world seem to be directed by either amusement or the limits of their social and natural environment. But this is not the case for all young people: some of them are interested in politics, others in Third World problems, and yet others in regions and science. This diversity of views of the world clearly differentiates between young people themselves, beyond traditional cultural, social or national divisions.

Apart from the particular stage of life which they are going through, young Europeans can also be characterized by the importance which they attach to certain topics, such as individual expression and distance from systems and the established order. It is by their adherence to these topics that young people differentiate themselves most clearly from their elders, both as regards their expectations for the future and their values or political attitudes.

As they were born between 1958 and 1967, young Europeans aged between 15 and 24 have, in the main, always lived in societies experiencing economic growth, technological progress and peace. Unlike their elders, they do not aspire to more material progress but to a better quality of life in a less violent and more open society.

Traditional debates about ownership of the means of production and defending Western values also concern them less than their elders, even if the great causes which they are prepared to defend are very closely related: peace, human rights and freedom above all. On the other hand, young people lay more stress than their elders on the values of personal development and belonging.

As supporters of social change, young people show themselves to be sensitive to social inequalities and to problems of individual and minority expression. However, for them, this change does not follow traditional paths: they are not closely drawn to political parties which put forward an overly systematic view of society but support informal protest movements whose objectives are limited to a number of demands.

Finally, young Europeans' position as regards Europe seems to be characteristic of their generation. They are drawn to the major European ideas and recognize the importance to their country of membership of the Community, but young Europeans nevertheless do not involve themselves in European affairs: they have little interest in European problems and, more often than not, view the prospect of the Community being scrapped with indifference.

Their generation regards Europe as an accepted fact or an ideal. The accepted fact is primarily the will and desire to unify Europe; most of these young people did not experience the great discussions of ideas regarding the creation of Europe or else were not yet old enough to take part in them. Other accepted facts are the European institutions and their achievements. These accepted facts—which nobody really calls into question—are not enough to mobilize young Europeans.

Young people only really seem to involve themselves in a major visionary plan, a European ideal. Thus, a greater proportion of them than of adults support the creation of an actual European Government: this plan, which would represent a real change from the current situation, also signifies the concrete and visible achievement of the unification of Europe.

Young Europeans seem to a great extent to overlook two notions: the permanent position of European unification in Community ambitions and the necessary gradualism of creating a unified Europe. The unification of Europe is still at the centre of the many achievements of the Community and of the daily work of the Community's institutions. But young people do not seem to see this. Similarly, they do not seem to realize that European integration can only be gradual in so far as it must reconcile respect for national sovereignty with the search for greater harmony between countries.

These two notions, which are complicated and abstract but which are close to the facts, can be more easily understood by young people when they are well informed. Yet, overall, young people are certainly not sufficiently well informed about European problems. An information campaign seems to be necessary to make young people understand that the objective in which they believe—the unification of Europe—still endures and that the means employed to achieve it are the most suitable.

5. Mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications

(Article 57(1) of the EEC Treaty)

Directives adopted and proposals currently before the Council

I — Directives adopted

	Date transmitted to Council	Date adopted by Council
<p><i>Wholesale trade and intermediaries in commerce, industry and small craft industries</i></p> <p>Directive laying down detailed provisions concerning transitional measures in respect of activities in wholesale trade and activities of intermediaries in commerce, industry and small craft industries</p>	11.1.1963	Directive 64/222/EEC of 25 February 1964 (OJ 56, 4.4.1964)
<p><i>Industry and small craft industries¹</i></p> <p>Directive laying down detailed provisions concerning transitional measures in respect of activities of self-employed persons in manufacturing and processing industries falling within ISIC Major Groups 23-40 (industry and small craft industries)</p>	9.4.1963	Directive 64/427/EEC of 7 July 1964 (OJ 117, 23.7.1964)
<p><i>Retail trade</i></p> <p>Directive laying down detailed provisions concerning transitional measures in respect of activities of self-employed persons in retail trade (ISIC ex Group 612)</p>	30.3.1965	Directive 68/364/EEC of 15 October 1968 (OJ L 260, 22.10.1968)
<p><i>Personal services</i></p> <p>Directive laying down detailed provisions concerning transitional measures in respect of activities of self-employed persons in the personal services sector (ISIC ex Major Group 85):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restaurants, cafes, taverns and other drinking and eating places (ISIC Group 852); 2. Hotels, rooming houses, camps and other lodging places (ISIC Group 853) 	8.4.1965	Directive 68/368/EEC of 15 October 1968 (OJ L 260, 22.10.1968)
<p><i>Food manufacturing and beverage industries</i></p> <p>Directive laying down detailed provisions concerning transitional measures in respect of activities of self-employed persons in the food manufacturing and beverage industries (ISIC Major Groups 20 and 21)</p>	15.4.1965	Directive 68/366/EEC of 15 October 1968 (OJ L 260, 22.10.1968)

¹ Amended by Directive 69/77/EEC of 4 March 1969 (OJ L 59, 10.3.1969).

