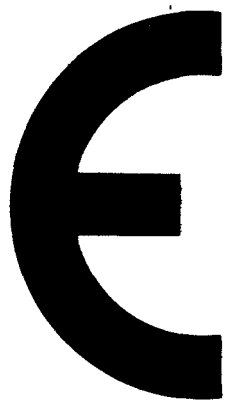


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**PART ONE**  
**SPECIAL FEATURES**

**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. Investment and job creation

## Strengthening the Community's financial instruments

1.1.1. In October the Commission adopted a number of communications and proposals aimed at creating jobs through an improvement in the conditions under which productive activity is carried on (investment promotion), through direct financial measures affecting the industrial base (proposal on the continuation of the New Community Borrowing and Lending Instrument) and through encouragement of alternative activities in the industries or regions adversely affected by industrial decline (new 'non-quota' measures under the European Regional Development Fund and measures to strengthen conversion policy for the steel industry).

These communications and proposals were supplemented, in the context of the review of the European Social Fund, by a Commission opinion<sup>1</sup> and by a communication on vocational training policies, both of which were framed to enhance the effectiveness of the Community's social policy and achieve closer coordination of Community instruments.

### Initiatives for promoting investment

1.1.2. The Commission sent the Council a communication on initiatives for promoting investment, the purpose of which is to create a precise framework for expanding investment in the Community and, in so doing, to make the Community economies more competitive and more modern, to bring the process of industrial decline to an end and thereby to improve the employment situation. This communication was preceded by others on the same topic<sup>2</sup> that were considered by the European Council in June<sup>3</sup> and by the Council on 12 July.<sup>4</sup> It marks a further stage in the Commission's work on developing an investment policy by spelling out guidelines for action both at national and at Community level that will improve the conditions under which productive activity is carried on.

### Action at national level

1.1.3. National measures would be more effective if they were mutually consistent and if a common approach could be agreed at Community level.

It is necessary, above all, to expand the resources available to businesses for investment. The first condition is that the trend of production costs, including labour costs and taxation in the broad sense, should permit an increase in self-financing. Furthermore, it is up to the public authorities to see to it that the tax and regulatory mechanisms (depreciation rules in particular) necessary for achieving the highest possible levels of self-financing are set in place and to channel these extra resources into investment. It is also important to devise appropriate mechanisms that will help channel savings into the financing of industrial investment and to reduce the crowding-out effect of unduly large public deficits on the loan capital available for investment and the upward pressure on interest rates which this exerts.

1.1.4. Secondly, Member States must improve the effectiveness of incentive mechanisms. Both for reasons to do with general budgetary constraints and for reasons of effectiveness, a thorough analysis must be undertaken of the various aid and incentive mechanisms in force.

The objective is twofold: (a) to assess the extent to which changes in the present arrangements would make them more effective while at the same time ensuring their consistency with the smooth operation of the common market, and in particular with the Treaty provisions on aids and competition; and (b) where some of the aids are seen to be of limited or indeed doubtful effectiveness, to decide either to use the financial resources released for strengthening other mechanisms or, given the general need to trim budgets, to withdraw them altogether.

<sup>1</sup> Point 1.2.1 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 6-1982, points 2.1.5 and 2.1.6.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, point 1.5.3.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.1.

1.1.5. Lastly, a real and urgent effort must be made to increase investment through shifts in public expenditure, whose share of GDP rose from 32% in 1960 to more than 50% in 1982, while public investment fell during the same period from 10% to 6% of total public expenditure.

The objective of achieving a lasting increase in the share of public expenditure providing support for growth must be reflected in national budgets starting in 1983.

The Commission therefore requests that, between now and the end of 1982, an assessment be made of the way in which this policy is beginning to be put into effect in each of the national budgets for 1983 and that, as soon as possible in 1983, Member States start studying ways in which public finance can be restructured in the medium term in favour of investment expenditure.

#### Action at Community level

1.1.6. One of the values of Community action is that of joint recognition of priorities. However, the Community can make its own, more specific contribution in the following three areas:

- (i) achieving real development of the Community's home market so as to allow additional economies of scale, and strengthening the effects of an area in which competition is between firms which belong to one and the same economic entity and are largely governed by similar rules;
- (ii) providing the extra effectiveness which can be obtained through a joint effort to organize and underpin certain strategic activities (R&D, innovation, energy, improved training) which are both job-creating and key targets for investment; and
- (iii) developing the Community's financial instruments by adapting them to the need for improved industrial investment performance.

#### New Community Instrument (NCI)

##### New Commission proposal

1.1.7. The inadequacy or unsuitability of the available forms of finance is one of the

factors impeding the growth of investment. At its meetings in November 1981<sup>1</sup> and March this year<sup>2</sup> the European Council therefore reaffirmed the importance it attached to the strengthening of the Community's lending instruments which helped to boost investment. Such is the purpose of the New Community Instrument, the financial impact and follow-through effect of which far exceed the volume of funds raised. The Commission consequently takes the view that this facility should be renewed and strengthened and, at the same time, adapted in the light of experience and of present requirements.

Accordingly, it sent the Council on 19 October a proposal for a Decision on a further tranche of borrowing totalling 3 000 million ECU,<sup>3</sup> the figure mentioned at the European Council meeting in London in November 1981.

##### Scope

1.1.8. The Commission is proposing that, as at present, the proceeds of these borrowings be used for financing investment projects in the infrastructure and energy sectors and in all productive sectors, regardless of the size of the investor, even though, in practice, the financing of projects undertaken by small and medium-sized enterprises will remain a top priority. It is also proposing that a given allocation of an appropriate amount should be confined to a field that has been specially singled out or to a particular sector such as the spread of new technologies and innovation.

##### Implementation and operational rules

1.1.9. The loan tranche would be released in the form of allocations, with the actual allocation decisions being taken by the Council, acting by a qualified majority after consulting Parliament; each decision would specify both the size of the allocation and the use to which it was to be put.

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<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 11-1981, point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 3-1982, point 1.3.5.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 282, 27.10.1982.

1.1.10. Without fundamentally altering the present division of responsibilities between the EIB and the Commission, under which lending policy is the Commission's responsibility, the Commission proposes, alongside the procedure for the decision on eligibility, that loan applications be transmitted simultaneously to the Bank *and* the Commission, that the regular consultations between the two institutions be made more frequent and that the principle of co-signing of the loan contracts be explicitly confirmed.

1.1.11. Furthermore, in order to strengthen the role of the ECU on financial markets and at the same time to promote it as the monetary expression of the Community's identity, the Commission would like to make increased use of the ECU in its borrowing and lending operations. It intends to set an example by encouraging use of the ECU in connection with the NCI wherever this is compatible with its smooth introduction on financial markets.

### **Strengthening the financial instruments available for regional policy**

#### **European Regional Development Fund: New non-quota measures proposed**

1.1.12. The Commission adopted for transmission to the Council a second batch of six ERDF non-quota measures involving assistance totalling 710 million ECU over five years (1982-87). Special emphasis is placed on the regions affected by industrial decline. The proposed measures cover three main areas: strengthening measures adopted in 1980;<sup>1</sup> extending a number of measures to include Greece; assistance for certain areas adversely affected by the restructuring of the textile and clothing industry. Furthermore, the Commission will shortly propose new measures to be carried out in Ireland and in Northern Ireland.

#### *Strengthening measures currently being carried out*

1.1.13. The Commission is proposing that the funds for four of the five non-quota

measures currently being carried out be substantially increased. These four are the 'enlargement' measure (twofold increase involving an extra 120 million ECU), the 'energy' measure (23 million ECU to be added to the 16 million ECU currently available), the 'shipbuilding' measure (twofold increase involving an extra 17 million ECU) and the 'steel' measure (230 million ECU to be added to the 43 million ECU currently available).

1.1.14. On the nature of the measures, the Commission has proposed that they should all (with the exception of the 'energy' measure) include arrangements to give greater encouragement to the provision of business advisory services. For the 'steel' and 'shipbuilding' measures, the Commission has proposed the introduction of aids to investment by small and medium-sized enterprises in the form of capital grants and, in the case of the 'steel' measure, in the form of interest subsidies on Community global loans.

The new 'steel' measure should be in two stages. During the first stage (outlay: 92 million ECU), the measure currently being carried out would be extended to take in a few more areas in the United Kingdom and certain areas in France. All the areas concerned are areas in which the recent sharp decline of the steel industry has added to existing regional disequilibria. The second stage (outlay: 138 million ECU) is designed to assist those areas that will have to contend with substantial job losses under the restructuring programmes for the steel industry. All Member States would be eligible for assistance under this stage.

#### *Extending a number of measures to include Greece*

1.1.15. The Commission has proposed that Greece should benefit from two non-quota measures. Assistance would go to the islands, whose peripheral position impedes their development. The two measures concerned are the 'enlargement' measure

<sup>1</sup> Fourteenth General Report, point 286 *et seq.*

(40 million ECU) for fostering the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and craft industries, promoting innovation, harnessing the potential for tourism and improving communications, and the 'energy' measure (20 million ECU).

### *Restructuring of the textile and clothing industry*

1.1.16. The Commission has proposed that an amount of 260 million ECU be devoted to encouraging alternative economic activities. This measure is intended to benefit the main textile areas in Belgium, France, Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, which have all sustained substantial job losses.

### **Conversion policy for the steel industry**

1.1.17. The Commission approved on 12 October the measures that will need to be taken to strengthen conversion policy in the areas adversely affected by the steel crisis.

The Commission considers it essential to deploy the full range of the Community's financial instruments to strengthen conversion policy and so to help create other economic activities as alternatives to steel.

The measures envisaged involve decisions by the Commission itself, notably on the use of the ECSC instruments, and by the Council on the other instruments (proposals for reviewing the Social fund<sup>1</sup> and the Regional Fund,<sup>2</sup> proposal for an NCI III,<sup>3</sup> and proposals for new specific measures under the Regional Fund's non-quota section.<sup>4</sup>

1.1.18. Restructuring will inevitably include moves to cut excess capacity that will affect employment in the steel industry. It is expected that, following the 247 000 jobs lost during the period 1974-81 yet more will have to go over the next three years. The economic crisis is aggravating the decline in the industry and making it even more difficult to create new jobs quickly.

It is not enough therefore simply to step up efforts to provide more jobs for workers made redundant by restructuring in the steel industry. Any action must encompass the whole socio-economic fabric of the regions concerned if they are to be revitalized and hence jobs created for all their inhabitants, and particularly for young people.

Where the Community is concerned, the Commission considers that all available instruments and financial resources should be used for this purpose.

1.1.19. The measures envisaged are designed *inter alia* to strengthen ECSC instruments in three main areas: stepping up studies and preparatory work on small projects in new fields of activity; attempting to apply new conversion techniques; and having interest subsidies on ECSC conversion loans play a more important role.

The retraining of steel workers is normally covered by purely ECSC measures. However, the Commission feels that the Social Fund could also make a significant contribution to conversion in the regions concerned by financing part of the cost of vocational training or retraining for workers from other industries.

Lastly, the Commission has proposed an extension of the non-quota section of the Regional Fund with a view to assisting the regions adversely affected by the steel crisis.<sup>5</sup>

One of the common features of the decisions that will have to be taken is the need to reinforce the role played by interest subsidies on Community loans in order to facilitate job-creating investment, particularly by small and medium-sized enterprises.

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<sup>1</sup> Point 2.1.30.

<sup>2</sup> Fifteenth General Report, point 324.

<sup>3</sup> Point 1.1.7.

<sup>4</sup> Point 1.1.12.

<sup>5</sup> Point 1.1.12 *et seq.*

## 2. Review of the European Social Fund

### Opinion of the Commission

1.2.1. The decision of 1 February 1971 concerning the reform of the European Social Fund<sup>1</sup> (as amended<sup>2</sup>) provides for a review of the Fund by the Council not later than 31 December 1982. If necessary, the Decision may be amended on the basis of a Commission opinion based on Article 126 of the Treaty. The Commission takes the view that amendments are needed to enable the Fund to play a more forward-looking and creative role in improving employment opportunities, taking account of changing features of the labour market and vocational training systems within the Community and the development of Community employment policy. Accordingly, in an opinion transmitted to the Council on 15 October, the Commission suggests a number of changes to the Fund and explains why it regards them as necessary.

1.2.2. The Commission confirms that the Fund should continue to concentrate its resources in areas of greatest need, taking account of the persistently high level of unemployment in the less developed regions and in those areas now experiencing a marked decline of traditional industries which were a major source of employment. To stimulate job creation, the Fund should be adjusted in such a way as to complement action taken on a broader level to promote economic growth and encourage a more equitable distribution of employment opportunities.

1.2.3. The Commission has also drafted a new decision to replace the Decision of 1 February 1971. Although some parts of the existing Decision should be maintained more or less unchanged, the Commission considers that other parts require substantial alteration and it would therefore be simpler to have an entirely new instrument. The opinion and the draft basic Decision should be considered in conjunction with the Commission's proposal for a Regulation to implement the new Decision and with the draft for a new Decision on the rules of the Social Fund Committee. Together these instruments would form the basis of the Fund after the review.

### A simpler structure, with wider scope

1.2.4. To replace the existing, highly complicated structure of the Fund, comprising nine separate fields of intervention, the Commission is proposing a radical simplification. One broad area of activity is now envisaged which will encompass practically all the training and employment initiatives for adults currently eligible within the existing Fund. In addition to those people seeking employment or threatened with unemployment beneficiaries of fund aid would include migrant workers and their families, and people employed in small and medium-sized enterprises requiring training as a result of the introduction of new technology. New provisions are proposed to enable the Fund to assist in the training of instructors, vocational guidance and placement experts. The Fund would continue its selective support for wage subsidies, not only to assist in the recruitment of disadvantaged workers into newly created jobs or under temporary job creation schemes, but also on behalf of local development agents. Special emphasis is placed on the increasingly important role that can be played by these specialists, engaged at local level to provide technical services and advice on job creation, particularly in small and medium-sized firms.

1.2.5. Given the particular importance attached to the problems of youth unemployment and the need to ensure that a broad-based vocational training, including work experience, is made available to all school-leavers, a separate category of intervention is proposed to cater specifically for the needs of young people under the age of 18. The objective for the Fund in this area would be to support efforts by Member States to establish a 'social guarantee' for young people, as proposed by the Commission in its communication on vocational training in the 1980s<sup>3</sup> and already accepted in principle at

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 28, 4.2.1971.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 337, 27.12.1977.

<sup>3</sup> Point 2.1.31.

the March European Council. Slight changes regarding the eligibility of young people for Fund aid are proposed, so that the Fund is no longer precluded from financing the initial training of young people immediately after the completion of statutory schooling.

### Selection of applications

1.2.6. The selection of applications for financing by the Social Fund in these two areas of intervention should continue to be made by the Commission on the basis of geographical criteria and Community policy priorities. To replace the existing complex provisions governing geographical priorities, the Commission proposes a new mechanism to ensure that more Fund aid is allocated to those areas of the Community where it is most needed. Four separate indicators — general unemployment, long-term structural unemployment, youth unemployment and per capita GDP — would be used to assess the relative needs and ranking order of different areas of the Community. The areas themselves would be identified by reference to level III rather than level II regions (which had proved to be too large to reflect local unemployment black spots).<sup>1</sup> A geographical index would be established on this basis each year by the Commission together with its annual guidelines. The Commission would identify those applications meeting the criteria for priority set out in the guidelines (as is currently the case). The Funds's budget would then be distributed among the priority applications, working down the index until the point was reached where the budget was exhausted.

### Special provisions

1.2.7. In order to safeguard the position of regions suffering the most acute problems, which until now have benefited from a higher rate of Fund intervention,<sup>2</sup> it is proposed that the Council designate them to be placed at the top of the geographical index. These

regions would continue to benefit from the 55 % rate of intervention compared with the normal rate of 50 %

As regards the rate of the public authority contribution, the Commission proposes that instead of matching finance, a minimum contribution of 30 % towards eligible costs should be borne by public authorities, thereby ensuring that certain worthwhile projects with access to other sources of finance are not prevented from going ahead.

A number of other administrative changes regarding the timing of decisions and the payments procedure are also proposed in order to improve the efficiency of the Fund.

### Policy innovation

1.2.8. The Commission proposes that the Fund should develop its role in support of innovatory training and employment policy in the Member States, closely linked to the Community's own action programmes in these areas, which include the social integration of disabled people,<sup>3</sup> training and new technologies<sup>4</sup> and vocational training in the 1980s.<sup>5</sup> A special section with its own chapter in the Fund budget should be set up to enable the Fund to expand its support for experimental projects.

With particular reference to vocational training, the Commission sent the Council on 28 October a Communication entitled 'Vocational Training Policies in the European Communities in the 1980s', in which it proposes a five-year action programme at an estimated cost of 140 million ECU to be financed largely by the Social Fund.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Examples of level III regions are *arrondissements* (Belgium), departments (France), provinces (Italy) and counties (UK).

<sup>2</sup> Greece, Greenland, the French overseas departments, Ireland, the Mezzogiorno and Northern Ireland.

<sup>3</sup> Fifteenth General Report, point 296.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.41.

<sup>5</sup> Point 2.1.31; OJ C 306, 23.11.1982

### 3. Exports of steel products

#### EEC-US Arrangement

1.3.1. On 21 October the Council approved the instruments required for an exchange of letters to take place with the United States concluding an Arrangement concerning exports of certain steel products<sup>1</sup> together with an exchange of letters concerning tubes, which provides for consultations in respect of trends in Community exports to the United States.

The Arrangement covers the period 1 November 1982 to 31 December 1985 and determines the level of voluntary restraint of Community exports in the light of projected US apparent consumption.

1.3.2. The entry into effect of the Arrangement was conditional upon the withdrawal by the United States industry of the various anti-dumping, countervailing duty and other petitions filed in respect of imports of certain of the products in question and on an undertaking not to commence any new proceedings. As soon as agreement was reached in the Council, the US Administration gave notice that the petitions had been withdrawn. President Reagan welcomed the conclusion of the Arrangement, stressing that it provided reassuring proof that the United States and its allies could work together to resolve any conflicts.

1.3.3. The Commission welcomed the agreement reached, which had been negotiated by the Community. At a joint press conference with Mr Davignon, Mr Haferkamp stressed that the Arrangement meant that there would be peace in the steel sector at least until the end of 1985. He was pleased that the Community had demonstrated a measure of unity which enabled it to overcome great difficulties provided the political will and solidarity were there. Mr Haferkamp and Mr Davignon emphasized the need to use this period to modernize and

restructure the steel industry both in the Community and in the United States. This concern was shared by Mr Baldrige, the US Secretary of Commerce, who stated that the Arrangement was not a miracle cure for the United States steel industry but provided a breathing space which had to be used to resolve the problems the industry was facing in the areas of rationalization, modernization and restructuring.

1.3.4. It was in June that the US Department of Commerce had announced the measures imposing countervailing duties on steel imports from the Community, following investigations into the existence of subsidies.<sup>2</sup> In July the Commission had initiated negotiations for a comprehensive agreement with the US Government.<sup>3</sup> On 6 August these negotiations had resulted in an agreement enabling the proceedings in progress to be terminated, though this was subject to the withdrawal of the petitions filed by US steel-makers. Following an initially negative reaction, the American steel industry notified the Department of Commerce that it was prepared to review its position and withdraw the petitions provided certain adjustments were made to the arrangement. On 11 October the Commission proposed to the Council certain changes to the initial arrangement resulting in a 4.20 % increase in the volume of the products covered. Because of a general reservation entered by the German delegation and certain other more specific reservations, it was not until 21 October that the Ten unanimously decided to conclude the Arrangement with the United States. On 28 October the Commission adopted the instruments necessary for its conclusion.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 307, 1.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 6-1982, point 2.2.42.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 307, 1.11.1982.







**PART TWO**  
**ACTIVITIES**  
**IN OCTOBER 1982**

# 1. Building the Community

## Economic and monetary policy

### European Monetary System

#### Interest subsidies for certain structural loans

2.1.1. On 18 October the Council amended<sup>1</sup> the Regulation of 3 August 1979 on interest subsidies for certain loans granted under the European Monetary System.<sup>2</sup> The purpose of the amendment is to allow NCI operations to continue to benefit from the system of interest subsidies.

### Community borrowing

#### New Community Borrowing and Lending Instrument (NCI)

2.1.2. On 19 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a Decision<sup>3</sup> on a new tranche of borrowings totalling 3 000 million ECU, the figure mentioned at the European Council meeting in London in November 1981.<sup>4</sup>

### Economic situation

#### Annual Economic Report 1982-83

2.1.3. On 20 October the Commission adopted its Annual Economic Report for 1982-83 and sent it to the Council for adoption after Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee had been consulted. It is accompanied, for information purposes, by an economic review giving a more detailed factual analysis of trends and prospects.

The main points highlighted by the Commission are the following:

The recovery which was forecast for the second half of 1982 has not materialized, so that the likely outcome for 1982 is now virtual stagnation. The world economic outlook has deteriorated: world trade has declined and the average volume growth of the OECD countries has been zero. At the same time, the persistence of high real interest rates seems to have dampened the normal

dynamics of the business cycle, and investment has again fallen in volume terms. Community real GDP should rise by 0.3% this year, having fallen by 0.6% in 1981. The current balance of payments has improved somewhat, while inflation has slowed down significantly. However, the unemployment rate has continued to rise and, on an average for the year, stands at 9.4% of the labour force, or 10 750 000 jobless. For 1983, the Commission expects a modest recovery in economic activity, gathering strength in the second half of the year. Real GDP is expected to grow by 1.1%, mainly as a result of a recovery in domestic demand. Private consumption is expected to remain depressed, and investment is forecast to be slightly higher than the previous year. Inflation is expected to fall rapidly in 1983. The unemployment rate is likely to rise further as a result of the low level of growth and could reach 10.3%, equivalent to some 12 million jobless.

In its report, the Commission outlines a strategy to redeploy resources so as to encourage employment and stimulate production. The objective is to increase employment through the expansion of investment and, consequently, to ensure an effective transfer of resources in favour of real productive activity. This requires significant adjustments in public finance and in cost trends. In the shorter term, economic policies should be framed first and foremost by reference to growth targets expressed in nominal terms.

### Promoting investment

2.1.4. On 11 October the Commission sent the Council a communication<sup>5</sup> on initiatives for promoting investment. The Commission's aim is to supply a framework that would help to expand investment within the Community, i.e. to improve competitiveness

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 295, 21.10.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 200, 3.8.1979; Bull. EC 7/8-1979, point 2.1.2.

<sup>3</sup> Point 117; OJ C 282, 27.10.1982.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 11-1981, point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

<sup>5</sup> Point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

and to modernize the European economies, call a halt to industrial decline and thereby restore the employment situation.

### Monetary Committee

2.1.5. The Monetary Committee held its 284th meeting in Brussels on 8 October with Mr Schulman in the chair. After a wide-ranging exchange of views on the shift in economic and monetary policies in several Community countries and in a number of non-Community countries, the Committee examined the economic and financial situation in Belgium.

### Economic Policy Committee

2.1.6. The Economic Policy Committee, in its reduced 'short-term' composition, held its 126th meeting on 5 October with Mr Sarcinelli in the chair. It examined the Annual Economic Report 1982-83.<sup>1</sup>

## Internal market and industrial affairs

### Free movement of goods

#### *Removal of technical barriers to trade*

#### Industrial products

2.1.7. On 12 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal<sup>2</sup> to amend Directive 76/756/EEC of 27 July 1976 relating to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices on motor vehicles and their trailers.<sup>3</sup>

This proposal, which makes provision for the mandatory installation of devices for adjusting the dipped beam on new vehicles to be postponed until 1 October 1984, should facilitate the application of the other provisions of Directive 76/756/EEC.

#### Foodstuffs

2.1.8. On 18 October the Council adopted a Directive establishing the basic rules for the verification of the migration of constituents of plastic materials and articles in-

tended to come into contact with foodstuffs.<sup>4</sup> The Commission's proposal was presented in May 1978.<sup>5</sup>

2.1.9. On the same date the Council amended<sup>4</sup> its Directive of 25 July 1978 laying down specific criteria for purity for antioxidants which may be used for foodstuffs intended for human consumption.<sup>6</sup>

### Business law

#### Intellectual property

2.1.10. The diplomatic conference on the revision of the 1883 Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property held the first part of its third session in Geneva from 4 to 30 October.<sup>7</sup> The second part is scheduled for 23-27 November.

The Commission representative, who attended as an observer, joined the representatives of the Member States in Community-level meetings intended to work out joint positions. The conference examined, in particular, questions relating to designations of origin and geographical ascriptions. The second part of the session is to deal exclusively with patents.

#### Public contracts

2.1.11. In order to make European companies more aware of the importance of public contracts opened up to competitive bidding by public purchasers, the Commission published in the *European Documentation* series a brochure on public supply contracts in the European Community.

Designed primarily for heads of firms or marketing managers, the brochure provides general and practical information on the possibilities of tendering for public contracts awarded by other Community countries and

<sup>1</sup> Point 2.1.3.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 279, 22.10.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 262, 27.9.1976.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 297, 23.10.1982.

<sup>5</sup> OJ C 141, 16.6.1978; Bull. EC 5-1978, point 2.1.7.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 223, 14.8.1978.

<sup>7</sup> Fifteenth General Report, point 143.

by certain non-member countries which, within GATT, have concluded with the Community agreements on the reciprocal opening up of government purchases to competitive bidding.

2.1.12. With the same aim, and especially in order to provide companies with instant information, the Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Communities* (in which are published not only notices of public supply contracts but also notices of public works contracts and notices of contracts awarded by the Community institutions and by countries associated with the Community, where the projects concerned are financed by the Community) can be accessed in full since the beginning of October by the Euronet-Diane network. This data base will also be disseminated shortly via various national videotex networks. Information on the opportunities for tendering for public contracts will thus be available throughout Europe within a few hours of its compilation.

### Meeting of Ministers of Justice

2.1.13. The Council and the Ministers of Justice meeting within the Council held a meeting in Luxembourg on 25 October.<sup>1</sup>

At this meeting, the Convention on the Accession of Greece to the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and to the Protocol on its Interpretation by the Court of Justice was signed.<sup>2</sup>

The Ministers made some progress towards resolving the problem of the interpretation by the Court of the Rome Convention on the Law applicable to Contractual Obligations and instructed the relevant Council committees to try to reach an agreement on the basis of the results obtained.

During the examination of the many other items on the agenda for the meeting, Mr Narjes, representing the Commission, emphasized the importance of the draft Convention on Bankruptcy, winding up, Arrangements, Compositions and Similar Proceedings and expressed the hope that the negotiations now in progress in the Council

would be completed as soon as possible.<sup>3</sup> He also pointed out that proposals had been put forward in a number of Member States to amend the law on bankruptcy and measures to prevent bankruptcy. He noted the interest expressed in the idea of an exchange of information on the subject and stated that the Commission was prepared to organize a European symposium on this theme next year.

The Commission also appealed to those Member States which have not already done so to ratify the Luxembourg convention on the Community Patent and the Convention on the Accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom to the Brussels Convention. Following a statement made by the German delegation, the Commission gave its support to certain principles set out in the draft European Act (Genschler-Colombo). It expressed a favourable opinion on the extension of the powers of the court of Justice to interpret international agreements concluded between the Member States and the expansion of the approximation of legislation, in particular through effective use of the measures provided for in the Treaty.

### Free movement of persons and freedom to provide services

#### *Mutual recognition of diplomas and access to occupations*

#### Nurses

2.1.4. The Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing<sup>4</sup> held the first meeting of its second three-year term<sup>5</sup> in Brussels on 19 and 20 October. The Committee elected the three chairmen for this term and reviewed the achievements of its first term.

It also set up a working party to report to the Committee's next meeting in April on

<sup>1</sup> Points 2.4.2, 2.4.38 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 10-1978, point 1.2.2.

<sup>3</sup> Supplement 2/82 — Bull. EC.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 176, 15.7.1977.

<sup>5</sup> Renewed by Council Decision 82/698/EEC of 8 October 1982: OJ L 292, 18.10.1982.

the gathering of additional information on the training of nurses responsible for general care in the Community, and discussed the oral report of the working party on psychiatric nursing.

There was a discussion on the present training situation in Luxembourg and Ireland.

## Industry

### *Steel*

#### General Objectives for 1985

2.1.15. On 6 October the Commission approved at first reading the General Objectives for Steel (1985) and resolved to discuss them with producers', users' and workers' representatives and with the Governments of the 10 Member States. It will examine the document again after it has received the opinion of the ECSC Consultative Committee.

The General Objectives are presented in the form of an information document. They take account of the situation of the internal market, the state of production structures, the constraints imposed by the economic situation and the pressure of international competition.

On the assumption that there will be a GDP growth of between 2% and 3% per year, the Commission forecasts that consumption of finished products in the Community will total 93 million tonnes by 1985: 22.5 million in the preliminary processing sector, 19.4 million for the manufacture of metal articles, 15.9 million in tube manufacturing, 9.6 million for vehicles, 8.6 million for building and civil engineering and 7.2 million for mechanical engineering. Export opportunities will be affected in the next few years by a slackening of growth on the world market and of external trade in steel.

Overall, the General Objectives advocate a crude steel production level of 120.8 million tonnes for 1985, which, if an 85% capacity utilization rate is assumed, would leave a surplus of some 58 million tonnes given the nominal capacity of 200.1 million tonnes. To absorb a surplus of this order will re-

quire a considerable amount of restructuring—mainly by the companies which suffer the highest losses, receive the biggest subsidies and have the most obsolete plants. In this regard the Commission will have to carry out, between now and 30 June 1983, a detailed analysis of the restructuring programmes introduced by the Governments under the rules for aids to the steel industry.<sup>1</sup> The General Objectives will serve as a framework for the Commission's assessment of these restructuring plans and investment programmes.

The Commission also stresses the need to intensify active marketing policies, to increase investment that will improve productivity and to plough more profits back into research. The Community's role in supporting the conversion of areas affected by restructuring is considered to be an essential one.

#### Relations between the Community and the United States

2.1.16. Following the agreement reached between the Commission and the United States Administration on 6 August whereby limits would be set to the Community's exports of certain steel products,<sup>2</sup> and after protracted and at times difficult discussions between Community and American negotiators,<sup>3</sup> the petitions filed by American steelmakers were withdrawn and an undertaking was obtained that similar proceedings running counter to European interests would not be commenced while the agreement is in effect.

On 21 October the Council approved the EEC and ECSC instruments required for an exchange of letters with the United States, concluding an Arrangement on Community exports of 10 categories of iron and steel products, accompanied by an exchange of letters on tube and pipe, and making provision for consultations in respect of trends in Community exports to the United States.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Decision 2320/81/ECSC: OJ L 228, 13.8.1981.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, points 1.1.1 to 1.1.4.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.1.6.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 307, 1.11.1982; OJ C 285, 30.10.1982.

The Arrangement takes effect on 1 November 1982 and will terminate on 31 December 1985; it determines the level of Community restraint on exports in terms of stated percentages of projected US apparent consumption.

The percentage for each of the Arrangement products is follows:

• hot-rolled sheet and strip	6.81
• cold-rolled sheet	5.11
• plate	5.36
• structurals	9.91
• wire rods	4.29
• hot-rolled bars	2.38
• coated sheet	3.27
• tinsplate	2.20
• rails	8.90
• sheet piling	21.85

Implementation of the Arrangement will reduce the relevant exports to the United States by about 9% on 1981 figures.<sup>1</sup>

### Monitoring and production quotas

2.1.17. On 6 October the Commission amended<sup>2</sup> its Decision No 1696/82/EEC of 30 June 1982 on the extension of the system of monitoring and production quotas for certain products of undertakings in the steel industry.<sup>3</sup> One of the aims of the amending Decision is to remedy exceptional difficulties caused by the application, in certain small and medium-sized businesses, of abatement rates for certain categories of product.

2.1.18. On 15 October Parliament adopted resolutions on the crisis in the European steel industry and on the restructuring of the industry.<sup>4</sup>

### Corrigendum

Bull. EC 9-1982, P. 15, col. 2, 5th line from end.

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'concentration on the best items of production ...'

### Read

'concentration on the best *means* of production ...'

### Aerospace

2.1.19. A statistical report on sales, employment and trade in the aerospace industry in the Community has been published at the Commission.<sup>5</sup> The figures for the Community industry are compared with those for the industry in the principal industrialized countries.

### Electronics and information technology

2.1.20. On 29 October Parliament passed a resolution<sup>6</sup> on the Commission communications concerning a European strategic programme for research and development in information technology.<sup>7</sup>

## Industrial innovation and the information market

### European systems

2.1.21. The Commission intends to increase the range of services available on Europe's public videotex<sup>8</sup> systems, using the existing *Euronews* data base as a subset of the project.

*Euronews* is an electronic journal which for the last three years has been providing users with the latest information on research and development activities in the Community.

The new version will provide a large number of valuable services for business, professional and institutional users. These will include up-to-the-minute information on investment opportunities and available loans, invitations to tender for a wide range of projects, press

<sup>1</sup> Point 1.3.1 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 291, 15.10.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 191, 1.7.1982.

<sup>4</sup> Point 2.4.20; OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>5</sup> *The European aerospace industry — trading position and figures*, available from Directorate-General III/B/3, Brussels.

<sup>6</sup> Point 2.4.25; OJ C 304, 22.11.1982.

<sup>7</sup> Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.152; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.183.

<sup>8</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, points 2.1.18 and 2.1.19.

releases, economic indicators, and so on. Electronic mail facilities will enable users to communicate direct with Commission staff.

The European Investment Bank is participating in the project, and other Community institutions will be able to join at a later date.

The leading videotex suppliers in the Member States are also cooperating in the project; their task will be to improve the available services and identify the type of information suitable for publication in this electronic journal.

## Customs union

### Simplification of customs formalities

#### Community transit

2.1.22. On 4 October the Council adopted Regulations approving two Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters between the Community and Austria and Switzerland on certain simplification measures in the field of Community transit.<sup>1</sup>

### Common Customs Tariff

#### Nomenclature

2.1.23. On 11 October the Commission adopted a Regulation for the purpose of ensuring uniform application of the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature, classifying certain types of kraft paper in subheading 48.01 C II.<sup>2</sup>

## Competition

### Restrictive practices, mergers and dominant positions: specific cases

#### Joint ventures

##### *Radioactive products*

2.1.24. By Decision of 29 October the Commission authorized the setting up of the joint venture Amersham Buchler.<sup>3</sup> At the end

of December 1981 an English and a German company—Amersham International Ltd and Buchler GmbH—notified the Commission of the formation of a joint venture named Amersham Buchler GmbH & Co. KG. The joint venture manufactures and distributes radioactive material and products such as radiochemical products for research purposes, radiopharmaceutical products and radiation sources.

Originally, Amersham had acted as the commercial department of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. It had and still has access to the nuclear facilities of the UKAEA, from which part of its radioactive products derive. Until recently, it was indirectly wholly owned by the United Kingdom Government. In spring 1982 the shares of Amersham were offered and issued to the public.

Buchler had acted for Amersham as sole distributor in the Federal Republic of Germany. When the joint venture was formed, Buchler transferred its radioactive business to the joint venture, but remained an independent producer as regards its other product lines.

Since the two parent companies were competitors, the agreement setting up the joint venture falls within the ambit of Article 85(1) of the EEC Treaty. However, the Commission is in a position to grant an exemption because the agreements satisfy the tests of Article 85(3). The joint venture contributes to improving the production and distribution of goods since it enables Amersham to produce and market a much greater variety of products in Germany than before. Moreover, it provides the basis for creating a nuclear waste disposal service, which is vital to the marketing of radioactive products.

Consumers may be expected to receive a fair share of the resulting benefit since competitive pressure — increased by Amersham's improved market penetration — will ensure that at least part of the benefits will accrue to consumers. Amersham Buchler's market share, amounting to less than 20% of the

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 285, 8.10.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 290, 14.10.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 314, 10.11.1982.

German market, does not enable it to prevent consumers benefiting, particularly as Amersham Buchler is facing competition from a number of other powerful companies. For the same reason, Amersham Buchler will not be able to eliminate competition in this field.

### Procedural decision

#### *Incomplete presentation of business records*

2.1.25. In the course of its investigations into the compatibility of certain measures to 'reconquer the French domestic market' with the competition rules laid down in the EEC Treaty, the Commission decided on 27 October<sup>1</sup> to impose a fine of 5 000 ECU on the Fédération nationale des industries de la chaussure en France (FNICF) for having deliberately failed to present all the business records required during an investigation carried out under the rules of competition.

While formally agreeing to submit to the whole of an investigation carried out in March 1982 pursuant to Council Regulation No 17,<sup>2</sup> FNICF withheld from the investigation certain business records in its possession which were essential for carrying out the investigation.

Once an undertaking submits to an investigation, it is bound to accept all the obligations arising therefrom and to produce the required books or other business records in complete form.

Not only the intentional act whereby an undertaking decides which documents to present for inspection and which to refuse, but also simple negligence which renders such documents unavailable for inspection constitutes an infringement which may attract a fine under Article 15(1)(c) of Regulation No 17.

### State aids

#### Industry aids

##### *Shipbuilding — Fifth Directive*

2.1.26. On 27 October the Commission adopted for presentation to the Council a

proposal that the Fifth Directive on aid to shipbuilding,<sup>3</sup> due to expire on 31 December 1982, be extended for three years up to 31 December 1985. The Fifth Directive contains a Community code for state aids to the shipbuilding industry based on Articles 92(3)(d) and 113 of the EEC Treaty and designed to help the industry out of its severe crisis and to assist its restructuring.

Less than twenty months after its entry into force, the Fifth Directive on shipbuilding aids has shown, like its predecessors, that a specific scheme can assist the process of restructuring to make European industry more competitive, while avoiding escalation of aid and helping to maintain a certain number of jobs.

However, the expectations of a general economic recovery entertained by the industry two years ago have not materialized, and at present there are no reasonable grounds for assuming that there will be any real recovery in the shipping and shipbuilding industries either at Community or at world level before 1985.

In its scrutiny of aid notifications, the Commission has borne in mind the fact that the restructuring process was proceeding at different rates and according to different timetables in different Member States. In a persistently depressed economic environment, it has concentrated on ensuring that the aid schemes were genuinely degressive and linked to the underlying economic objective, which is rationalization of the industry.

In its administration of the Fifth Directive, the Commission has thus endeavoured to respond positively to the economic and social environment and to back up in a consistent manner Community policies in the whole maritime sector: shipping, ports, fisheries and shipbuilding and ship repairing.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 319, 16.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ 13, 21.2.1962.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 137, 23.5.1981; Bull. EC 4-1981, point 2.1.20.



## Employment, education and social policy

### Employment

#### Standing Committee on Employment

2.1.27. The Standing Committee on Employment held its 24th meeting on 26 October under the chairmanship of Mrs Grethe Fenger Møller, the Danish Minister of Labour.

This meeting was intended to prepare the ground for the joint Council meeting of Ministers of Economic Affairs and Finance and Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs, scheduled for 16 November.

As a basis for discussion, the Commission had presented a communication on the reorganization of available work and on young people and the labour market. In asking the Committee to concentrate on these topics, the Commission was acting in line with the Council resolution of 12 July 1982 on Community action to combat unemployment.<sup>1</sup>

Mr Richard, speaking for the Commission, drew attention to the dramatic nature of the social situation deriving from the present extent of unemployment. He also stressed the need for genuine solidarity to meet the dangers of protectionism.

The Committee noted that there was a slow but steady increase in the length of time for which people were out of work, making it increasingly difficult to reintegrate them into working life and society. The Committee welcomed the fact the Commission had already made concrete proposals to help young people in the context of the revision of the rules of the Social Fund and that it intended to make further specific proposals bearing on youth unemployment in the near future.

However, despite the Commission's calls for an advance along the lines of the Council resolutions of 18 December 1979<sup>2</sup> and 12 July 1982, the discussions showed deep divergences between the two sides of industry and between the Member States in respect of

the action to be taken here and now, in particular with regard to the reorganization of available work. Taking the view that preparations for the Standing Committee meeting had been inadequate since there had been no proposals on economic and employment policies in general and maintaining that the conclusions suggested by the Chairman were unacceptable, the representatives of the workers' organizations walked out of the meeting before its close.

The Commission intends to make every possible effort to heal this rift before the forthcoming joint Council meeting.

At the close of the meeting the Chairman gave her own summary of the proceedings. Her remarks included the following points:

'The Committee noted that the Commission had presented, as the basis for discussion at this meeting, a communication dealing with only two aspects of employment policy: reorganization of available work, and young people and the labour market.

The representatives of the employers' and workers' organizations emphasized that there was no justification, in the context of preparations for the joint Council meeting, for treating these two aspects in isolation and insisted on the need to examine the whole range of actions which the Community and the Member States should take to combat unemployment.

In this context it was recalled that the resolution of 12 July 1982, adopted by the Council following the meeting of the Standing Committee on Employment on 27 April 1982,<sup>3</sup> envisaged an integrated range of measures — in the fields notably of investment, both private and public, industrial restructuring, promotion of the employment potential of small and medium-sized undertakings, as well as various other measures of employment and labour market policies — and thus offered a basic framework for action in this field...

Concerning the adaptation and reduction of normal working time, it was emphasized that these questions, and in particular the annual volume of work, were essentially matters for the social partners. Certain groups took the view, however, that the Community should provide guidelines to be followed in the negotiation of agreements at na-

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 186, 21.7.1982; Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.30.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 2, 4.1.1980; Bull. EC 12-1979, point 2.1.59.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 4-1982, point 2.1.27.

tional level, as specified in the Council resolution of 18 December 1979 concerning the adaptation of working time<sup>1</sup>

Certain groups were of the opinion that at a time when economies were undergoing rapid structural change and also of rapid technological development, the redistribution of working hours and a reorganization of production processes should in future be regarded as a necessity.

It was also urged that the guidelines contained in the Council resolution of 18 December 1979 on the systematic use of overtime should be implemented in the Member States.