	Date transmitted to Council	Date adopted by Council
<p><i>Wholesale coal trade</i></p> <p>Directive laying down detailed provisions concerning transitional measures in respect of activities of self-employed persons in the wholesale coal trade and in respect of activities of intermediaries in the coal trade (ISIC ex Group 6112)</p>	<p>30.9.1969 (OJ C 152, 28.11.1969)</p>	<p>Directive 70/523/EEC of 30 November 1970 (OJ L 267, 10.12.1970)</p>
<p><i>Toxic products</i></p> <p>Directive laying down detailed provisions concerning transitional measures in respect of activities relating to trade in and distribution of toxic products and activities entailing the professional use of such products including activities of intermediaries</p>	<p>21.12.1968 (OJ C 12, 4.2.1969)</p>	<p>Directive 74/556/EEC of 4 June 1974 (OJ L 307, 18.11.1974)</p>
<p><i>Various activities</i></p> <p>Directive on measures to facilitate the effective exercise of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of various activities (ex ISIC Divisions 0.1 to 85) and, in particular, transitional measures in respect of those activities</p>	<p>30.11.1970 (OJ C 6, 22.1.1971)</p>	<p>Directive 75/368/EEC of 16 June 1975 (OJ L 167, 30.6.1975)</p>
<p><i>Doctors¹</i></p> <p>Directive concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in medicine, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services</p>	<p>3.3.1969 (OJ C 54, 28.4.1969)</p>	<p>Directive 75/362/EEC of 16 June 1975 (OJ L 167, 30.6.1975)</p>
<p><i>Itinerant activities</i></p> <p>Directive on measures to facilitate the effective exercise of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of itinerant activities and, in particular, transitional measures in respect of those activities</p>	<p>4.6.1970 (OJ C 99, 14.7.1970)</p>	<p>Directive 75/369/EEC of 16 June 1975 (OJ L 167, 30.6.1975)</p>
<p><i>Lawyers</i></p> <p>Directive to facilitate the effective exercise by lawyers of freedom to provide services</p>	<p>17.4.1969 (OJ C 78, 20.6.1969) and 19.8.1975 (OJ C 213, 17.9.1975)</p>	<p>Directive 77/249/EEC of 22 March 1977 (OJ L 78, 26.3.1977)</p>

¹ Amended by Directives 81/1057/EEC of 14 December 1981 (OJ L 385, 31.12.1981) and 82/76/EEC of 16 January 1982 (OJ L 43, 15.2.1982).

Mutual recognition of diplomas

	Date transmitted to Council	Date adopted by Council
<p><i>Nurses responsible for general care</i>¹</p> <p>Directive concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications of nurses responsible for general care, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of this right of establishment and freedom to provide services</p>	<p>14.10.1969 (OJ C 156, 8.12.1969)</p>	<p>Directive 77/452/EEC of 27 June 1977 (OJ L 176, 15.7.1977)</p>
<p><i>Transport</i></p> <p>Directive aiming at the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications for goods haulage operators and road passenger transport operators, including measures to encourage these operators effectively to exercise their right to freedom of establishment</p>	<p>14.10.1975 (OJ C 1, 5.1.1976)</p>	<p>Directive 77/796/EEC of 12 December 1977 (OJ L 334, 24.12.1977)</p>
<p><i>Dental practitioners</i>¹</p> <p>Directive concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of the formal qualifications of practitioners of dentistry, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services</p>	<p>3.3.1969 (OJ C 54, 28.4.1969)</p>	<p>Directive 78/686/EEC of 25 July 1978 (OJ L 233, 24.8.1978)</p>
<p><i>Veterinary surgeons</i>¹</p> <p>Directive concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in veterinary medicine, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services</p>	<p>1.6.1970 (OJ C 92, 20.7.1970)</p>	<p>Directive 78/1026/EEC of 18 December 1978 (OJ L 362, 23.12.1978)</p>
<p><i>Midwives</i></p> <p>Directive concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in midwifery and including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services</p>	<p>12.12.1969 (OJ C 18, 12.2.1970)</p>	<p>Directive 80/154/EEC of 21 January 1980 (OJ L 33, 11.2.1980)</p>
<p><i>Services incidental to transport</i></p> <p>Directive on measures to facilitate the effective exercise of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of activities of self-employed persons in certain services incidental to transport and travel agencies (ISIC Group 718) and in storage and warehousing (ISIC Group 720)</p>	<p>21.12.1965 (OJ 73, 23.4.1966)</p>	<p>Directive 82/470/EEC of 29 June 1982 (OJ L 213, 21.7.1982)</p>

¹ Amended by Directive 81/1057/EEC of 14 December 1981 (OJ L 385, 31.12.1981).