Moreover, the Council resolution on the adaptation of working time already provided an appropriate Community framework of which full advantage should be taken. In this context, the work in progress on voluntary part-time work and on temporary work should be brought to a conclusion.

The Commission was invited to study what new forms of work organization undertakings should be encouraged to implement, particularly with the aim of ensuring a more flexible and efficient use of production facilities and a consequent increase in productivity, and with a view to creating new and maintaining existing jobs...

As regards the section of the communication dealing with youth unemployment, various groups emphasized that action should be taken to attack the overall causes of unemployment and that effort should not be dispersed in tackling the problems of individual categories of the unemployed.

However, although it was the case that the fundamental causes of unemployment were the same for young people and for adults, a number of groups pointed out that, taking into account the limited means at the Community's disposal, it was necessary to fix certain priorities for action by the Community. In this respect, an attack on youth unemployment should be considered as a priority...

The particular problems experienced by young women in employment, in training and on the labour market should also be taken into account, and long-term measures taken to provide them with real equality of opportunity in their careers...<sup>2</sup>

## Employment and the labour market

2.1.28. On 30 September and 1 October the Directors-General for Employment and the Directors of Employment Services of the Member States met in Athens at the invitation of the Greek Government. The discus-

sions centred chiefly on youth employment difficulties and were based on a Commission paper; in the main, the paper's analyses and proposals met with general approval. Most representatives expressed the hope that the document would be sent to the Council in its present form, with a little more emphasis on work-sharing as one of the measures to be proposed, and accompanied by a recommendation from the Directors-General appealing to employers and governments to promote job creation.

As regards the redistribution of available work, apart from the presentation of the memorandum being drafted by the Commission, attention focused on certain national schemes and projects, in particular jobs with shorter working hours (32 hours) for school-leavers in the Netherlands, a proposed system of two 30-hour shifts in Belgium and the new tendencies in the 'solidarity agreements' in France.

The experts' reports drafted for the Commission on the links between inflation and unemployment and the impact of public expenditure on employment were discussed for the first time.<sup>2</sup>

2.1.29. During its October part-session Parliament adopted two resolutions,<sup>3</sup> one on the Community's economic and social policy and the other on employment policy, in preparation for the forthcoming joint meeting of the Council on economic, financial and social affairs in November.

## Financial instruments

### European Social Fund

2.1.30. In accordance with Article 11 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 regarding the reform of the European Social Fund,<sup>4</sup> the Commission presented the Council on 15 October with an opinion on the review of the European Social Fund and a

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 2, 4.1.1980.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 1-1982, point 2.1.26.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 28, 4.2.1971.

proposal for a Regulation on the tasks of the Fund. The opinion is based on two major considerations: concentration of assistance to do more to meet the most acute and the most promising needs of the labour market; and simplification of assistance from the Fund to enable it to adapt as rapidly and efficiently as possible to these needs.<sup>1</sup>

## Education and vocational training

### Vocational training policies in the 1980s

2.1.31. On 28 October the Commission sent the communication to the Council, containing a draft resolution, on vocational training policies in the European Community in the 1980s.<sup>2</sup> This document seeks to respond to the challenges facing vocational training in the coming years.

These challenges, rendered more acute by the Community's official figure of 11 million jobless, include: the impact on vocational training of the pace and scale of economic and technological change; the need to encourage local economic potential, particularly in certain black spots, rather than relying on new industrial investments from external sources; greater flexibility in working hours and career structures; adapting vocational training programmes to the needs of lasting high unemployment — not merely as an investment to be made where job prospects are promising; and the consequences of the recession for the transition of young people to adult working life.

Faced with these challenges, the Commission is proposing that the Council adopt a five-year action programme for vocational training costing 140 million ECU to be financed largely by the Social Fund and focusing on three areas of common priority concern:

- (i) training programmes aimed at ensuring greater equality of opportunity for women in the Community job market;
- (ii) training measures to support social and economic change, in particular the problem of job creation.
- (iii) the social and vocational preparation of young people for adult life.

In this connection the Commission proposes that 'a social guarantee be developed on a Community-wide basis, to ensure that no young person should be faced, at the age of 15 or 16, with no alternative to unemployment on leaving school' and 'entitling all young people to at least two years' further education, training or work experience after leaving full-time compulsory schooling'. In particular, all young people should have access to: a full-time programme of social and vocational preparation for working life during an initial one-year period immediately on ending compulsory schooling; and entitlement to the equivalent of a further one-year vocational training period before the age of 25.

### Education Committee

2.1.32. The Education Committee met on 15 October. The discussions centred on an analysis of the problems of girls in the period of transition from school to work, and also on the difficulties encountered by young migrants and young disabled people. The Commission reported on progress made in launching the second series of pilot schemes on this theme, which are expected to begin operations with the school year 1983/84.<sup>3</sup>

The Committee took note of the Commission's work concerning the impact of the new information technologies on the school systems of Member States.<sup>4</sup> The Committee continued its examination of Parliament's resolution on a Community programme in the field of education<sup>5</sup> with a view to defining more effective methods of informing the general public about the activities undertaken within the framework of this programme.

### Cooperation in education

2.1.33. From 14 to 16 October the Commission, in cooperation with the Italian

<sup>1</sup> Point 1.2.1 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 306, 23.11.1982.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.35.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.38.

<sup>5</sup> OJ C 87, 5.4.1982.

Ministry of Education, organized a colloquy on educational and vocational guidance of students in higher education at Castelgandolfo. This was the first time that 60 experts from all Member States had the opportunity to compare and discuss vocational guidance measures in the field of higher education in the Community.

2.1.34. As part of the joint stimulation of cooperation between higher educational institutions, the Commission organized information seminars on the joint study programme grant scheme in Belgium, at the Universities of Ghent and Louvain-la-Neuve. The Commission's aim is to facilitate the development of joint study programmes between higher education institutions of all Member States in order to facilitate free movement of students and teachers in higher education.

2.1.35. The European Committee for School Television held a meeting on 21 and 22 October at which a proposal by Netherlands Onderwijs Televisie for a series of programmes on the June 1984 European elections was examined. This series would include short contributions on each country to be supplied by a broadcasting station in each of the countries and, if possible, would cover the 10 Member States. Consideration of other proposed series was postponed to a later meeting.

2.1.36. The Centre for European Education met to examine its own internal organization, including the questions of chairmanship and secretariat. It considered the Commission's educational policy and the part which the Centre and its national committees could play in it. The meeting ended with a discussion of the most recent projects which could be submitted to the Commission by the Centre in the context of the Kreyssig Fund.

The Centre for European Education is made up of a wide range of bodies active in the field of teaching and education. It comprises 10 national committees and a Council, which coordinates the endeavours of the national committees and keeps an eye on the projects by the Centre at European level.

## Specific vocational training schemes

### *Continuing education*

2.1.37. In the wake of the resolution of the Council and of the Ministers of Education, meeting within the Council, concerning measures to be taken to improve the preparation of young people for work and to facilitate their transition from education to working life,<sup>1</sup> the group of national coordinators set up at the end of September made a start, together with Commission staff, on the preparation of a new programme of between 25 and 30 pilot schemes for young people in the Member States.

## Social security, living and working conditions

### Social security and social protection

2.1.38. On 12 October Parliament adopted a resolution<sup>2</sup> on the communication from the Commission to the Council on medium-term projections of social expenditure and its financing.<sup>3</sup> While endorsing, in general terms, the Commission proposals, Parliament takes the view that the scope of the projections is too limited, that other sectors of social policy will also have to be included and that a more detailed breakdown and a number of other analyses will have to be made.

### Fight against poverty

2.1.39. On 12 October Parliament also passed a resolution<sup>4</sup> on the final report from the Commission to the Council on the first programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty,<sup>5</sup> requesting among other things that a coordinated Community action programme to combat poverty be drawn up, including a budget heading in the 1983 budget to finance it. Moreover, Parliament

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 193, 28.7.1982; Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.35.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>3</sup> Fifteenth General Report, point 285.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>5</sup> Fifteenth General Report, point 285.

stressed the need for a permanent campaign to make public opinion aware of this problem and the consequences it might have in the future.

### Equal treatment of men and women

2.1.40. Two working parties of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men<sup>1</sup> met during the month: the first, on 5 October, examined, from the viewpoint of equal opportunity for women, the work being done in the Commission in the field of education and vocational training (vocational training and new technologies, transition from school to working life, migrant women and the work done by the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training); the second, on 28 October, presented its opinion on the guidelines being discussed by the Commission regarding the redistribution of available employment.

### Living and working conditions

#### Housing

2.1.41. Under the eighth and ninth housing loan schemes (first and second instalments) for workers in ECSC industries, the Commission approved building projects for a total amount of 1 591 231 ECU to finance the building of 3 442 housing units in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom.

### Health and safety

#### Public health

2.1.42. As part of its work on health education the Commission held a second meeting of national experts to look at the current situation in the Member States as regards nutrition education in schools. The group of experts considered the teaching methods applied in certain countries and examined questionnaires for assessing knowledge, attitudes and behaviour in respect of food education; they also discussed the problems of mass catering in schools.

2.1.43. The Commission has just published the results of a comparative analysis of data on the development of tobacco consumption in the Community countries from 1960 to 1980.<sup>2</sup> This report represents the Commission's response both to a request from the Council meeting of Health Ministers<sup>3</sup> to assemble basic documentation for working out a common method of comparing the results and assessing the effectiveness of health education campaigns on smoking, and to Parliament's resolution of 12 March on the campaign against smoking.<sup>4</sup>

#### Health and safety at work

2.1.44. From 21 to 23 September a colloquium was held in Luxembourg on the part played by labour inspection in improving safety at work. The meeting was the first of its kind to be held at Community level and took place as part of the action programme on health and safety at work.

The participants were all labour inspectors representing the 10 Member States or the International Association of Labour Inspection. Apart from organizational and technical matters, the discussions concerned the relationship between the inspector and his contacts within the firm, inspection and small companies, and inspection and companies suffering from economic difficulties.

The Commission was asked to launch some projects with a view to organizing the sharing of information by inspectorates and especially to setting up a committee of senior officials responsible for labour inspection in the Member States.

2.1.45. On 18 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a Directive on the protection of workers from noise at work.<sup>5</sup> This proposal, which follows on from the framework Directive of 27

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 20, 28.1.1982; Bull. EC 12-1981, point 2.1.63.

<sup>2</sup> *Daten und Fakten zur Entwicklung des Rauchens in Mitgliedsländern der Europäischen Gemeinschaften*, Report EUR 7907.

<sup>3</sup> Twelfth General Report, point 224.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 87, 5.4.1982; Bull. EC 3-1982, point 2.4.9.

<sup>5</sup> OJ C 289, 5.11.1982.

November 1980 on the protection of workers from exposure to harmful chemical, biological and physical agents at work,<sup>1</sup> is aimed at ensuring within the Community a minimum level of protection for workers from the effects of noise, by harmonizing the relevant legislation. While preparing its proposal the Commission engaged in extensive consultation of interested parties through the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, set up in 1974.<sup>2</sup>

2.1.46. Taking account of Parliament's views,<sup>3</sup> on 28 October the Commission amended<sup>4</sup> its proposal for a Directive on exposure to asbestos at work.<sup>5</sup>

## Regional policy

### Coordination and programmes

#### Regional Policy Committee

2.1.47. The Regional Policy Committee, meeting on 5 and 6 October with Mr Attali in the chair, took note of the alterations which the United Kingdom and France had made in their respective regional policies. It adopted its work programme for 1982-83, and discussed the broad outline of the Second Periodic Report on the Situation and Socio-economic Changes in the Regions of the Community. Mr Eysink-Smeets was elected Vice-Chairman.

### Financial instruments

#### European Regional Development Fund

##### Non-quota section: new measures

2.1.48. On 20 October the Commission adopted, for transmission to the Council, six proposals for Regulations concerning a second series of non-quota section measures involving a contribution of 710 million ECU over five years (1983-87). The emphasis is on regions affected by industrial decline. The measures fall into three categories:

- (i) a strengthening of four of the five measures adopted in 1980<sup>6</sup> and currently being implemented;
- (ii) the extension to Greece of two of the measures adopted in 1980;
- (iii) a new measure to assist certain areas adversely affected by restructuring in the textile and clothing industry.

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2.1.49. On 14 October Parliament adopted a resolution<sup>7</sup> on the Sixth Annual Report by the Commission on the activities of the European Regional Development Fund (1980)<sup>8</sup> and on the Commission's communication to the Council listing the categories of infrastructure for which assistance may be granted from the European Regional Development Fund in the various regions aided by the Fund.

### Conversion loans

#### Strengthening the steel conversion policy

2.1.50. The Commission approved in general outline the measures to be taken to strengthen conversion policy in the areas affected by the steel crisis.

The Commission considers it essential to use the full range of the Community's financial instruments in support of this conversion policy, in order to foster other economic activities as alternatives to steel.

The Commission itself must take the decisions that will bring the ECSC instruments into action. Where the other financial instruments are concerned, it is for the Council to

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 327, 3.12.1980; EC 6-1980, point 2.1.63.

<sup>2</sup> Eighth General Report, point 243.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 125, 17.5.1982; Bull. EC 4-1982, point 2.1.35.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 301, 18.11.1982.

<sup>5</sup> OJ C 262, 9.10.1980; Bull. EC 9-1980, point 2.1.34.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 279, 15.10.1980; Bull. EC 10-1980, point 2.1.48.

<sup>7</sup> Point 2.4.19; OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>8</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1981; point 2.1.62.

decide on the Commission's current and forthcoming proposals (reshaping of the Regional Fund,<sup>1</sup> NCI III,<sup>2</sup> review of the Social Fund<sup>3</sup> and a second batch of specific measures under the non-quota section of the Regional Fund<sup>4</sup>).

### *Aid to victims of natural disasters*

2.1.51. Parliament adopted resolutions<sup>5</sup> concerning:

- (i) the tornado which struck four Belgian communes;
- (ii) emergency aid following serious forest fires in the Mediterranean area;
- (iii) financial aid for reforestation around Athens after devastation by fire;
- (iv) emergency measures on behalf of areas hit by drought in spring and early summer 1982 (forest fires, crop losses, etc.).

## Environment and consumers

### Environment

#### Action programme

2.1.52. To take account of Parliament's views,<sup>6</sup> the Commission sent to the Council on 21 October an amended draft<sup>7</sup> of its action programme on the environment.<sup>8</sup> The aim of this, the third programme, is to complete the projects advanced in the two earlier programmes and to develop a comprehensive strategy to bring about a greater awareness of the environment in the other areas of Community policy. The main amendments relate to the resolution which precedes the programme itself and include:

- (i) a request that the Council undertake to make available to the Commission the requisite funds for the implementation of the programme;
- (ii) a list of priorities for Community action.

The other amendments requested are basically of a technical nature and represent either clarifications or drafting changes.

### *Prevention and reduction of pollution and nuisances*

#### Freshwater and marine pollution

##### *Caribbean Convention*

2.1.53. In a communication to the Council on 13 October the Commission reported on the outcome of the negotiations on the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region and the Protocol thereto concerning Cooperation in Combating Oil Spills in the Wider Caribbean. The Commission recommended that the Council decide to sign the Convention and the Protocol, both of which are to be tabled for signature at a plenipotentiary conference to be held from 8 to 11 November. It was earlier in the year, on 25 February,<sup>9</sup> that the Commission had asked the Council for authorization to take part in the environmental action plan for the Caribbean area.

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2.1.54. At its 27 and 28 October session the Economic and Social Committee delivered an opinion<sup>10</sup> on the proposal for a Directive to amend the Directive on wastes from the titanium dioxide industry.<sup>11</sup>

#### Air pollution

##### *Oxides of nitrogen*

2.1.55. Under the inter-laboratory comparison programme for the measurement of oxides of nitrogen, an initial training session

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 261, 6.10.1982; Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.1.39.

<sup>2</sup> Point 1.1.7 *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> Point 1.2.1 *et seq.*

<sup>4</sup> Point 1.1.12 *et seq.*

<sup>5</sup> Point 2.4.20; OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>6</sup> OJ C 182, 19.7.1982; Bull. EC 6-1982, point 2.1.84.

<sup>7</sup> OJ C 249, 10.11.1982.

<sup>8</sup> OJ C 305, 25.11.1981; Bull. EC 11-1981, points 1.4.1 to 1.4.16.

<sup>9</sup> Bull. EC 2-1982, point 2.1.45.

<sup>10</sup> Point 2.4.70.

<sup>11</sup> OJ C 196, 30.7.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.84.

was held in Mol on 19, 20 and 21 October on the handling of reference gases used to calibrate measuring apparatus; this is in preparation for the main exercise scheduled to start in the second half of November.

## Chemicals

2.1.56. From 18 to 20 October the Commission—in collaboration with the Danish Ministry of the Environment—organized a symposium at Lyngby, Denmark, on 'Chemicals in the Environment; Chemicals Testing and Hazard Ranking: the Interaction between Science and Administration'. The symposium attracted some 200 participants who were not only introduced to the various methods of assessing the hazards and risks of chemicals in the environment but were also able to consider the best methods or practical ways of making such an assessment for the purposes of notifying new substances within the framework of current legislation (notably the Council Directive of 18 December 1979<sup>1</sup> amending for the sixth time the 1967 Directive on dangerous substances,<sup>2</sup> and the Toxic Substances Control Act<sup>3</sup>).

2.1.57. As part of the work being carried out on the inventory of chemical substances (Einecs), a further meeting was held in Brussels on 6 October between the Commission and the persons designated as national contacts. The discussions ranged over the progress of work and a number of specific questions. There was also a discussion of the supplementary statement forms which have been submitted to the Commission. Over 15 000 substances have already been declared, and many more forms are expected before the end of the declaration period, i.e. 31 December 1982.

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

### Flora and fauna

2.1.58. On 20 October the Commission laid before the Council a proposal for a Regulation banning the import into the Com-

munity of the skins of the pups of harp and hooded seals and products derived therefrom (as itemized in an annexed list).<sup>4</sup> This action was prompted not only out of concern for conservation but also in response to the public outcry caused by the annual cull of seal pups.

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### International cooperation

2.1.59. On 8 October the Commission approved—for its part—an exchange of letters which strengthens and develops the existing cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme. The Commission's letter sets out the methods to be adopted to continue the collaboration which has existed since 1972; it points to a number of specific areas of joint interest on which there will be regular consultations, and it also calls for the establishment—through the intermediary of the Commission Delegation in Kenya—of a direct link between the two organizations.

2.1.60. The Commission held a number of meetings under the cooperation agreements set up by exchanges of letters with non-member countries. From 12 to 15 October talks were held in Washington and Ottawa between the Commission and American and Canadian delegations respectively. A meeting was also held in Brussels on 25 and 26 October with a delegation from Sweden. At these meetings environmental topics of joint interest—from both a bilateral and an international point of view—were discussed. More specifically, the talks centred on the problems of transboundary air pollution, principally the acidification of the environment and the work required to implement the Geneva Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, to which the Community is a contracting party. The discussions also ranged over chemical products and, in particular, preparations for the sec-

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 259, 15.10.1979; Bull. EC 9-1979, point 2.1.46.

<sup>2</sup> OJ 196, 16.8.1967.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 5-1978, point 2.1.56.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 285, 30.10.1982.



ond top-level meeting on this subject which is to be held in November under the auspices of the OECD.

## Consumers

### *Physical protection*

#### Cosmetic products

2.1.61. On 5 October the Commission decided to withdraw its proposals amending for the fourth<sup>1</sup> and fifth<sup>2</sup> time the Council Directive of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products.<sup>3</sup> Since these two proposals are in fact designed to take account of technical progress, they will be adopted as Commission directives forthwith.

### *Consumer information, education and representation*

#### Labelling

2.1.62. On 12 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal<sup>4</sup> to amend its Directive of 18 December 1978 on the labelling of foodstuffs.<sup>5</sup> This proposal lays down rules for the labelling of the ingredients and the alcoholic strength of drinks with an alcohol content exceeding 1.2%, such as beer, cider and perry.

#### Consumers Consultative Committee

2.1.63. At its meeting on 13 October the Consumers Consultative Committee adopted an opinion on the Community's competition policy in respect of selective distribution systems in the automobile industry and a recommendation to the Commission on the harmonization of food legislation.

2.1.64. In its opinion, the Committee takes the view that the increasing toleration of restrictions on competition connected with selective distribution is disturbing. To ensure a good price/quality ratio in after-sales service, the Committee advocates a policy that will guarantee the free play of competition between independent workshops and, by op-

posing discriminatory pricing in the common market, will ensure competition within a single distribution chain. It also takes the view that granting block exemption to agreements involving certain kinds of distribution and after-sales service systems in the automobile industry is acceptable only if account is taken of the consumers' main demands.

2.1.65. In its recommendation, the Committee points out that the harmonization of food legislation remains absolutely essential for reasons of health, safety and quality. It hopes that consumer representatives will be involved in the Commission's deliberations on the redefinition of its harmonization policy following the *Cassis de Dijon* decision. It proposes measures on the labelling, technology and inspection of foodstuffs.

## Agriculture

### Council

2.1.66. At its meeting on 18 and 19 October the Council discussed all the problems arising over the adjustment of the *acquis communautaire* for fruit and vegetables and olive oil in the light of the enlargement of the Community.<sup>6</sup>

As regards fruit and vegetables, a number of points emerged during the discussion which may facilitate a subsequent agreement.

As regards olive oil, the Council thought it advisable to carry out, with the aid of the Commission, a detailed examination of various ideas put forward during the discussion in an attempt to find a basis for adjustment of the *acquis communautaire*.

The Council decided to apply new exchange rates for agriculture in Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 313, 2.12.1981; Bull. EC 11-1981, point 2.1.84.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 36, 12.2.1982; Bull. EC 12-1981, point 2.1.94.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 262, 27.9.1976.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 281, 26.10.1982.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 33, 8.2.1979; Bull. EC 12-1978, point 2.1.90.

<sup>6</sup> Bull. EC 10-1981, points 1.3.1 to 1.3.9.

The Council reached agreement in principle on the fixing of the quantities of butter which the United Kingdom is authorized to import from New Zealand in respect of 1983 and on the review of the import levy.<sup>1</sup>

2.1.67. The Ministers of Agriculture also held an informal meeting in Copenhagen on 11 and 12 October, dealing mainly with the problems of the common agricultural policy as and when new countries join.

### **Economic aspects of the common agricultural policy**

#### **Agri-monetary measures**

2.1.68. In accordance with the rules for the calculation of monetary compensatory amounts in respect of certain products not listed in Annex II to the Treaty,<sup>2</sup> the Commission reintroduced, from 1 November 1982, monetary compensatory amounts for products falling within tariff subheading 17.04 D II.<sup>3</sup>

2.1.69. On 19 October, on a proposal from the Commission, the Council reduced the representative rates for the Belgian/Luxembourg franc and the French franc;<sup>3</sup> this had the effect of abolishing the monetary compensatory amounts in the case of the BLEU and of reducing them by three points in the case of France. The new representative rates are applicable from the beginning of the marketing year in the case of products whose 1982/83 marketing year had not yet begun at the time of the Council's decision. For the BLEU, however, the new representative rate enters into force at the beginning of the 1983/84 milk year in the case of products with a marketing year beginning in 1983.

2.1.70. The Commission accordingly amended Regulation (EEC) No 1054/78<sup>4</sup> and the monetary compensatory amounts for pigmeat in the light of the entry into force, on 1 November 1982, of the new prices and the new representative rates.<sup>5</sup>

2.1.71. The monetary compensatory amounts for Italy were increased following a fall in the value of the Italian lira on the exchanges<sup>5</sup>.

### **Market organizations**

#### **Prices and specific measures**

##### *Fresh fruit and vegetables*

2.1.72. In October the Commission twice amended<sup>6</sup> the Regulation enabling Member States to authorize preventive withdrawals of apples.<sup>7</sup>

Accordingly, the maximum quantities eligible under preventive withdrawal arrangements in respect of each Member State were revised upwards in the light of the crop forecasts for the Community as a whole.

##### *Milk*

2.1.73. At its meeting on 18 and 19 October the Council reached agreement in principle on a compromise worked out by the Presidency regarding the fixing of quantities of butter which the United Kingdom is authorized to import from New Zealand in respect of 1983 and on revision of the import levy.

In this respect some delegations asked the Commission to make known, in the near future, its intentions concerning an increase in the disposal of milk products on the Community market ('social butter' and 'Christmas butter') and outside the Community.

2.1.74. The Regulations concerning the sale at reduced prices of skimmed-milk powder from public stocks for use in feed for pigs and poultry,<sup>8</sup> reactivated<sup>9</sup> by the Commission because of the increase in stocks of skimmed-milk powder, had not resulted in the disposal of sufficient quantities. Accordingly, in order to improve the scheme's effectiveness, the Commission amended<sup>5</sup> the Reg-

<sup>1</sup> Point 2.1.73.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 138, 25.5.1981.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 295, 21.10.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 134, 22.5.1978.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 304, 30.10.1982.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 282, 5.10.1982; OJ L 294, 20.10.1982.

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 265, 15.9.1982; Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.1.60.

<sup>8</sup> OJ L 52, 24.2.1977; OJ L 58, 3.3.1977.

<sup>9</sup> OJ L 193, 3.7.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.106.

ulations so as to allow an appreciable reduction in the sales price. However, the powder in question may not replace that sold at a higher price under the special measure concerning sales of skimmed milk intended for feed for calves and piglets.

2.1.75. On 15 October Parliament adopted a resolution on the promotion of butter sales.<sup>1</sup>

### *Beef and veal*

2.1.76. On 22 October, in the light of the situation on the market in beef and veal, which featured different price trends in the various Member States and, in particular, seasonal difficulties on the market in hindquarters, the Commission adopted a Regulation providing for the granting of private storage aid fixed at a standard rate in advance in respect of hindquarters from 25 October until 10 December 1982.<sup>2</sup>

2.1.77. On 15 October the Commission adopted a Regulation fixing the buying-in prices for hindquarters of beef applicable from 22 November 1982.<sup>3</sup> The Regulation lays down the upper and lower limits for buying-in prices with a view to allowing intervention agencies to take account of the differences in value of meat which stem from the age, weight, conformation and finish of the animals concerned.

### *Sheepmeat*

2.1.78. On 6 October the Commission determined for the Member States the estimated loss of income and the estimated level of the premium payable per ewe for 1982/83.<sup>4</sup>

### *Olive oil*

2.1.79. On 4 October the Council fixed for the 1982/83 marketing year the representative market price (159.50 ECU/100 kg) and the threshold price (155.88 ECU/100 kg) for olive oil and the percentages of the consumption aid.<sup>4</sup>

2.1.80. On 14 October the Commission amended<sup>5</sup> the Regulation concerning exports

of olive oil to Poland<sup>6</sup> by extending until 31 December 1982 the period of validity of certain export licences which had been issued.

2.1.81. On 29 October the Commission laid down rules for a corrective amount bridging the gap between the consumption aid payable in Greece and that payable in the other Member States. The amount is designed to avoid disturbance on the market in olive oil in small containers when the accession compensatory amounts are discontinued (on 1 November 1982).

2.1.82. On the same date the Commission amended<sup>7</sup> the detailed rules for the buying-in of olive oil by intervention agencies,<sup>8</sup> in particular the scale of increases and reduction to be used to adjust the buying-in price of the various qualities of oil which may be offered for intervention.

2.1.83. In an opinion given on 29 October Parliament endorsed<sup>9</sup> the proposals for Regulations laying down special measures in respect of olive oil producers' organizations and general rules in respect of production aids for 1982/83.<sup>10</sup>

### *Sugar*

2.1.84. On 29 October the Commission fixed the production levies in the sugar sector (basic production levy and B levy on sugar and isoglucose) for the 1981/82 marketing year.<sup>7</sup>

### *Processed fruit and vegetables*

2.1.85. A substantial drop in prices and an increase in imports have seriously affected

<sup>1</sup> Point 2.4.18; OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 297, 23.10.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 242, 16.10.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 284, 7.10.1982.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 291, 15.10.1982.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 126, 12.5.1982.

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 304, 30.10.1982.

<sup>8</sup> OJ L 305, 14.11.1980.

<sup>9</sup> OJ C 304, 22.11.1982.

<sup>10</sup> OJ C 263, 7.10.1982; Bull. 9-1982, point 2.1.64.

the marketing of dried grapes grown in the Community (mainly in Greece). Accordingly, the Commission adopted:

(i) a Regulation on protective measures applicable to imports of dried grapes,<sup>1</sup> whereby a countervailing charge is made on imported products presented to the customs authorities if the products conform to the minimum price laid down; moreover, the presentation of an import licence is required in respect of all imports of dried grapes;

(ii) a Regulation on the sale at a price fixed in advance of dried grapes from the 1982 harvest held by Greek storage agencies;<sup>2</sup> the measure is designed to replace the procedure of sale by tender, which is not the most appropriate for disposal of the products concerned.

2.1.86. On 4 October the Council amended<sup>3</sup> the general rules for the system of production aid for dried figs and dried grapes. The rules are designed to improve the quality of dried grapes.

2.1.87. By a Regulation adopted on 25 October<sup>4</sup> the Commission extended to three months the period of validity of import licences in respect of preserved mushrooms and mushrooms in brine.

### Tobacco

2.1.88. On 22 October the Commission amended<sup>5</sup> the procedure for granting the premium for leaf tobacco. Under the new procedure, payment of an advance on the premium may be applied for — until 31 December 1982 in the case of the 1981 harvest and 31 December 1983 in the case of the 1982 harvest — for tobacco grown in Greece which has undergone first-stage processing and packaging in that country, even where no cultivation contract or crop declaration exists.

The postponement of the deadline in respect of tobacco from the 1982 harvest is designed to enable purchasers of tobacco to pay Greece's planters a price near the norm price.

### Structures

2.1.89. On 29 October Parliament delivered an opinion<sup>6</sup> endorsing the Commission's proposal<sup>7</sup> to extend for one year Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 concerning common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed.

2.1.90. In another opinion given on 29 October<sup>6</sup> Parliament approved Commission proposals<sup>8</sup> to amend Regulation No 355/77 and the 1975 Directive on mountain and hill farming in certain less-favoured areas.

### Agricultural legislation

#### Veterinary legislation

2.1.91. When it met on 18 and 19 October,<sup>9</sup> the Council adopted seven Decisions laying down the first list of establishments in Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Hungary, Sweden and Switzerland approved for the purpose of importing fresh meat into the Community. It also amended the list of establishments now approved for imports from Argentina.

2.1.92. On 22 October, in the light of an opinion delivered by Parliament,<sup>10</sup> the Commission amended<sup>11</sup> a number of its proposals for Directives on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat.<sup>12</sup> The amendments relate in particular to the financing of inspection costs, the role of the

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 290, 14.10.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 294, 20.10.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 284, 7.10.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.1982.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 297, 23.10.1982.

<sup>6</sup> OJ C 304, 22.11.1982.

<sup>7</sup> OJ C 147, 11.6.1982; Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.112.

<sup>8</sup> OJ C 209, 12.8.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.126.

<sup>9</sup> OJ L 311, 8.11.1982.

<sup>10</sup> OJ C 267, 11.10.1982; Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.1.69.

<sup>11</sup> OJ C 293, 9.11.1982.

<sup>12</sup> Bull. EC 9-1981, point 2.1.81 *et seq.*

United Kingdom's Environmental Health Officers and the adoption of a positive list of residues allowed in meat.

2.1.93. On 25 October, in the light of information communicated to it by the authorities of the German Democratic Republic, and in view of the situation in that country as regards foot-and-mouth disease, the Commission amended<sup>1</sup> its Decision of 31 March 1982 prohibiting Member States from importing live cattle and pigs and fresh beef, veal, pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat from the German Democratic Republic.<sup>2</sup> The ban now applies only to products from the Rostock region and, in the Neubrandenburg region, the Anklam district.

### Seeds and seedlings

2.1.94. On 25 October the Council amended the Directive on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants<sup>3</sup> in respect of third-generation fibre flax seed and linseed, as proposed by the Commission in May.<sup>4</sup>

### Competition

2.1.95. Applying 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:

#### Federal Republic of Germany

Bavaria: subsidy for setting up a breeding cattle marketing station and for producing high-quality beef breeds with a view to providing a guaranteed income for the region's stockfarmers. Community financing has been applied for.

Schleswig-Holstein: change in forestry incentives. Subsidies are granted to defray the cost of planting, soil improvement, land preparation and fencing.

#### Belgium

Royal Decree amending the Royal Decree of 21 June 1974 on the modernization of farms. This measure, which also qualifies for Community aid, changes the system of subsidies paid to farmers and horticulturists for the purchase of farmland.

Aid for farmers who suffered damage as a result of the rain and hailstorms of July 1982 (cf. aid to make good the damage caused by natural disasters, within the meaning of Article 92(2)(b) of the EEC Treaty).

#### Denmark

Change in the 1982 budget for the Pigfarming Fund. The levy is to be increased mainly to finance research and certain measures to promote the sale of pigs and pigmeat products.

#### Greece

Renewal, but with certain changes, of the 1981 programme for improving the health status of productive livestock.<sup>5</sup>

Implementation of an experimental scheme for 1982-87 consisting of subsidies to sheep and goat farmers with a view to synchronizing the rutting season. The scheme provides for decreasing amounts of aid and is designed to bring about a structural improvement in the country's headage of sheep and goats by encouraging the setting up of cooperatives whose task will be to implement an extension programme once the experimental scheme has been completed.

Aid for sheep farmers on the island of Lesbos whose flocks were affected by blue-tongue in 1981. However, the Greek authorities have been asked by the Commission to discontinue the aid when the eradication programme is completed, at the end of 1984. In reaching its decision the Commission took into account additional information provided by the Greek authorities.

#### Luxembourg

Grand-Ducal Regulation of 6 May 1982 bringing the Modernization of Agriculture Act of 30 November 1978 into line with the Community's new structural measures. The

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 322, 18.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 110, 23.4.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 310, 6.11.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 136, 28.5.1982; Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.118.

<sup>5</sup> Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.1.70.

intention is to provide for the granting of an interest rate subsidy to farmers for the purchase of agricultural land.

#### Netherlands

Granting of a premium for the demolition of hothouses. The measure is designed to reduce, over a five-year period, the area under cover. The Commission has asked the Netherlands authorities to ensure that the premium does not exceed that granted under a previous scheme and to notify it subsequently of the total area under cover for which a premium was paid.

2.1.96. The Commission decided to close the procedure which it had initiated under Article 93(2) of the EEC Treaty in respect of the aids—for farms experiencing difficulties—planned by France following the 1981 Annual Farm Conference.

2.1.97. Again under Article 93(2), the Commission took a final Decision<sup>1</sup> requiring the termination of measures planned by:

#### Italy

A national statute (Act No 423/81) on intervention in agriculture. The aids in question are as follows: interest rate subsidy in respect of the preservation and storage of wine and grape must; the defrayal of the operating costs of national syndicates of cooperatives and of cooperatives and associations thereof in respect of the harvesting, collection, storage, treatment, processing and marketing of wine, livestock products and milk and milk products.

Campania: emergency measures to provide support for plum production, in particular as regards the subsidy paid in respect of each quantitative unit of production.

### European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund

#### Guarantee Section

2.1.98. On 12 October the Commission adopted a Regulation laying down the rate of interest to be used for calculating the

costs of financing intervention measures comprising the buying-in, storage and disposal of agricultural products,<sup>2</sup> the figure for 1983—9%—will be the same as for 1982.

#### Guidance Section

2.1.99. On 13 October the Commission laid down<sup>3</sup> the content and the form of application for reimbursement in respect of the measures to develop sheepfarming in Greenland.<sup>4</sup>

#### Decisions on reimbursement

2.1.100. In the third quarter of 1982 the Commission approved Guidance Section expenditure totalling 89.3 million ECU for France, Ireland, Denmark, and the United Kingdom as reimbursement for expenditure incurred in 1981 and as advance payments to France and Ireland for 1982 in respect of expenditure under certain measures to assist less-favoured areas.<sup>5</sup>

The reimbursement concerns in particular the 1972 socio-structural Directives (modernization of farms, cessation of farming, socio-economic guidance and acquisition of occupational skills),<sup>6</sup> the Directives to assist less-favoured regions and the Regulations (Directives) relating to common organizations of markets.

### Fisheries

#### Council

2.1.101. The Council devoted two meetings to fisheries, on 4 and 25 and 26 October, but no final overall settlement on the common fisheries policy was achieved.

At the second meeting nine of the Member States were able to accept compromise prop-

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 315, 11.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 289, 12.10.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 311, 8.11.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 180, 14.7.1980.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 85, 5.4.1979; OJ L 206, 29.7.1978; OJ L 197, 20.7.1981; OJ L 180, 14.7.1980.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 96, 23.4.1972.

osals put forward by the Commission with the aim of enabling the Council to introduce definitive overall arrangements.

The Commission's proposals went some way towards meeting Danish desiderata with regard to quotas and to the biologically sensitive area around the Shetland Islands. The Danish delegation was unable, however, to accept the Commission's proposed text. It was agreed to leave the Danish Government time until 5 November to notify its final decision. If the Danish response was negative, the Council would meet again on 8 November.<sup>1</sup>

## Resources

### *Internal aspects*

*2.1.102.* The temporary arrangements on fishing activities were again extended by the Council, until 30 November 1982.<sup>2</sup> A similar extension had covered the month of October.<sup>3</sup>

*2.1.103.* At the request of the Irish delegation, the Council asked the Commission to make proposals on herring fishing in the Celtic Sea in the light of the scientific opinion of the ICES adopted at its meeting of 2-5 November. In mid-October fishermen protesting against the prohibition on fishing for herring in this area, in force since 1977, had blocked a number of Irish ports.

### Technical measures; catch quotas

*2.1.104.* In the absence of Council agreement on the common fisheries policy, the Commission approved three Netherlands measures amending conservation arrangements extending from 1 May to 31 December 1982 temporary rules governing catch quotas for certain species.

The Commission also noted the conformity with Community law and with the common fisheries policy of two draft Irish measures renewing the ban on fishing for herring in the Celtic Sea and on fishing the Mourne stock of herring, on condition that they are applied in conformity with the Commission's proposal on TACs and quotas for 1982.<sup>4</sup>

The Commission also approved Denmark's authorization to its fishermen to fish for herring in the southern part of the North Sea and in the eastern part of the English Channel, this being in derogation from a general prohibition on herring fishing previously introduced. The Commission requested the Danish authorities, however, to respect all the conditions applying to this fishery contained in the Community proposals on TACs and quotas for 1982, and in particular to respect the quota of 3 000 tonnes of fish of this stock reserved for Denmark.

### *External aspects*

#### Bilateral relations

*2.1.105.* On 4 October the Council adopted two Regulations fixing for 1982 a fishing arrangement between the Community and Norway and certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway.<sup>5</sup>

*2.1.106.* On 4 October the Council also agreed to the signature of the fisheries agreement between the Community and Guinea. The agreement had been initialled in Brussels on 10 August.<sup>6</sup>

*2.1.107.* On 22 October the Commission transmitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation on catch declarations by vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the Community operating in the fishing zones of certain developing countries with which the Community has concluded fisheries agreements.<sup>7</sup> The purpose of the Regulation is to enable the Commission to have precise information on the state of implementation of the agreements with these countries, in view of the considerable financial commitments by the Community involved.

<sup>1</sup> The Council did in fact meet on 8 November.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 312, 9.11.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 274, 24.9.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 228, 1.9.1982.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 286, 9.10.1982.

<sup>6</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.143.

<sup>7</sup> OJ C 194, 19.11.1982.

## Markets and structures

### Organization of markets

2.1.108. Under the provisions of the Regulation of 29 December 1981 on the common organization of the market in fishery products,<sup>1</sup> the Commission transmitted to the Council on 3 November proposals on the fixing of guide prices for the 1983 fishing year for the species listed in Annexes I(A) and (D) and II to that Regulation.

Under the same Regulation it submitted a proposal for the fixing of the Community producer price for the 1983 fishing year for tuna intended for the canning industry.

### Structures

2.1.109. In an opinion adopted on 14 October<sup>2</sup> Parliament approved a proposal for a Decision on financial participation by the Community in inspection and surveillance operations in the maritime waters of Denmark and Ireland.<sup>3</sup> The opinion stresses the need for coordination of the inspection and surveillance operations carried out by the Member States.

2.1.110. The Commission raised no objection to:

- (i) a Belgian aid for energy-saving investments in the fisheries sector (budget of BFR 16 million for three years);
- (ii) a Greek programme of incentives in 1982 for the development of fisheries and aquaculture (DRA 430 million).

## Transport

### Advisory Committee on Transport

2.1.111. The Advisory Committee on Transport held a full meeting in Brussels on 20 October to examine a draft report on ways of strengthening the commercial management of the railways. The report will be redrafted to take account of the remarks made at the meeting with a view to its adoption in the near future.

## Inland transport

### Infrastructure

2.1.112. On 15 October Parliament delivered its opinion<sup>2</sup> on the proposal for a Regulation on the granting of limited financial support in the field of transport infrastructure.<sup>4</sup> Parliament approved the proposal with the exception of the contribution to the cost of preparatory work as a means of expediting the start of the construction stage of projects affecting traffic between Member States.

2.1.113. The Economic and Social Committee also adopted an opinion on this matter.<sup>5</sup>

### Approximation of structures

2.1.114. On 4 October the Council formally adopted<sup>6</sup> the Directive approved by it on 10 June<sup>7</sup> which lays down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels.

This Directive includes:

- (i) common provisions governing technical requirements for inland waterway vessels and the Community certificate for inland navigation;
- (ii) a list of Community inland waterways geographically divided into four zones;
- (iii) minimum technical requirements for vessels operating on waterways in these zones;
- (iv) a specimen Community certificate for inland navigation; and
- (v) a specimen supplementary Community certificate for inland vessels.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 379, 31.12.1981.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 157, 22.6.1982; Bull. EC 6-1982, point 2.1.140.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 226, 31.8.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1981, point 2.1.151.

<sup>5</sup> Point 2.4.63; OJ C 296, 12.11.1982.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 301, 28.10.1982.