	Date transmitted to Council	Date adopted by Council
<p><i>Hairdressing</i></p> <p>Directive laying down measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services in hairdressing</p>	<p>29.7.1971 (OJ C 106, 23.10.1971)</p>	<p>Directive 82/489/EEC of 19 July 1982 (OJ L 218, 27.7.1982)</p>

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<p><i>Architects</i></p> <p>Directive on mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other qualifications of self-employed architects</p>	<p>16.5.1967 (OJ 239, 4.10.1967)</p>
<p><i>Engineers</i></p> <p>Directive laying down detailed provisions concerning transitional measures in respect of activities in the field of technical research, invention, consultancy and their application</p>	<p>8.5.1969 (OJ C 99, 30.7.1969)</p>
<p><i>Pharmacists</i></p> <p>Directive concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in pharmacy, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment relating to certain activities in the field of pharmacy</p>	<p>3.2.1981 (OJ C 35, 18.2.1981)</p>

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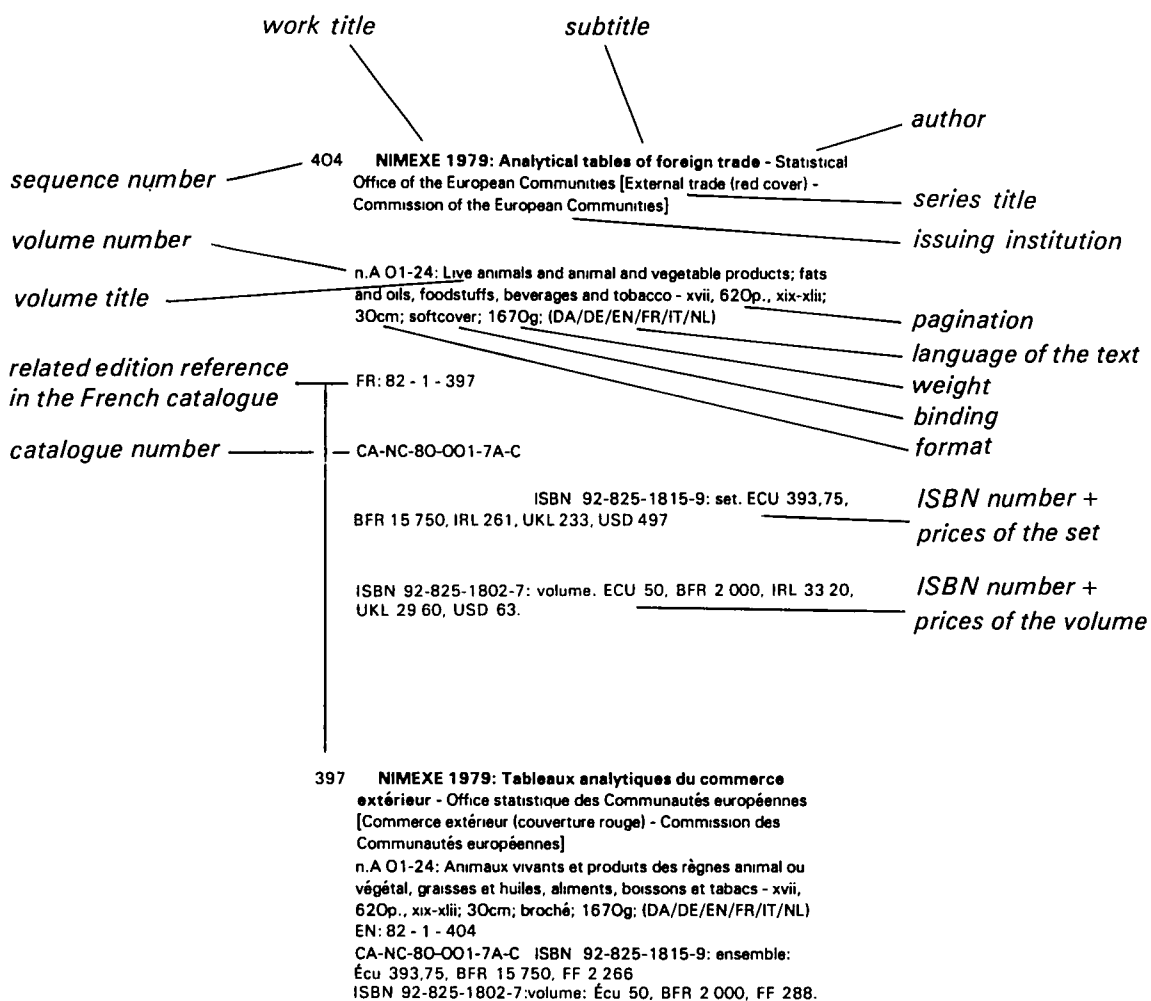
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