<sup>7</sup> Bull. EC 6-982, point 2.1.146.



## Operation of the market

### Rates

2.1.115. On 20 October the Commission decided to set 1 December 1982 as the deadline for the road-haulage trade associations to complete negotiations on reference tariffs for the carriage of goods by road to and from Greece.<sup>1</sup>

### Cooperation with non-member countries

2.1.116. On 14 October the Community, its Member States and a number of other countries submitted a jointly prepared memorandum on promotional policy in the maritime sector to the American authorities in Washington. This is a major move in the dialogue aimed at removing misunderstandings on a number of current maritime issues.

2.1.117. On 14 October Parliament adopted a resolution to combat excessive urban concentration and to promote institutional polycentrism through regional planning at European level and the use of modern means of transport and communications.<sup>2</sup>

2.1.118. On 28 October the Economic and Social Committee adopted an own-initiative opinion on the Community's transport policy in the 1980s.<sup>3</sup>

## Energy

### Formulating and implementing a Community energy policy

#### Energy pricing

2.1.119. On 22 October the Commission sent the Council a report on energy pricing and progress on Community policy in the period 1981-82. On 16 March the Council had asked the Commission for a study of energy pricing sector by sector to ensure that it conformed to the principles adopted by the Council, and to make any proposals required.<sup>4</sup>

The study is an interim response to the Council's request. It provides a factual account of activities but does not include any fresh proposals.

The Commission recapitulates the three main principles approved by the Council:

- (i) the need for prices to give consumers a realistic indication of the long-term trends of energy costs on the world market;
- (ii) the need for joint approaches to, and agreements on, pricing and taxation so as to preserve the unity of the common market;
- (iii) the need for transparency in prices and costs so that producers and consumers can take relevant decisions on the basis of thorough and precise knowledge of market conditions.

The Commission sets out how these principles were defined, first in the Council, and then in more detail in discussions with the energy producers. It announces the projected publication of a six-monthly bulletin which will provide information on prices in all four energy industries. It also announces that further work on energy pricing will be more practical, including in particular the examination of energy pricing practice in each Member State.

### Specific problems

#### Brown coal and peat

2.1.120. As it had undertaken at the Council meeting of 13 July,<sup>5</sup> the Commission sent the Council a report on 21 October on the Community's brown coal and peat industries.

As a proportion of total energy production or consumption in the Community, brown coal and peat are not very significant, but production in 1981 nevertheless amounted to 32.2 million toe, of which lignite accounted for 31.2 million. Lignite accounted

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 314, 10.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>3</sup> Point 2.4.66.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 3-1982, point 2.1.110.

<sup>5</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.66 *et seq.*

for 6.4% and peat for 0.2% of total primary energy production in the Community. The proportion of the Community's primary energy consumption covered by them was 3.4% and 0.1% respectively.

These percentages for the Community as a whole must not be allowed to obscure the fact that brown coal and peat are fairly important in the energy economy of certain Member States, particularly Germany, Greece and Ireland. In view of rising energy costs and growing threats to our oil supplies, brown coal and peat—two sources of energy that are relatively abundant and cheap to extract—are now attracting growing interest from the point of view of energy supply. Both industries are important for regional development in the countries concerned and, as can be seen, both are economically sound—though there might be development problems in the future with investment and technical research. The Commission has come to the conclusion that the Community's financing instruments should be used to help solve these problems.

## Oil and gas

### *Natural gas supplies*

2.1.121. On 20 October the Commission sent the Council a report on Community natural gas supplies. The report gives details of contracts recently concluded or renegotiated for the supply of natural gas from non-Community countries and particulars of probable supply patterns in 1990. One of the report's major conclusions is that, although the very rapid growth in the consumption of natural gas in the last two decades is slowing down, natural gas imports from non-Community countries will continue to expand.

The summary of the Commission's recent studies on security of supply—based on several scenarios—shows that it would be possible to cope with a major interruption in supplies.

The Council is requested to agree:

(i) that the following measures continue to be pursued within Member States to enhance

the security of natural gas supplies within the long term: encouraging indigenous production, exploration and development; diversification of imports; and development of substitute natural gas (SNG);

(ii) that the possibilities for further cooperation at Community level on the security of natural gas supplies be explored; this includes studies into possible assistance between Member States in the case of difficulties in supplies from outside the community, the adequacy of the natural gas transport system in this respect and studies into the prospects for the exploitation of 'deep gas' in the Community;

(iii) that the Commission should establish, in conjunction with Member States' representatives and industry experts, a group to be consulted, on an *ad hoc* basis, where a major interruption in supplies from outside the Community might occur.

## Nuclear energy

### *Transport of radioactive materials*

2.1.122. The Standing Working Party on the Transport of Radioactive Materials, composed of Commission representatives and national experts and set up in response to a resolution passed by Parliament on 22 January,<sup>1</sup> held its first meeting on 29 September. After reviewing the results of Commission action from 1980 to 1982, the Working Party began an examination of Parliament's recommendations. The Working Party expects to be able to send Parliament a report in the second half of 1983.

## Energy saving and rational use of energy

2.1.123. On 28 October the Commission adopted the first batch of demonstration projects in the field of energy saving; they will receive financial support from the Community under the Regulation of 12 June 1978.<sup>2</sup> The Commission Decision covers 16

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 1-1982, point 2.4.9.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 158, 16.6.1978; Bull. EC 6-1978, point 2.1.116.

projects which will receive total subsidies of 8.077 million ECU.

### New sources of energy

2.1.124. In 11 October Parliament adopted a resolution on solar energy.<sup>1</sup>

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2.1.125. Parliament<sup>2</sup> and the Economic and Social Committee<sup>3</sup> both endorsed Commission proposals to grant financial support:

- (i) for demonstration projects relating to the exploitation of alternative energy sources, energy saving and the substitution of hydrocarbons; and
- (ii) for pilot industrial projects and demonstration projects relating to the liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels.

## Research and development

### Development of the common policy

#### Revision of JRC programme

2.1.126. On 29 October Parliament delivered its opinion<sup>2</sup> on the proposal for a Decision to revise the Joint Research Centre's 1983 programme,<sup>4</sup> emphasizing the importance of the Super-SARA project.

#### Coordination of national policies

2.1.127. The Scientific and Technical Research Committee met in Copenhagen on 29 and 30 October to look at how research is organized in Denmark and at the problems raised in implementing research policy.

The Committee was informed of the progress made by the Working Group on Technology, Growth and Employment set up following the Versailles Summit in June.<sup>5</sup> Those Member States which were not represented in the Working Group wished to be consulted before any decision was taken on the implementation of cooperation projects in scientific and technical fields.

The Committee also discussed the progress report on the FAST programme. It expressed

its satisfaction with the quality of the work done; it felt that in the future more stress should be laid on coordinating the work of the national centres, and asked the Commission to take account of this when preparing the future multiannual programme.

### Cooperation with non-member countries

2.1.128. A cooperation agreement covering an information exchange in the field of radioactive waste management was signed by the United States Department of Energy and the Commission on 6 October. The agreement will initially last five years, with the possibility of renewal, and follows similar agreements in fields such as nuclear safety and safeguards research and development.

Both the Community and the US Department of Energy are pursuing programmes of research on the management and storage of radioactive waste which will now form the basis of a joint effort. To start with, this cooperation will concentrate on two research areas: the characterization of forms of waste and disposal in geologic formations. Further joint activities may be added by mutual agreement.

Cooperation will take the form of an exchange of scientific and technical information on results and R&D methods in this field. The agreement also covers the exchange of scientific equipment and provides for protection of intellectual property on both sides.

### Scientific and technological objectives

#### Industrial competitiveness

2.1.129. About 300 experts from 16 countries attended the Second Conference on High-Temperature Alloys for Gas Turbines held at Liège on 4-6 October. The most recent advances in the area of superalloys, corrosion resistance and the use of ceramics

<sup>1</sup> Point 2.4.20; OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 304, 22.11.1982.

<sup>3</sup> Point 2.4.69.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.177.

<sup>5</sup> Bull. EC 6-1982, point 3.4.1.

were presented at the conference, which was held under the auspices of COST 50 (European Concerted Action on Materials for Gas Turbines).

2.1.130. On 29 October Parliament passed a resolution<sup>1</sup> on the Commission communications concerning a European strategic programme for R&D in information technology (Esprit).<sup>2</sup>

2.1.131. Seventeen new research proposals under the first phase of the biomolecular engineering programme 1982-86 were selected during October, bringing the total in hand to 51.<sup>3</sup>

These proposals include improvement of dairy fermentation processes, the production of animal vaccines and of amino acids, modification of plant cells and the development of host vector systems for gene cloning in soil bacteria.

In addition the Commission selected 15 proposals for training contracts which will enable scientists to specialize and receive additional training in advanced laboratories. The training programmes supported range from the study of the basic features of immobilized cells and immobilized enzymes to the transfer of genes in microorganisms.

## Energy

### *Alternative fusion experiments*

2.1.132. On 20 October the Advisory Committee on the Fusion Programme accorded priority status to two new projects based on confinement systems other than tokamaks:

(i) the Reversed Field Experiment (RFX), which comes under the Reversed Field Pinch line; the total cost for the construction of the basic apparatus, capable of producing plasma current of the order of two megaamperes, is estimated at 28.5 million ECU, of which 21.5 million will have to be committed during the 1982-86 fusion programme; the Community budget will bear 45% of the total cost;

(ii) the Wendelstein VII Advanced Stellarator project, which comes under the Stel-

larator line; the construction cost of this experiment will be of the order of 12 million ECU, of which 5.4 million will be borne by the Community.

These two lines are less advanced than the tokamak line but possess potential advantages for reactor applications. Moreover, their study will contribute to the physical understanding of toroidal confinement, which is essential for tokamaks as well. This work will represent Europe's contribution to international cooperation on alternative lines in general, which was recommended by the Fusion Review Panel<sup>4</sup> and is currently the subject of exploratory talks.

### *Nuclear fuel properties*

2.1.133. A team from the JRC's Karlsruhe Establishment succeeded for the first time in measuring directly the thermal conductivity of molten uranium dioxide fuel. This parameter is crucial for assessing the consequences of a hypothetical nuclear reactor core meltdown accident. The results obtained indicate a thermal conductivity roughly five times lower than previous estimates.

## Living and working conditions

### *Environmental chemicals*

2.1.134. An international symposium, jointly sponsored by the Commission, to discuss methods for assessing the environmental hazards of chemical substances was held in Copenhagen from 18 to 20 October. Over a 100 participants from 15 countries attended. Substantial advances have been made in recent years in predicting the environmental behaviour and effects of chemicals. Predictive tools include a whole array of laboratory tests and the use of various models. Given the thousands of chemicals currently in use and the large number of new chemicals coming onto the market, it is essential that

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 304, 22.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.152; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.183.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.185.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1981, point 2.1.149.

those chemicals which require the most stringent tests be identified at an early stage. This procedure, sometimes referred to as 'hazard ranking', was discussed extensively during the symposium.

### *Microdosimetry*

2.1.135. At the Eighth Symposium on Microdosimetry, held in Jülich, Federal Republic of Germany, from 27 September to 1 October, more than 180 participants from the Community and 15 other countries and international organizations considered the results of research into the consequences of the microdistribution of energy from ionizing

radiation from the radiation protection angle.

The research covered the spatial and temporal distribution of energy deposition in biological materials and the use of the results to broaden the understanding of the dependence of physicochemical, biochemical and biological effects on radiation quality. Microdosimetry has contributed to hazard assessment of radiation from external sources and resulting from medical treatment or environmental contamination. It has increased understanding of radiation quality and of the problems of low doses and low dose rates.

## 2. Enlargement and external relations

### Enlargement and bilateral relations with applicant countries

#### **Portugal**

##### **Bilateral relations**

2.2.1. The transitional protocol<sup>1</sup> to the 1972 trade agreement, which had been concluded on 7 May, was signed on 27 October. The protocol will have effect from 1 January 1983 until Portugal's accession to the European Communities or until 31 October 1984, whichever is the earlier.

#### **Spain**

##### **Accession negotiations**

2.2.2. The 22nd meeting at deputy level of the negotiations for Spain's accession took place in Brussels on 5 October. The Community made statements on customs union

and the ECSC; the statements made by the Spanish delegation were concerned with customs union (industrial sector) and external relations.

2.2.3. The 12th ministerial meeting was held in Luxembourg on 26 October with Mr Ellemann-Jensen, President of the Council, in the chair; the Spanish delegation was led by Mr Pérez Llorca, Foreign Minister.

The Communities made two statements, on customs union (industrial sector) and the ECSC.

As a result of the efforts of the two sides a considerable number of outstanding technical questions were resolved in these two areas.

The Conference has greatly reduced the number of problems in the customs union and ECSC fields, leaving only a few points to be settled, notably the duration of the transitional measures concerning customs tariffs.

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.2.2.

## Commercial policy

### Implementing the common commercial policy

2.2.4. On 11 October Parliament adopted a resolution in which it questioned the significance of economic sanctions, particularly trade embargoes and boycotts, and their consequences for the Community's relations with other countries.<sup>1</sup>

### Import arrangements

#### Easing of restrictive measures

2.2.5. Under the Council Regulation of 4 December 1980 on import arrangements in respect of State-trading countries,<sup>2</sup> the Commission decided on the following measures:

#### Modification of quotas

*Italy-Albania:* shirts, T-shirts, lightweight roll or turtleneck pullovers, undershirts and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, other than babies' garments, of cotton or synthetic textile fibres: T-shirts and lightweight roll or turtleneck pullovers, of regenerated textile fibres, other than babies' garments (Category No 4); men's and boys' shirts, woven (Category No 8).<sup>3</sup>

#### Opening of quotas

*Benelux-Poland:* cycling sport shoes (CCT 64.02 ex A)<sup>4</sup>

*Italy-Czechoslovakia and Hungary:* aluminium alloy waste, recast into ingots, with an aluminium content of not more than 95.5% (CCT 76.01 ex A).

### Trade protection

2.2.6. The Commission imposed a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of certain sodium carbonate originating in Bulgaria, the German Democratic Republic, Poland, Romania and the Soviet Union<sup>5</sup> and on copper sulphate originating in Yugoslavia.<sup>6</sup>

2.2.7. The Council extended the provisional anti-dumping duty on fibre building board (hardboard) originating in Romania.<sup>7</sup>

2.2.8. The definitive anti-dumping duty in force in respect of imports of certain sodium carbonate originating in the Soviet Union was repealed by the Council.<sup>5</sup>

2.2.9. The Commission also extended the anti-dumping procedure concerning imports of certain pears in syrup, originally initiated in respect of Australia,<sup>8</sup> to include certain pears in syrup originating in the People's Republic of China and South Africa.<sup>9</sup>

2.2.10. It also accepted the undertakings in connection with the anti-dumping proceedings concerning imports of thiophen originating in the United States of America and of trichlorethylene originating in the German Democratic Republic and Poland and agreed to terminate those proceedings.<sup>10</sup>

2.1.11. On 15 October the Council adopted a Regulation making the importation of certain textile products originating in Turkey subject to quantitative limitation.<sup>11</sup> Safeguard measures had already been applied in the form of a suspension of imports of T-shirts between 26 July and 15 October.<sup>12</sup>

### Sectoral commercial policy measures

#### Iron and steel products

2.2.12. On 21 October the Council approved the instruments required for conclusion of the arrangements concerning European exports of iron and steel products to

<sup>1</sup> Point 2.4.20; OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 353, 29.12.1980.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 278, 21.10.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 264, 8.10.1982.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 283, 6.10.1982.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 308, 4.11.1982.

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 295, 21.10.1982.

<sup>8</sup> OJ C 33, 10.2.1982.

<sup>9</sup> OJ C 276, 19.10.1982.

<sup>10</sup> OJ L 295, 21.10.1982; OJ L 308, 4.11.1982.

<sup>11</sup> OJ L 292, 16.10.1982.

<sup>12</sup> OJ L 220, 29.7.1982.

the United States, and the complaints lodged by American firms could then be withdrawn.<sup>1</sup>

2.2.13. On 20 October the Commission transmitted to the Council a communication on the external element of the steel plan for 1983 in which it asked the Council for its agreement to the aim of the negotiations to be opened with the non-member countries concerned and to the procedure for those negotiations.

Essentially, the Commission suggested that the 1982 provisions be extended, subject to a slight reduction in the quantities for the countries with a self-restraint arrangement and a tightening-up of the supervision for the triggering of anti-dumping measures for the countries outside the arrangement.

The Council examined this communication at its meeting of 25 and 26 October. It asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining this matter so that the Commission would be able to commence talks with the countries concerned without delay.

### *Textile products*

#### **Renewal of bilateral agreements**

2.2.14. At its 25 and 26 October meeting in Luxembourg the Council examined the Commission report<sup>2</sup> on the outcome of the negotiations conducted in September for the renewal of the Community's bilateral textile agreements.<sup>3</sup> It took note of the agreements already initialled with 18 supplier countries and authorized their *de facto* application from 1 January 1983. The Council stated that the Community was prepared forthwith to respect the results of the negotiations which had led to the initialled agreements, independently of what decision was taken by the Community as regards its definitive participation in the MFA.

After a detailed discussion the Council authorized the Commission to resume negotiations with the countries which had not yet initialled an agreement.<sup>4</sup> In the light of the Commission report, the Council agreed to

certain adaptations to the negotiating directives designed to facilitate agreement with certain of the Community's partner countries; in particular these adaptations offered some scope for flexibility among the ASEAN countries in the use of their quota shares.

The negotiations will resume in November with the aim of concluding all those agreements still outstanding, so that the Council can come to a decision on the results by the end of the year.

## **Development**

### **Informal meeting of Development Ministers**

2.2.15. The Development Ministers met informally in Luxembourg on 5 October. They held an initial discussion on the Commission memorandum on development policy<sup>5</sup> and examined the progress made in preparing the food strategies in Kenya, Mali and Zambia.

### **Generalized preferences**

2.2.16. On 15 October Parliament endorsed<sup>6</sup> the proposals for Regulations establishing the Community's scheme of generalized tariff preferences for 1983.<sup>7</sup>

The Economic and Social Committee also adopted an opinion on this question.<sup>8</sup>

## **Commodities and world agreements**

### **Lead and zinc**

2.2.17. The Community was represented at the 27th Session of the International Lead and Zinc Study Group, held in Geneva from 18 to 21 October.

<sup>1</sup> Point 2.1.16.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.2.10.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, point 2.2.8.

<sup>4</sup> Argentina, Brazil, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Macao, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore.

<sup>5</sup> Bull. EC 9-1982, point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

<sup>6</sup> OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>7</sup> OJ C 274, 18.10.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.2.24.

<sup>8</sup> Point 2.4.68.

The Study Group noted that consumption of lead and zinc remains at low levels, reflecting the effects of the world recession. In assessing the outlook for the lead and zinc industries during 1983, the Group recognized that there remain many uncertainties in the current economic outlook. For both metals, the forecast increases in consumption from their present low levels will depend on a general resumption of growth in the world economy in 1983.

### **Commercial, industrial, financial and technical cooperation**

#### **Cofinancing with the Arab Funds**

2.2.18. A meeting took place in Brussels on 14 and 15 October between the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (ABEDIA) and the Commission. One of the aims of this meeting was to prepare a high-level meeting between ABEDIA and the Commission next spring in order to discuss future guidelines for cooperation between the two institutions and Africa and the possibilities for closer cooperation between the institutions themselves.

#### **Technical cooperation**

2.2.19. From 4 to 23 October the Commission organized a seminar for about 20 senior French-speaking officials from Arab countries and organizations in order to familiarize them with the Community's institutions, problems and mechanisms, particularly from the point of view of its relations with the Arab world.

### **Food aid, emergency aid and exceptional aid**

#### *Food aid*

#### **Annual programmes**

2.2.20. On 4 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal to amend the Decision concerning the 1982 cereals food aid programme.<sup>1</sup> The aim of the proposal is to

increase the amount of aid from 927 663 tonnes to 1 087 963 tonnes.

#### **Emergency aid**

2.2.21. On 25 and 26 October the Council adopted the text of the *ad hoc* interim procedure permitting the remaining available funds for 1982 to be committed for products other than cereals and dairy products. This will enable the Commission to implement the three pending emergency aid measures (500 tonnes of red beans for El Salvador, 2 700 tonnes of oil and 1 500 tonnes of beans for Nicaragua and 300 tonnes of sugar for Sri Lanka).

2.2.22. On 18 October the Community authorized the allocation of emergency food aid to Sri Lanka in the form of 10 000 tonnes of cereals valued at approximately 12 million ECU at world prices.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Exceptional aid**

#### **Emergency aid**

2.2.23. On 6 October the Commission decided on further emergency aid of 8.9 million ECU for all sections of the population that are victims of the events in Lebanon, via UNDR0, which will use the most appropriate channels to undertake the operations.

### **Relations with non-governmental organizations**

2.2.24. By the end of October 332 admissible projects totalling 36 595 168 ECU had been submitted to the Commission by 128 NGOs.

By the end of the month a total of 15 965 408 ECU had been committed as grant aid for 177 projects.

In addition, 31 campaigns to inform the European public about development issues have been cofinanced at a cost of 826 205 ECU.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 120, 1.5.1982; Bull. EC 4-1982, point 2.2.20.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 297, 23.10.1982.



## International organizations and conferences

### United Nations

#### UNIDO

##### *First consultation on industrial financing*

2.2.25. The Community took part in the first UNIDO consultation on industrial financing, which was held in Madrid from 18 to 22 October.

The main result was an agreed set of conclusions and recommendations concerning mainly the work to be undertaken by the UNIDO Secretariat, which will be given more scope in the financial sphere.

The work of the consultation took place against the background of the recent IMF-World Bank Annual Meeting in Toronto<sup>1</sup> and the continuing discussions in the Industrial Development Board on the UNIDO Secretariat's controversial proposal for an International Bank for Industrial Development with a capital of USD 300 000 million.

Together with other participants from industrialized countries, the Community representative said that apart from the question whether or not the Lima Target—a 25% share in world industrial production for the developing countries by the year 2000—had been accepted by the industrialized countries, it was not possible to establish a precise correlation between the progress of industrial development and the volume of external financing for this process.

Among the conclusions, it was agreed that UNIDO should: analyse the basic reasons and present mechanisms used which make it difficult for the developing countries to obtain financing; promote the use of programme lending on a wider and more imaginative sectoral basis; strengthen its activities to promote direct foreign investment; and encourage or prepare wherever appropriate the creation or expansion of investment guarantee and insurance mechanisms for small and medium-sized investments in developing countries.

#### Unesco

2.2.26. Mr M'Bow, Director-General of Unesco, and Mr Pisani met on 18 October, when certain points of cooperation were settled:

- (i) opening up of Unesco documentation to the Community; and
- (ii) regular contacts with a view to the gradual establishment of joint activities.

#### FAO

2.2.27. On 19 October Mr Saouma, Director-general of FAO, paid a visit to the Commission. The discussions centred on:

- (i) the role of the Community in the campaign against hunger in the world, and the food situation of developing countries; and
- (ii) the reconstruction and economic revival of Lebanon.

#### World Intellectual Property Organization

2.2.28. The diplomatic conference on the revision of the 1883 Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property held its third session in Geneva from 4 to 30 October.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission representative, who was present as an observer, also took part in meetings held at Community level with representatives of the Member States to work out joint positions. The Conference was devoted mainly to questions of designation of origin and geographical ascriptions.

#### United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

2.2.29. On 14 October the Commission transmitted to the Council the final report on the results of the Third Conference on the Law of the Sea and on the signing by the Community of the Final Act and the Convention.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 9-1982, point 3.5.1.

<sup>2</sup> Fifteenth General Report, point 143.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.2.25.

The Commission recommends the Council to decide that the Final Act and the Convention should be signed by both the Community and the Member States simultaneously. Attached to the report is a proposal for a Council Decision and a draft political statement.

### **General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade**

2.2.30. On 15 October the Commission sent an information memo to the Council in connection with the GATT ministerial meeting.

The Council examined the problems arising at the stage reached in the preparatory work for the GATT meeting and took the necessary measures to supplement, at the earliest opportunity, the policy guidelines it had adopted at a previous meeting.

### **Council of Europe**

2.2.31. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe held its autumn session in Strasbourg from 27 September to 7 October. There were several points of interest to the Community on its agenda: the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, relations between Europe and Japan, an examination of the world economic situation, the situation in Turkey and Lebanon, and European cooperation prospects in the 1980s.

### **International Atomic Energy Agency**

2.2.32. On 18 October Mr Blix, the Director-General of the IAEA, paid a visit to the Commission.

Discussions centred on:

- (i) current relations between the Euratom and the Agency, in particular the contribution which Euratom can make to the Agency's activities in the area of safeguards; and
- (ii) the research programmes of the two organizations.

Mr Blix was informed of the Commission's intention to make a full report shortly to the Council on the application of safeguards agreements.

## **Industrialized countries**

### **EFTA countries**

#### *Switzerland*

2.2.33. The Joint Committee for the 1967 EEC-Switzerland Clock and Watch Agreement met in Geneva on 4 October for an examination of points relating to the implementation of the 1967 Agreement itself and the 1972 Additional Agreement and a wide-ranging exchange of views on a number of trade problems facing the industry in the signatory countries. The Committee discussed low-cost imports of clocks and watches, the rise in imports from Eastern Europe and South-East Asia, the improvement of cooperation against counterfeiting, and the marketing of Community watches in Switzerland.

2.2.34. Switzerland's State Secretary for External Economic Affairs, Mr Paul Jolles, visited the Commission on 21 and 22 October for talks with Mr Thorn, Mr Haferkamp, Mr Ortoli, Mr Davignon, Mr Narjes and Mr Pisani on the state and possible future extension of bilateral relations, the European and international economic and monetary situation and world trade problems and prospects.

#### *Austria*

2.2.35. On 18 October the Community started negotiations with Austria with a view to identifying specific problems in the field of inland transport between Austria and the Community and its Member States, and seeking possible solutions. The areas under discussion are transport infrastructure, particularly as regards transit through Austria, taxation arrangements, capacities, cooperation on rail transport, and combined transport operations. The next meeting is scheduled to take place at the beginning of 1983.

### **United States**

2.2.36. On 21 October the Council and the Commission adopted the EEC regulations

and ECSC decisions concluding the Arrangement with the United States to restrict Community exports of certain iron and steel products.<sup>1</sup> As a result, the suits filed by US steelmakers have been withdrawn.<sup>2</sup>

## Japan

2.2.37. A third round of consultations<sup>3</sup> under Article XXIII of the GATT took place in Geneva on 11 and 12 October.

The Community delegation presented its views on the causes of the imbalance in trade with Japan and took stock of specific European requests and Japan's response to them.

The Japanese delegation disappointed Community hopes of some concrete action to match the good intentions which had been expressed.

The Council, meeting on 25 and 26 October, deplored the absence of any significant progress in the consultations and reaffirmed the Community's desire to exhaust the GATT Article XXIII procedure. It was decided to discuss the matter further at a forthcoming meeting.

Meanwhile, the Commission will continue its endeavours under Article XXIII(1) to persuade the Japanese authorities to exercise responsibility, and will liaise with the appropriate Council bodies to present Japan with a full, updated list of requests.

2.2.38. The high-level working party called for by the Council on 22 March<sup>4</sup> met again on 19 October, when it drafted a set of conclusions on the international competitiveness of certain sensitive sectors of European industry.

## Australia

2.2.39. Mr Dalsager visited Australia between 23 and 27 October for a series of talks with the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Anthony, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Street, and the Minister for Primary Industry, Mr Nixon; Mr Dalsager also had talks with leading members of the opposition, the National Farmers Federation and representa-

tives of the main farm sectors (sugar, beef and wheat). The talks were primarily concerned with the major agricultural issues, including the market situation in the Community and Australia and the state of the world market; the prospects for the GATT ministerial meeting were also discussed.

## New Zealand

2.2.40. Mr Dalsager visited New Zealand from 27 October to 1 November for a series of discussions with the Prime Minister, Mr Muldoon, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Cooper, and other cabinet ministers. Mr Dalsager also had talks with members of the opposition as well as with representatives of the Federated Farmers, the Dairy Board, the Meat Board and the Apple and Pear Board. Talks centred on the two main outstanding issues of interest to New Zealand—butter and sheepmeat.

## Mediterranean countries

### Cyprus

2.2.41. The EEC-Cyprus Association Council held its eighth ministerial-level meeting in Luxembourg on 25 October, 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 at its sixth meeting, on 24 November 1980, regarding the transition to the second stage of the Agreement.<sup>5</sup>

2.2.42. At the Luxembourg meeting the Community notified the Cyprus delegation that it was willing to open negotiations for the trade arrangements to apply between Cyprus and the Community in 1983; the Council issued negotiating instructions to the Commission on 25 October.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 307, 1.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> Point 1.3.1 *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.2.55.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 3-1982, point 2.2.35.

<sup>5</sup> Bull. EC 11-1980, point 2.2.54.

## Malta

2.2.43. Following Malta's request to enter into a special relationship with the Community,<sup>1</sup> the Commission sent proposals to the Council on 6 October with a view to resolving the crisis in relations between Malta and the Community.

In particular, the Commission is proposing that Malta be granted a special aid package to promote the development of the Maltese economy and recommends an immediate opening of negotiations for a second financial protocol.

## Maghreb

### *Tunisia and Algeria*

2.2.44. The second financial protocol to each of the Cooperation Agreements with Algeria and Tunisia was signed on 28 and 29 October respectively.

The protocols provide for a total of 151 million ECU of Community aid for Algeria up to 31 October 1986, and 138 million ECU for Tunisia over the same period.<sup>2</sup>

## Developing countries

### ACP States and OCT

#### ACP-EEC Conventions

##### *Regional cooperation*

2.2.45. On 28 September a delegation from the South Pacific Bureau of Economic Cooperation led by its Acting Director, Mr Shepard, and the Ambassadors of Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Tonga visited the Commission.

At a meeting chaired by Mr Cornelli, a Director in the Commission's Directorate-General for Development, implementation of the regional cooperation projects in the Pacific was discussed.

##### *Industrial cooperation*

2.2.46. A coordination meeting was held in Brussels to prepare for the fifth West African Industrial Forum (to be held in Dakar at the end of November) and was attended by representatives of Senegal, the Commission, the CID and UNIDO and the consultants responsible for promoting this event. European industry is expected to be well represented at this investors' forum.

#### European Development Fund

2.2.47. In September and October the Commission took decisions involving the allocation of fourth and fifth EDF resources totalling some 145 million ECU, in respect of Commission-administered projects and programmes and emergency aid, to finance operations in the following sectors:

	(ECU)
Rural production	11 585 000
Fisheries and stockfarming	20 393 000
Trade promotion	1 672 000
Aid for small business	2 000 000
Roads	26 188 500
Ports	2 200 000
Telecommunications	10 900 000
Water engineering, urban infrastructure and housing	11 666 000
Social infrastructure	19 300 000
Training	20 925 000

#### Other African countries

2.2.48. The authorities of Angola and Mozambique officially notified the Commission of their intention to take part in the negotiations to renew the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, which are due to start in September next year.

This decision, implying acceptance of the territorial definition of the Community enshrined in the Treaty of Rome, means that Angola and Mozambique are now entitled to receive Community aid under the programme

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.2.61.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, point 2.2.63; Bull. EC 7/8-1981, point 2.2.47.

for non-associated developing countries (NADCs). A total of approximately 17 million ECU is available for Angola and Mozambique under the NADC aid programme for 1981 and 1982. Teams of experts will shortly be visiting the two countries to identify projects suitable for rapid funding. To satisfy the criteria for aid to NADCs, the projects must be concerned with either rural development or regional cooperation.

## Asia

### ASEAN countries

#### *Thailand*

2.2.49. Mr Siddhi Savetsila, the Thai Foreign Minister, was received by the Commission on 7 October. The talks centred on relations between the Community and Thailand, and both sides noted with satisfaction that there were no more major problems now that the manioc and textiles agreements had been concluded.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission confirmed its support for Thailand in its efforts to achieve GATT membership in the near future.

Discussions were also held on the ministerial meeting between the Community and ASEAN to be held early next year in Bangkok, when Thailand will hold the ASEAN Presidency.

## Latin America

### EEC — Latin America Dialogue

2.2.50. As part of its efforts to give new impetus to relations with the countries of Latin America, the Commission brought together on 15 October all the Latin American Heads of Mission accredited to the Community. The Commission stressed the need to inject new life into mutual relations and reminded the meeting that the Community hoped to conclude a cooperation agreement with the Andean Pact countries in the near future.

## Andean Group

2.2.51. Mr Burke represented the Commission at the ceremony held in La Paz on 10 October for the investiture of Mr Hernan Siles Zuazo as constitutional President of Bolivia. Mr Burke carried a message from Mr Thorn to the Bolivian President stating the Commission's willingness to resume and strengthen Community aid to Bolivia, which was broken off at the time of the *coup d'état* in July 1980.<sup>2</sup> The message also stressed the Community's wish for a rapid resumption of the negotiations with the Andean Pact countries.

## Central America

2.2.52. On 14 October Parliament adopted a resolution on economic relations between the European Community and Central America,<sup>3</sup> calling upon the Commission and the Council to present a draft economic cooperation agreement to Central America as a practical expression of the Community's commitment to that region.<sup>4</sup>

## State-trading countries

### Poland

2.2.53. On 20 October the Commission decided to supply 9.5 million ECU of emergency aid to the people of Poland. The aid will be provided under Article 950 of the 1982 budget and is subject to the budget authority's approval.

It will take the form of food and medicines to be supplied, as in similar previous operations, via non-governmental organizations in the Community.

This is the Community's fourth humanitarian operation in favour of the Polish people.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, points 2.1.91 and 2.2.22.

<sup>2</sup> Fourteenth General Report, point 698.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 12-1981, point 2.2.61.

<sup>5</sup> See e.g. Bull. 6 -1982, point 2.2.71.

2.2.54. The previous one, aimed specifically at the poorest people in Poland (detainees and their families, babies and young children, the old), was voted on 2 June;<sup>2</sup> the third instalment of that aid, 1 500 000 ECU, was allocated by the Commission for use in October to enable European NGOs to transport basic foodstuffs, toilet articles, drugs and urgently needed medicinal supplies to Poland by road.

### China

2.2.55. A Commission-run technology sales seminar on plastics processing was held in China from 18 to 29 October.

Sessions were held in both Beijing and Tianjin, enabling Community sales engineers to give several hundred Chinese engineers and technicians an overview of the latest European plastics technology.

### Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA)

2.2.56. On 11 October Parliament adopted a resolution on the Community's relations with State-trading countries and the CMEA<sup>2</sup>.

It took the view that the growth of East-West trade should be placed in the context of the Helsinki Final Act, pointed out the danger of granting unlimited cheap credit and regretted that most CMEA member countries had no diplomatic ties with the Community.

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2.2.57. On 12 October the Commission sent the Council a proposal for a Regulation to streamline the procedures for imports from State-trading countries.

### European political cooperation

2.2.58. On 16 and 17 October the Foreign Ministers of the Community countries held an informal 'Gymnich-type' meeting at Nyborg, Fyn, in Denmark. In keeping with the usual practice for these informal meetings, no statement was issued.

2.2.59. Parliament adopted a number of resolutions during its October part-session; subjects included the situation in Bolivia, Laos, the situation in Lebanon, and the banning of Solidarity in Poland.<sup>3</sup>

2.2.60. Meeting in Luxembourg on 25 October, the Ministers of Justice discussed cooperation in matters of civil and criminal justice. The Commission drew the Ministers' attention to Parliament's views on combating terrorism.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 6-1982, point 2.2.71.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>3</sup> Point 2.4.21; OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 238, 13.9.1982; OJ C 267, 11.10.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.4.13; Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.4.12.

# 3. Financing Community activities

## Budgets

### General budget

#### Draft budget for 1983

##### *First reading by Parliament*

2.3.1. At its part-session from 26 to 29 October<sup>1</sup> Parliament took its first reading of the draft general budget for 1983. Parliament's amendments to non-compulsory expenditure and proposed modifications to compulsory expenditure (agricultural market support for the main part) appreciably altered the appropriations entered by the Council in the draft budget.<sup>2</sup>

Parliament increased appropriations for commitments by 1 431 million ECU and appropriations for payments by 640 million ECU. This goes a long way towards restoring the amounts proposed by the Commission in its preliminary draft,<sup>3</sup> which the Council had cut by 1 542 million ECU and 805 million ECU respectively. Nearly all changes concern non-compulsory expenditure (structural funds, development, research, transport, energy and industry). In compulsory expenditure a reserve of 137 million ECU will be created within the EAGGF Guarantee Section. If it is clear by 1 September 1983 that these appropriations will not be required to support agricultural workers, they will be available to finance social and regional projects.

By reference to the new base for non-compulsory expenditure calculated by the Commission following the increase in these appropriations caused by the transfers from the EAGGF Guarantee Section (compulsory expenditure), Parliament increased this category of expenditure by 27.24% for commitments and 18.26% for payments above the adjusted 1982 figures, whereas the maximum rate of increase in non-compulsory expenditure calculated by the Commission for 1983 is only 11.8%. It should be pointed out, however, that there was some disagreement during the debate about the calculation of the base for non-compulsory expenditure

in 1983. According to the Treaty, a new rate of increase must be jointly approved by the two arms of the budgetary authority (Parliament and the Council). The procedure for this was set out in the joint declaration of 30 June<sup>4</sup>

As regards structural expenditure, Parliament's amendments to appropriations for social measures (increases of 820 million ECU for commitments and 287 million ECU for payments) are to promote employment schemes, particularly for the young, as well as training and mobility; other increases were for measures to help women, disabled people and migrant workers.

Increases for regional policy measures totalled 207 million ECU in commitments and 143 million ECU in payments. In addition to the appropriations to support the Member States' own regional policies, Parliament entered appropriations to finance Community action in the framework of integrated regional development projects and to prepare such programmes for a number of Mediterranean areas.

Parliament restored most of the appropriations for research which the Commission had entered in its preliminary draft.

Energy received substantial increases of 75 million ECU in commitments and 20 million ECU in payments. These are earmarked mainly for liquefaction and gasification of coal, geothermal energy and energy saving measures. Parliament also entered 10 million ECU in commitments and 4 million ECU in payments for the indirect action research programmes on new forms of energy.

In the industrial sector, Parliament reinstated most of the appropriations entered by the Commission in its preliminary draft. It also created a new item, to which it allocated 10 million ECU in commitments and 3 million ECU in payments, for Community contribu-

<sup>1</sup> Point 2.4.22.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.3.3.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 6-1982, point 2.3.2.

<sup>4</sup> Point 2.3.3.

tions, in the form of interest subsidies, to conversion and restructuring programmes in industries hit by the crisis.

Parliament entered an appropriation of 50 million ECU in commitments and 15 million ECU in payments to help finance transport infrastructure projects.

Finally, it virtually restored the original allocation proposed by the Commission to development cooperation. It added the following amounts: 42 million ECU for food aid; 54 million ECU in commitment appropriations and 21 million ECU in payment appropriations for cooperation with non-associated developing countries; 26 million ECU in commitment appropriations and 16 million ECU in payment appropriations for specific measures for cooperation with developing countries; 60 million ECU for exceptional measures, including 58 million ECU to fight hunger in the world.

In its resolution<sup>1</sup> Parliament underlines its wish to see the budgetary procedure conducted in the spirit of cooperation as expressed in the joint declaration of 30 June.

The Council's second reading of the draft budget is scheduled for 22 November.

#### New preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget for 1982

2.3.2. On 27 October the Commission approved a new preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget for 1982.

With the end of the year approaching, it was found that surplus resources were available in the budget. The factors combining to produce this situation were the surpluses remaining from previous years, the outturn on the revenue side and the likelihood that expenditure will be lower than estimated, especially in the EAGGF Guarantee Section. The Commission therefore felt that budgetary provision should be made this year to cover the financial impact of the compensation to the United Kingdom<sup>2</sup> and that a 210 million ECU special energy programme should be set up to help reduce the Community's dependence on oil imports by eliminating certain structural deficiencies in energy research

and development and in the rational use of energy.

The main features of this preliminary draft are as follows:

<i>Revenue</i>	(million ECU)
• Agricultural levies and sugar and isoglucose levies	— 422
• VAT balance from 1981 and adjustment of 1979 and 1980 VAT balances	— 76
• Balance from 1981	+ 661
 <i>Expenditure</i>	
• EAGGF Guarantee	— 1 096
• Measures in favour of the United Kingdom	+ 1 092
• Special energy programme	+ 210

#### Preliminary draft amending budget No 1/1982

2.3.3. Following the Council's rejection of preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/1982,<sup>3</sup> and the presentation of a set of requests for transfers of appropriations, the three Presidents met on 6 October under the triologue arrangement agreed last June. The meeting was to discuss the effect of this transfer procedure on the determination of Parliament's margin of manoeuvre in the 1983 budget procedure.

#### Compensation for the United Kingdom for 1982

2.3.4. At a meeting on 25 and 26 October the Ministers reached agreement on the application of the decisions of 25 May 1982<sup>4</sup> regarding compensation for the United Kingdom for 1982 and the reduction in Germany's contribution towards the cost of the settlement. One Member State, however, required a few more days before it could confirm its position.<sup>5</sup>

The Commission's decision to transmit a new preliminary draft supplementary and

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 304, 22.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> Point 2.3.4.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.3.2.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.1.

<sup>5</sup> The agreement became final on 4 November.



amending budget for 1982<sup>1</sup> to the budgetary authority was to give effect to this agreement.

### **ECSC operating budget**

2.3.5. On 29 October the Commission sent to Parliament—and to the ECSC Consultative Committee for information—the draft ECSC operating budget for 1983. The Commission will adopt the final ECSC budget in December.

The draft works on the premise that the levy rate will remain unchanged at 0.31%. Appropriations entered for commitments total 268 million ECU. The main items are 100 million ECU for redeployment aid, 54 million ECU for research commitments and 53 million ECU for interest subsidies (including 44 million ECU for conversion aid).

In order to combat the grave social problems caused by the continuing steel crisis, the Commission also proposed commitments of 50 million ECU for special aids for redundant steelworkers, in continuation of the programme agreed on 24 June 1981.<sup>2</sup>

## **Financial operations**

### **ECSC**

#### **Loans raised**

2.3.6. In October the Commission concluded the following operations:

(i) a 12-year public issue of DM 200 million (85 million ECU) carrying an 8% coupon; it was issued at 99%;

(ii) a bank credit in Swiss francs of the equivalent of 5 million ECU;

(iii) a private placing in Swiss francs equivalent to 10 million ECU.

#### **Loans granted**

2.3.7. Acting under Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty, the Commission granted an industrial loan and loans for subsidized housing totalling 5.21 million ECU.

2.3.8. The industrial loan was made available to a Greek steel company for restructuring and modernization.

2.3.9. The loans for subsidized housing amounting to 51 000 ECU were for mineworkers in the Community.

### **Euratom**

#### **Loans raised**

2.3.10. The Commission contracted a bank credit in Luxembourg francs equivalent to 21.99 million ECU;

### **EEC**

#### **Loans raised**

2.3.11. The Commission made a 12-year public issue of DM 200 million (85 million ECU), carrying an 8% coupon; the issue price was 99%.

<sup>1</sup> Point 2.3.2.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 6-1981, points 1.4.1 to 1.4.3.

## 4. Institutional and political matters

### European policy and relations between the institutions

#### European policy

##### European Union

2.4.1. On 14 October the German and Italian Foreign Ministers, Mr Genscher and Mr Colombo, appeared in Parliament to report on progress made in discussions about the European Act, which they presented in November 1981.<sup>1</sup> Both Ministers emphasized the convergence between their draft and the one being prepared by Parliament's Committee on Institutional Affairs;<sup>2</sup> both drafts had the same goal—to revitalize the integration process. After stressing the substantial progress made on certain issues, such as the European Council's supreme responsibility for Community activities and political cooperation, Mr Genscher made no secret of his pessimism on the questions of strengthening Parliament's position and restoring the decision-making procedure within the Council as laid down by the Treaties. Echoing Mr Genscher, Mr Colombo admitted that the proposals concerning Parliament's role had still to be discussed in depth at ministerial level.

Members expressed their disappointment with the lack of progress and considered that 'the Council should continue its investigation and consideration of the draft with speed and strength of purpose so that decisions can be taken by the beginning of 1983 at the latest'. In the resolution passed on 15 October they urged the Council 'to make every effort to ensure that Parliament is involved in further consideration of the draft European Act in a manner consonant with true democracy'.<sup>3</sup>

##### Conference of Ministers of Justice meeting within the Council

2.3.2. A meeting of the Ministers of Justice—the fourth—was held in Luxembourg

on 25 October. It was chaired by Mr Erik Ninn-Hansen, and the Commission played a full part. The first three meetings were held in June 1971, November 1974 and October 1978. This fourth meeting was concerned with the consolidation of Community law, conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Justice for interpreting the Rome Convention on the Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations,<sup>4</sup> extension of the Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, the establishment of an administrative tribunal to deal with disputes between the Community institutions and their staff, and cooperation in the legal field.

At the end of the meeting the Ministers agreed to meet more frequently.

##### *Consolidation of Community law*

2.4.3. After hearing a statement from the Commission the Council adopted the following statement:

'The Council of the European Communities,

- recalling the resolution on the consolidation of Community law made by the Council at its 315th meeting on 26 November 1974 as well as the statement on consolidation made by the Council at its 537th meeting on 9 October 1978;
- noting the statement of the Commission on the state of progress achieved since 1978, and its intentions in respect of the work to be carried out in the future, in the field of consolidation of Community law;
- reconfirming the importance it attaches to the consolidation of Community law in order to improve its accessibility;
- noting that legislative consolidation presents advantages as compared with the publication of coordinated versions intended merely for information;
- urges the Commission to intensify its work to submit proposals on consolidated texts;

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 11-1981, points 1.2.1 to 1.2.6 and 3.4.1.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.4.3; Bull. EC 7/8-1981, point 2.3.5.

<sup>3</sup> Point 2.4.17; OJ C 292, 8.11.1982.

<sup>4</sup> Point 2.4.38.

• reconfirms its undertaking to examine those proposals as quickly as possible without bringing into question the substance of the texts.’

*Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters*

2.4.4. The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council signed the Convention on the Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the 1968 Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and to the 1971 Protocol on its Interpretation by the Court of Justice with the adjustments made to them by the 1978 Convention on the Accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, of Ireland and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Brussels Convention, which was concluded in 1968 between the original Member States of the Community, is in force. It is accompanied by a Protocol on the Interpretation of the Convention by the Court of Justice concluded in 1971, which is also in force between the original Member States.

The aim of the 1968 Convention is to simplify the necessary formalities for the mutual recognition and enforcement of judgments. To this end the Convention lays down in the first place the rules of jurisdiction as regards the court to which civil and commercial matters should be referred. It then lays down a procedure which is simplified, as compared with traditional rules, and rapid, because it is not adversary in the initial stage, for the enforcement of judgments delivered in another Member State. However, in the event of non-enforcement or substantive opposition by the party against whom enforcement is sought, more structured proceedings intended to offer maximum guarantees and thus of an adversary nature are provided for.

The Convention of 1978 on the Accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom to the 1968 Convention and Protocol is being ratified; an exchange of information bet-

ween the Ministers of Justice showed that prospects were good for its early entry into force.

*Administrative tribunal for disputes between the institutions and their staff*

2.4.5. In the presence of the President of the Court of Justice, Mr Mertens de Wilmars, the Council considered the Commission's 1978 proposal to establish a body of first instance to deal with disputes between the Community institutions and their staff.<sup>1</sup> Its main function would be to lighten the workload of the Court of Justice in this type of dispute.<sup>2</sup>

2.4.6. The Ministers heard a Commission statement on ratification of the Luxembourg Convention on the Community Patent and took note of its statement on the proposal for a Bankruptcy Convention.<sup>3</sup> The German delegation made a statement on the approximation of laws under the European Act.<sup>4</sup>

2.4.7. The meeting closed with a discussion on questions relating to cooperation on judicial matters.<sup>5</sup>

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2.4.8. On 29 October Parliament passed a resolution<sup>6</sup> embodying its opinion on the Commission's memorandum on the Communities' accession to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms,<sup>7</sup> calling on the Commission to put to the Council at the earliest opportunity a formal proposal for accession.

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 225, 22.9.1978.

<sup>2</sup> Point 2.4.40.

<sup>3</sup> Supplement 2/82 — Bull. EC.

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 11-1981, point 3.4.1.

<sup>5</sup> Point 2.2.60.

<sup>6</sup> OJ C 304, 22.11.1982.

<sup>7</sup> Supplement 2/79 — Bull. EC.

## Institutions and organs of the Communities

### Parliament<sup>1</sup>

2.4.9. Parliament met twice this month—from 11 to 15 October for a regular part-session and from 26 to 29 October for the special budget debate.

#### *Strasbourg: 11 to 15 October*

2.4.10. A wide range of subjects were debated at the regular sittings. The House gave opinions on a European policy to combat unemployment, multilingualism, the Genschler-Colombo Act, butter and political cooperation.

#### **Election of a Vice-President**

(14 October)

2.4.11. Mrs Matia Luisa Cassanmagnano (*EPP/1*) was elected Vice-President in succession to Mr Guido Gonella, who died recently.

#### **A European policy to combat unemployment** (11, 12 and 14 October)

2.4.12. The report by Mr Efstratios Papaefstratiou (*EPP/GR*) was a follow-up to three resolutions passed on 17 September 1981<sup>2</sup> concerning the employment situation in the Community and took its cue from the resolution of the Council of Ministers of Social Affairs of 27 May 1982<sup>3</sup> on Community action to counter unemployment. The report was adopted with some amendments. In the resolution:

(i) Parliament insisted that the Community take steps to provide subsidies for wide-ranging investment programmes to create employment and called for a coordinated Community approach to policies for money supply, interest rates and the expansion of demand, as well as exchange rate policy;

(ii) the House considered that, in order to implement effective measures at Community level, the budget of the European Com-

munities must be increased and drastically restructured and that much more, coordinated, use must be made of Community instruments, in particular, the reformed European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, EIB operations and the NCI;

(iii) the House also called for strengthening of the European Monetary System, asked to be involved more closely in the organization of the joint Council meeting of the Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs and the Ministers of Economic Affairs and Finance and looked to this 'Jumbo' council to adopt special practical measures to improve opportunities for small and medium-sized businesses and combat youth unemployment.

2.4.13. With an eye to the 'jumbo' Council meeting in November, Parliament on 14 October, in support of a proposal by Communist, Liberal, Christian Democrat and Socialist members, decided that a 'special part-session should be convened before the first European Council next year, in order to allow a wide-ranging debate and the drafting of specific proposals to stimulate coordinated economic policies capable of combating unemployment effectively'.

The House passed this resolution by a large majority, with the European Democrats voting against it and the Liberals divided.

<sup>1</sup> 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 292, 8.11.1982, and OJ C 304, 22.11.1982, and the report of the proceedings is contained in OJ Annex 289 and 290. 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; EDP = 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.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 260, 12.10.1981; Bull. EC 9-1981, points 2.3.4 to 2.3.10.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 5-1982, point 2.1.30.

## Multinationals and information of employees

(12 October)

2.4.14. By 166 votes to 42 with 11 abstentions Parliament adopted the report by Mr Tom Spencer (*ED/UK*) with compromise amendments supported by the EPP Group, the European Democrats, the Liberals and the European Progressive Democrats. Mr Ernest Glinne (*Soc/B*) complained that the vote had been taken when many of the socialists were missing as a result of the break requested immediately before the vote. As the vote on the directive had been taken<sup>1</sup> and was definitive, but the Commission had been unable to say whether it could accept the amendments, the House, pursuant to rule 36(2) of its Rules of Procedure, postponed the vote on the resolution to the November part-session and by 178 votes to 136 with 10 abstentions referred the report back to committee.

2.4.15. Parliament's main amendments were as follows:

- (i) employee representatives continue to be elected directly by secret ballot of the employees;
- (ii) application of the Directive is limited to subsidiaries with at least 100 employees and groups with at least 1 000 employees;
- (iii) the terms secrecy and confidentiality are extended;
- (iv) consultation is to be limited; information must be given by the management not 40 days before a decision is adopted but 40 days before it is implemented;
- (v) 'bypass': though employees may still approach the dominant undertaking, it does not communicate the information directly but passes it through the management of the subsidiary;
- (vi) employees' representatives may bring proceedings before a court to compel managements to fulfil their obligation to inform and consult; this amendment by the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment was retained.

## Multilingualism

(14 October)

2.4.16. In his report on the multilingualism of the European Community, on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, Mr Kai Nyborg (*EPD/DK*) concluded that any change in the language arrangements posed an altogether basic problem for the Communities, which transcended purely economic considerations. The Committee had adopted the report by 11 votes to 4.

In so doing it had rejected the formula of 'restricted' or 'asymmetrical' systems whereby members would be able to speak in their own languages, but would have to listen to debates, and even read documents, in another language. This would undermine the principle of democracy, said Mr Nyborg. Though the number of languages was limited at the United Nations it did not really matter since the decisions taken there were not directly applicable in national law, as was the case in the Community.

Speaking for the Political Affairs Committee, Mr Otto Habsburg (*EPP/D*) said that language was the cornerstone of our culture and the essence of our spirit. No language, however big or small, must be lost. Of course, all the European languages must be respected and even encouraged. Nevertheless, the right to use one's own language did not automatically mean the right to have a translation. Translation and interpreting costs were bound to go up, particularly with the accession of Spain and Portugal. Mr Nyborg's report offered no satisfactory solutions, said Mr Habsburg, it simply shelved the problem. The Political Affairs Committee, he said, believed that the problems must be faced, and so it was proposing to set up an independent scientific working party which would look into the matter on the basis of the three reports by Parliament's committees.

Voicing the opinion of the Committee on Culture, Mr George Patterson (*ED/UK*) wanted to see a special committee or work-

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.4.8.

ing party set up to study language problems not only in Parliament but in the Community in general.

Parliament adopted Mr Nyborg's resolution by a large majority, rejecting all the amendments tabled by Mr Habsburg and others. The 'political' argument of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Petitions thus prevailed over the 'financial' considerations, confirming that there was to be absolute equality between the Community languages, whether used actively or passively, in writing or orally. The House nevertheless urged 'continued research into machine translation systems and other technological possibilities which may reduce costs'. It did not take up the Committee on Culture's idea of setting up a working party.

#### European Union — the Genscher-Colombo Act

2.4.17. Parliament adopted the interim report by Mr Lambert Croux (*EPPB*) on the German-Italian initiative.<sup>1</sup> It welcomed the draft European Act but pointed out that implementation must be accompanied by progress on a common policy to combat unemployment (an amendment by the Socialist Group). It also held that Parliament should be involved — through the conciliation procedure — in the study of the provisions of the Act that concerned interinstitutional relations with Parliament itself (an amendment by the Socialist Group).

Endorsing an amendment by Mr Mauro Ferri (*SodI*) on behalf of the Committee on Institutional Affairs, with the full approval of the rapporteur, the House requested the Council and the Commission to devote particular attention to the provisions in the draft European Act regarding the prospects of a new Treaty on European Union, 'taking into account the initiatives of an institutional nature already taken by the European Parliament'. This was a reminder that, independently of the Genscher-Colombo Act, Parliament was going ahead with its own work on European Union.

The Council was urged (Socialist amendment) to make further consideration of the

resolutions adopted by Parliament since 1981 on strengthening its role in the Community's legislative process the central item of the meeting between the 10 Foreign Ministers and Parliament's Bureau in December.<sup>2</sup>

#### Butter

(15 October)

2.4.18. The EPP Group had put down a motion for a resolution on the disposal of butter stocks, calling upon the Commission to repeat 'the Christmas butter scheme' this year to relieve pressure on the market.

This could be done by giving away a quantity of intervention butter with every purchase of fresh butter, the amount given free being limited to half the amount of fresh butter purchased. The costs of this scheme could be met from revenue from the coresponsibility levy paid by farmers. The Commission was also asked to extend the existing arrangements for sales of cut-price butter for the manufacture of pastry products to small and medium-sized businesses.

The Commission was also urged to create, by means of an appropriate price policy, conditions on the world market that would allow butter to be exported with the lowest possible export refunds, taking care to ensure that the Soviet Union did not enjoy more favourable export terms than other non-member countries.

The House adopted the EPP Group's proposal with some slight amendments. The amendments included the request not to sell subsidized butter to the Soviet Union and to consult Parliament before any such decision. The House rejected an amendment tabled by Mr Hord (*ED/UK*) to the effect that no refunds should be paid on exports to the Soviet Union. An amendment that was approved called on the Commission to improve the conditions under which butter was made available at special prices to specified groups

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 11-1981, points 1.2.1 to 1.2.6 and 2.3.1 to 2.3.3 and 2.3.6.

<sup>2</sup> Point 2.4.1.

of people and institutions, such as old age pensioners, schools, hospitals and welfare organizations and the armed forces.

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2.4.19. Parliament gave opinions on a number of proposals or communications, including:

- (i) a communication on medium-term projections of social expenditure and its financing;<sup>1</sup>
- (ii) the sixth annual report (1980) on the European Regional Development Fund;<sup>2</sup>
- (iii) a Decision on Community financial participation in inspection and surveillance operations in the maritime waters of Denmark and Ireland;<sup>3</sup>
- (iv) a Regulation on limited financial support in the field of transport infrastructure;<sup>4</sup>
- (v) Regulations fixing the Community's scheme of generalized preferences;<sup>5</sup>
- (vi) the Commission's report on the programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty.<sup>6</sup>

2.4.20. The House also passed resolutions on:

- (i) measures to encourage productive investment in the Community: following the call by the European Council of 29 June 1982<sup>7</sup> for practical proposals for revitalizing investment, Parliament urged the Commission to transform its guidelines into formal proposals;
- (ii) restructuring of the iron and steel industry: the Commission was asked to propose specific action to provide the steel manufacturers with the funds required for their restructuring;
- (iii) the crisis in the European steel industry: the House called on the Commission to report back to it, presenting its own analysis of the situation and the steps and measures it proposes;
- (iv) the tornado which has struck four Belgian communes; emergency aid following the serious forest fires in the Mediterranean area; aid for the reforestation of the areas around Athens destroyed by fire, emergency measures on behalf of areas hit by the drought in spring and early summer 1982:

the House emphasized the urgency and importance of these aids and the need for cooperation between all the countries concerned;

- (v) measures to combat excessive urban concentration; regional planning at European level and the use of modern means of transport and communication: Parliament recommended, in appropriate cases, more economic, political and administrative decentralization, considering the new scope offered by modern transport and communication techniques;
- (vi) solar energy: the House called for the development of studies on this form of energy;
- (vii) economic relations between the Community and Central America;<sup>8</sup>
- (viii) Community relations with the State-trading countries and the CMEA;<sup>9</sup>
- (ix) economic sanctions, particularly trade embargoes and boycotts: the House wondered about the significance, consequences and practicalities of these measures;
- (x) European postage stamp: the House asked the Commission to submit a proposal to the Council for a Directive on the issue of postage stamps common to all Member States.

2.4.21. In the field of political cooperation the House adopted resolutions on:

- (i) Laos: the Foreign Ministers were urged to discuss the problem of Laos and the Commission was asked to make generous funds available to the Thai Government to support it in its attempt to care for refugees;
- (ii) the situation in Lebanon;
- (iii) the situation in Bolivia: the Council and the Commission were asked to support Bolivia by means of an aid programme to strengthen the process of democratization;

<sup>1</sup> Point 1.1.38.

<sup>2</sup> Point 2.1.49.

<sup>3</sup> Point 2.1.109.

<sup>4</sup> Point 2.1.112.

<sup>5</sup> Point 2.2.16.

<sup>6</sup> Point 2.1.39.

<sup>7</sup> Bull. EC 6-1982, point 1.5.3.

<sup>8</sup> Point 2.2.52.

<sup>9</sup> Point 2.2.56.

(iv) the outlawing of 'Solidarity' in Poland: the House condemned the suppression of the union;

(v) support for the nomination of Lech Walesa for the Nobel Peace Prize.

### *Strasbourg: 26 to 29 October*

2.4.22. Parliament's first reading of the draft general budget of the Communities for 1983 centred on three main issues:

- (i) the fight against hunger in the world;
- (ii) the battle against unemployment;
- (iii) restructuring the budget.

2.4.23. All three figured in the resolution on the Commission's budget, adopted by the House on the basis of the amended report by Mr R. Jackson (*ED/UK*).

The Group spokesmen all agreed on the priorities (the fight against hunger in the world and the battle against unemployment). On restructuring the budget, the means advocated to attain the two objectives, certain misgivings were expressed concerning transfers from compulsory to non-compulsory expenditure. Mr Jean Mouchel (*EDP/F*) for his Group, and Mr Louis Baillot (*Com/F*), Mr Silvio Leonardi (*Com/I*) and Mrs Kalliopi Nikolaou (*Soc/GR*) were all critical on that point. The Council President, Mr Otto Møller, agreed with the priorities but not with the means of securing them. He contended that Parliament's 'margin for manoeuvre' could not be calculated from transfers (from compulsory to non-compulsory expenditure) effected by the Council, though this was strongly challenged by Mr Jackson and the majority of members. Nor, the Council also contended, could appropriations be entered before the necessary legal basis was established.

The Commission Vice-President Mr Tugendhat, who is responsible for budget matters, wholeheartedly supported the Committee on Budgets on two points: increases above the maximum rate were necessary to allow the Community to contribute more effectively towards the fight against unemployment and hunger in the world; under the joint declara-

tion<sup>1</sup> it would henceforth be possible to enter appropriations before the necessary legal basis was established. On the question of an increase or reduction in agricultural appropriations, the Commission and the Committee had come up with virtually the same result. It was not true to say that the Committee was recommending cuts in agricultural appropriations. There had simply been cosmetic changes.

In the resolution the House adopted increases in non-compulsory expenditure (for social and regional operations, development aid, etc.) of 648 million ECU in payment appropriations and 1 431 million ECU in commitment appropriations.

In compulsory expenditure (EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure in the main), Parliament proposed net reductions of 46.4 million ECU. The cuts in the EAGGF Guarantee Section amounted to 36.8 million ECU.

The sector involved was milk products, from which some appropriations would be transferred to the Guidance Section, while others (22.8 million ECU) would serve to partially offset the increase requested for the Regional Fund. The House set up a reserve of 137 million ECU within the Guarantee Section itself; this should be used either for agricultural spending or, if this proved unnecessary by 1 September 1983, for social and regional purposes.<sup>2</sup>

The resolution also contained observations on the development of the common policies, the Commission's staff, the advisory committees, the presentation of the budget and Community own resources.

2.4.24. Mr Henri Saby (*Soc/F*) presented reports on the administrative budgets for Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee, the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors. He described Parliament's budget as 'qualitative' and 'responsible' and in keeping with the austerity imposed by the economic situation of the Com-

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 6-1982, point 1.1.14.

<sup>2</sup> Point 2.3.1.



munity and the Member States. He gave reasons for reinstating or increasing certain appropriations for the Economic and Social Committee and the Court of Auditors. He opposed the across-the-board 5% cut made by the Council in the Court of Justice budget, stressing that this would hinder the Court's normal operations and might well impair its essential independence.

Parliament adopted the five reports as they stood.

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2.4.25. Parliament gave opinions on a number of proposals, including:

(i) revising the JRC research programme for 1983;<sup>1</sup>

(ii) Commission communications to the Council on research and development in information technologies;<sup>2</sup>

(iii) the communication and Regulations on demonstration programmes in the energy sector;<sup>3</sup>

(iv) amendment of the Regulation concerning common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed;<sup>4</sup>

(v) amendment of the Directive on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas<sup>5</sup> and amendment of the Regulation on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed;<sup>4</sup>

(vi) the Regulations concerning olive oil for the 1982/83 marketing year;<sup>6</sup>

2.4.26. The House also passed resolutions on:

(i) the Commission's memorandum on the accession of the European Communities to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms: the House warmly supported accession, considered Article 235 of the EEC Treaty to be the

appropriate legal basis for it and urged the Commission to put up a formal proposal;

(ii) on the teaching of human rights in the Community: Parliament asked the Commission to urge the Member States to act on the recommendation of the International Congress on the Teaching of Human Rights organized by Unesco in Vienna in September 1978; invited the Commission to consider what action it could take to work out common measures, such as pilot projects, for the teaching of human rights and to propose to the Council, in the context of cooperation on educational matters, a common definition of pedagogic and didactic objectives;

(iii) barriers to internal Community trade in agricultural products: the House called on the Member States to seek joint solutions and avoid unilateral protectionist measures; the Commission was urged to introduce the immediate measures and sanctions it was allowed to take under the Treaty against any Member States introducing import bans or restrictions without consulting it.

## Council

2.4.27. The Council held five meetings in October. 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.

<sup>1</sup> Point 2.1.126.

<sup>2</sup> Point 2.1.20.

<sup>3</sup> Point 2.1.125.

<sup>4</sup> Point 2.1.89.

<sup>5</sup> Point 2.1.90.

<sup>6</sup> Point 2.1.83.

Table 1 — Council meetings in October 1982

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
794th Luxembourg 4 October	Fisheries	Mr Grove	Mr Kontogeorgis	<i>Common fisheries policy.</i> <sup>1</sup> Further examination of whole range of problems in fisheries (internal and external aspects); two Regulations adopted for 1982 on fishing arrangements between Community and Norway and measures for conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying flag of Norway; agreed to sign Agreement between Guinea and Community.
795th Luxembourg 18 and 19 October	Agriculture	Mr Kofoed	Mr Dalsager	<i>Adjustment of acquis communautaire for Mediterranean products (fruit and vegetables, olive oil).</i> <sup>2</sup> Broad exchange of views. <i>Exchange rates applied in agriculture.</i> <sup>2</sup> New rates agreed for Belgium, Luxembourg and France. <i>United Kingdom imports of New Zealand butter.</i> <sup>2</sup> Agreement in principle. <i>Italian sugar.</i> <sup>2</sup> Initial discussion after Italian delegation submitted memorandum.
796th Luxembourg 25 October	Justice (Conference of Ministers of Justice meeting within Council)	Mr Ninn-Hansen	Mr Narjes	<i>Consolidation of Community law.</i> <sup>3</sup> Statement issued. <i>Protocol on Interpretation by Court of Justice of Rome Convention on Law applicable to Contractual Obligations.</i> <sup>3</sup> Progress made. <i>Extension of 1968 Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters.</i> <sup>3</sup> Convention on accession of Hellenic Republic signed. <i>Administrative tribunal for disputes between institutions and their staff.</i> <sup>3</sup> Exchange of views. <i>Ratification of Luxembourg Convention on Community Patent.</i> Commission statement. <i>Proposal for Bankruptcy Convention.</i> Commission statement. <i>Approximation of laws under European Act.</i> Statement by German delegation.

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
797th Luxembourg 25 and 26 October	Foreign affairs	Mr Ellemann- Jensen	Mr Thorn, Mr Haferkamp, Mr Davignon, Mr Natali, Mr Tugendhat, Mr Narjes, Mr Pisani	<p><i>EEC—Cyprus relations.</i><sup>4</sup> Commission given negotiating brief regarding trade arrangements for 1983.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Accession of Spain.</i><sup>5</sup> Preparations made for twelfth meeting of ministerial conference for accession of Spain.</li> <li>• <i>Relations with Japan.</i><sup>6</sup> Debate on current state of affairs.</li> <li>• <i>Central America.</i><sup>7</sup> Discussed.</li> <li>• <i>Compensation to the United Kingdom.</i><sup>8</sup> Agreement reached.</li> <li>• <i>GATT.</i><sup>9</sup> Preparations made for ministerial meeting in November.</li> <li>• <i>MFA: Bilateral textile negotiations.</i><sup>10</sup> Council took note of outcome of negotiations concluded so far.</li> <li>• <i>Steel — external aspects.</i><sup>1</sup> Exhaustive discussion.</li> <li>• <i>Law of the Sea.</i><sup>9</sup> Commission statement.</li> </ul>
798th Luxembourg 25 and 26 October	Fisheries	Mr Christophersen	Mr Thorn, Mr Kontogeorgis, Mr Burke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Common fisheries policy.</i><sup>1</sup> Nine delegations agreed on Commission's compromise formula.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Fisheries.

<sup>2</sup> Agriculture.

<sup>3</sup> Institutional and political matters.

<sup>4</sup> Mediterranean countries.

<sup>5</sup> Enlargement and bilateral relations with applicant countries.

<sup>6</sup> Industrialized countries.

<sup>7</sup> Developing countries.

<sup>8</sup> Financing Community activities.

<sup>9</sup> International organizations and conferences.

<sup>10</sup> Commercial policy.

## Commission

2.4.28. The Commission held four meetings in October and adopted a large number of important proposals and communications.

### Decisions, communications and proposals

2.4.29. The Commission decided to make a financial contribution to an emergency plan

by UNDRO to assist the Lebanese and Palestinian inhabitants of Lebanon.

The main communications and proposals approved by the Commission in October concerned: the continuation of the NCI,<sup>1</sup> mea-

<sup>1</sup> Point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

asures to promote investment,<sup>1</sup> the annual economic report for 1982-83 and a second series of non-quota operations by the ERDF.<sup>1</sup> At the same time as adopting the general objectives for steel for 1985, the Commission approved measures to strengthen conversion policy in areas hit by the steel crisis.<sup>1</sup> On the social front, the Commission adopted a communication on the review of the Social Fund in which it proposed changes designed to make the Fund a more flexible instrument of the Community's employment policy.<sup>2</sup> It also adopted a communication on vocational training and proposed that the Council should extend for three years the Directive on aids to ship-building. In the energy sector, the Commission adopted two communications—one on natural gas supplies up to 1990 and the other on developments in pricing policy—and a report on the Community's brown coal and peat industries.

In external relations, the Commission proposed to the Council that the Community and the Member States should sign the Convention on the Law of the Sea jointly and at the same time. It adopted a communication on the Community's relations with Malta and proposed that the Council approve emergency humanitarian aid to Poland of 9.5 million ECU.

#### Discussions, policy debates and work in hand

2.4.30. The Commission resumed its preparatory work for the December European Council. Mr Thorn continued the tour of capitals he had begun in September and met Mr Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, who was visiting Belgium.

The Commission paid close attention to the work of the Council and Parliament, especially the budget debates in the House.

The Commission continued its consideration of the situation created by increased production in the milk sector and possible remedies. It began preparations for the joint Council meeting of Ministers of Economic, Financial and Social Affairs to be held on 16 November.

Finally, the Commission continued the difficult negotiations on a steel arrangement with the United States, which led to unanimous agreement by the Member States on safeguards for Community steel exports to the United States until the end of 1985.<sup>3</sup>

#### Appointments at Director-General level

2.4.31. On 13 October the Commission appointed Mr Pieter B. R. de Geus Director-General of the Statistical Office to replace Mr Aage Dornonville de la Cour. On 20 October the Commission decided, subject to the usual *agr ation* procedures, to appoint Mr Laurens Brinkhorst, the present leader of the D '66 group in the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament, Head of its Delegation in Tokyo. He replaces Mr Fielding, who was appointed Director-General for External Relations last July.<sup>4</sup>

#### Statistical Office

##### Nomination

Pieter B. R. de Geus

Born 23 February 1928 at Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Married, two children.

1946-49: Royal Netherlands Naval Academy.

1949-65: Various military and naval posts in the Netherlands and overseas.

1965-68: Erasmus University, Rotterdam. Degrees in economics, modern history and political science.

1969-76: Head of Planning, Coordination and Finance Bureau, Ordnance Directorate, Ministry of Defence.

1976-80: Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, Ministry of Defence.

1980-81: Ministry of Defence.

1 December 1982: Director-General, Statistical Office of the European Communities.

<sup>1</sup> Point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> Point 1.2.1 *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> Point 1.3.1 *et seq.*

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.4.22.

*Delegation in Tokyo**Nomination***Laurens Jan Brinkhorst**

Born 18 March 1937 at Zwolle, Netherlands.

Married to Jantien Heringa, two children.

1959: Bachelor of Laws, University of Leiden

1960: MA in Public Law and Government, Columbia University, New York

1960-73: Various positions in law practice and university teaching

1967-73: Professor of European Law, University of Groningen

1973-77: State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

1977-81: Member of Parliament (Democraten '66); Member of Bureau of Second Chamber; Deputy Chairman, Democraten '66 parliamentary group

1981-82: Parliamentary leader, Democraten '66

20 October 1982: Head of Commission Delegation in Tokyo

**Relations with workers' and employers' associations**

2.4.32. Mr Davignon met representatives of the European organizations of textile employers, mainly to discuss industrial and commercial policy in that sector.

2.4.33. The Commission held two briefing sessions, one with the European Metalworkers' Federation to discuss railway equipment and the other with the Employers' Liaison Committee and the European Centre of Public Enterprises on Community policy and research on solar energy.

2.4.34. At a preconsultation meeting, ETUG experts discussed health and safety at work and Community policies on migrant workers and consumers.

**Court of Justice<sup>1</sup>****Composition of the Court**

2.4.35. The Court of Justice re-elected Mr J. Mertens de Wilmars President of the Court for the period 7 October 1982 to 6 October 1985.

2.4.36. It decided <sup>2</sup> to set up, with effect from 7 October, five Chambers, composed as follows (each President of Chamber being appointed for a period of one year):

(i) First Chamber: Mr O'Keefe, President, Mr Bosco and Mr Koopmans;

(ii) Second Chamber: Mr Chloros, President, Mr Due and Mr Bahlmann;

(iii) Third Chamber: Mr Everling, President, Mr Pescatore and Mr Galmot;

(iv) Fourth Chamber: Mr O'Keefe, President, Mr Pescatore, Mr Bosco, Mr Koopmans and Mr Bahlmann;

(v) Fifth Chamber: Mr Everling, President, Lord Mackenzie Stuart, Mr Due, Mr Chloros and Mr Galmot.

2.4.37. The Court also appointed Mrs Rozès First Advocate-General for a period of one year from 7 October.

**Jurisdiction of the Court**

2.4.38. At the Council meeting held on 25 October the Ministers of Justice examined the possibility of drawing up an agreement conferring on the Court certain powers of interpretation of the Rome Convention on the Law applicable to Contractual Obligations. The Ministers instructed the appropriate Council bodies to continue the work on this matter.

2.4.39. The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council signed on 25 October the Convention on the Accession of Greece to

<sup>1</sup> For more detailed information, see the texts published by the Court of Justice in the *Official Journal* 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).

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 299, 16.11.1982.

the 1968 Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and to the 1971 Protocol on its Interpretation by the Court of Justice.

2.4.40. At the same meeting the Council examined, without coming to any agreement, the proposal for a Regulation establishing an administrative tribunal for disputes between the institutions and their staff.<sup>1</sup>

#### *Analysis of Judgments delivered between 1 July and 30 September 1982*

##### General

2.4.41. In Cases 108, 110 and 114/81,<sup>2</sup> the Court delivered an important judgment on the principle of non-retroactivity. The Court had been requested to annul the Council Regulations of 10 January 1981 which re-established retroactively from 1 July 1979 the system of isoglucose production quotas following the annulment by the Court of Regulation No 1293/79/EEC on the ground that Parliament had not been consulted.<sup>3</sup>

The Court held that in the case in point, in the absence of legitimate expectations meriting protection, the retroactive effect of the Community rules was justified in the public interest. This is the first time the Court has accepted retroactivity extending over a long period and not limited to a few days. The Court stated, moreover, that the fact that, in its judgments of 29 October 1980 declaring Regulation No 1293/79 void, it had not availed itself of the power conferred on it by Article 174(2) of the Treaty was not a reason for regarding the retroactive effect given to the rules in question as an encroachment on the Court's prerogatives.

2.4.42. In the same cases, the applicants challenged the Council's power to impose a levy on isoglucose production on the ground that it infringed Article 201 of the Treaty and Article 2 of the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by own resources. The Court rejected this submission on the ground that the levy in question is in

keeping with the objectives of the common agricultural policy and that the Council was therefore empowered under Article 43 to impose it. This Decision of 21 April 1970, a 'budgetary law measure', does not, in the Court's opinion, prevent the creation of a levy such as that on isoglucose production. The Court considered, moreover, that isoglucose, which is in direct competition with sugar, must be included among products marketed on the 'markets in sugar' within the meaning of the Decision of 21 April 1970.

##### Customs union

2.4.43. In addition to the interpretation of the Common Customs Tariff,<sup>4</sup> the Court was asked to rule on the compatibility of national measures with Article 30 to 36 of the Treaty.

In connection with proceedings for the failure of a State to fulfil its obligations, the question arose of the justification on grounds of the protection of the health of animals under Article 36 of the Treaty of national measures the effect of which was to prevent imports of poultry products.<sup>5</sup> Observing that it should be possible to maintain a high level of immunity from the disease in question without completely blocking imports, the Court held that the national measures in the present case constituted a disguised restriction on trade between Member States within the meaning of the second sentence of Article 36. The Court reserved its judgment on the other issues involved.

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1978, point 2.3.2.

<sup>2</sup> G.R. *Amylum NV, SA Roquette Frères and Tunnel Refineries Ltd v Council*: not yet reported.

<sup>3</sup> Case 138/79 *SA Roquette Frères v Council* [1980] ECR 3333; Case 139/79 *Maizena v Council* [1980] ECR 3393.

<sup>4</sup> Cases 208 and 209/81 *Palte Haantjes v Inspecteur der Invoerrechten en Accijnzen*; Case 237/81 *Almadent Dental-Handelsgesellschaft v Hauptzollamt Mainz*; Case 295/81 *IFF (Deutschland) GmbH v Hauptzollamt Bad Reichenhall*; Case 317/81 *Howe & Bainbridge v Oberfinanzdirektion Frankfurt am Main*: not yet reported.

<sup>5</sup> Case 40/82 *Commission v United Kingdom*: not yet reported.

2.4.44. The Court also gave a preliminary ruling on the compatibility with Articles 30 and 36 of a national law on designs having the effect of granting an exclusive right in a design to the person who first registered it, persons other than the author himself having no possibility of challenging that right.<sup>1</sup> Noting that, in the absence of the unification or approximation of Member States' laws, it was for each country to lay down the procedure for protecting designs, the Court held that a national law of this type falls within the scope of the provisions of Article 36 concerning the protection of industrial and commercial property. In answer to the second question put by the national court, the Court reaffirmed its established case law on the circumstances in which the proprietor of a right in a design acquired under the law of one Member State may prevent the importation of products from another Member State which appear identical to the design.

### Competition

2.4.45. In an important judgment<sup>2</sup> the Court confirmed the validity of Commission Directive 80/723/EEC of 25 June 1980 on the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings.<sup>3</sup> The Directive was criticized by three Member States, which questioned the Commission's powers and the substance of the provisions laid down.

On the question of powers, the applicants questioned the extent of those conferred on the Commission under Article 90(3) of the Treaty. They argued *inter alia* that, in relation to the monitoring of state aids, the power to adopt directives was vested solely in the Council by virtue of Article 94. Rejecting this line of argument, the Court held that the two Articles of the Treaty have different objects. The Commission's powers in the matter depended on the needs inherent in its duty of surveillance provided for in Article 90, and were not affected by Council's power to lay down rules in the specific sphere of aids.

As to the substance of the case, the applicants argued that the principle of equality prevented public undertakings and private

undertakings from being treated differently under the Directive. Rejecting this submission, the Court stated that this principle 'presupposes that the two are in comparable situations'. It therefore acknowledged that the Commission's measures to re-establish an equilibrium between the competitiveness of private undertakings and that of public undertakings are justified.

2.4.46. By Decision of 18 August 1982 the Commission took interim measures against Ford-Werke AG requiring it to resume deliveries in Germany of right-hand-drive vehicles. Such deliveries had been suspended on 1 May following a circular from Ford-Werke AG dated 27 April. Ford-Werke AG and Ford of Europe Inc. each brought an action on 3 September against the Decision<sup>4</sup> and requested the president of the Court of Justice to adopt interim measures ordering its immediate suspension.

The Court suspended the operation of the Decision as regards right-hand-drive vehicles constructed to British specifications. It maintained the other contested provisions, however, enjoining Ford-Werke AG to resume in Germany deliveries of right-hand-drive vehicles constructed to German specifications until a decision is taken terminating the administrative proceedings pending or until judgment is given in the main proceedings. It also ordered the undertaking concerned to supply regularly to the Commission and to the Court statistics of orders received and deliveries effected.

The importance of this Order lies, apart from its substantive provisions, in the fact that the Court reaffirmed its previous case law<sup>5</sup> on the Commission's power to take interim measures, of which it had availed itself for the first time in this case.

<sup>1</sup> Case 144/81 *Keurkoop BV v Nancy Kean Gifts BV*: not yet reported.

<sup>2</sup> Joined Cases 188-190/80 *France, Italy and United Kingdom v Commission*: not yet reported.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 195, 29.7.1980.

<sup>4</sup> Joined Cases 288 and 229/82 *Ford-Werke AG v Commission*: not yet reported.

<sup>5</sup> Case 792/79R *Camera Care v Commission* [1980] ECR 119.

### Equal treatment for male and female workers

2.4.47. In Case 61/81<sup>1</sup> the Court held that the United Kingdom's Equal Pay Act 1970, by limiting the situations where equal pay could be claimed for work of equal value to those in respect of which a job classification scheme had been introduced by the employer, was in breach of Directive 75/117/EEC.<sup>2</sup> In the view of the Court the assessment of equal value to be attributed to different work must be capable of being made notwithstanding any wishes of the employer. Moreover, the Member States must endow an authority with the requisite jurisdiction to decide whether work has the same value as other work. This judgment may have consequences for the application of other directives in this field.<sup>2</sup>

### Common agricultural policy

2.4.48. In Case 106/81<sup>3</sup> the Court confirmed the validity of certain provisions of the Regulation on the new common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat.<sup>4</sup> The applicant had, in an action for damages, *inter alia* challenged the validity of Article 9(3) of the Regulation. This provision authorizes the recovery, when a product is exported to another Member State, of a variable slaughter premium granted solely in the United Kingdom. The Court stated that the recovery of the premium did not amount to a change having an effect equivalent to a customs duty and that the grant of the premium and its recovery did not constitute discrimination of the kind prohibited by the Treaty. It also held that account may be taken, in developing the common agricultural policy, of natural and structural differences in the Community.

2.4.49. Case 245/81<sup>5</sup> concerned Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1102/78<sup>6</sup> suspending the issue of import licences for preserved mushrooms<sup>7</sup> except in the case of products originating in third countries which the Commission accepts as being able to ensure that their exports to the Community do not exceed a level agreed by the Commission. The People's Republic of China, with

which the Community had concluded a trade agreement, qualified for exemption under the Regulation. The validity of the Regulation was challenged by an importer, who argued that, because of the sudden change in the policy previously applied, he was prevented from obtaining supplies of preserved mushrooms from Taiwan and South Korea and was thus placed at a disadvantage in relation to competitors who imported preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China. The Court confirmed the validity of the Regulation in question.

As regards the principle of non-discrimination, the Court, after examining the negotiations conducted by the Commission with exporting countries, held *inter alia* that the Community institutions enjoy a discretionary power in relation to commercial policy and that there is in the Treaty no general principle capable of being relied upon by traders so as to compel the Community in its external relations to accord equal treatment in every respect to non-member countries.<sup>8</sup> It thus dismissed the argument that the second subparagraph of Article 40(3) of the Treaty had been infringed. Since the Regulation satisfied, both in 1978 and 1979, the Community's market requirements, the distinction it drew between the exporting countries in question and hence between traders who imported preserved mushrooms from those countries must be considered objectively justified.

As regards the principle of proportionality, the Court considered that the Commission is justified, when adopting protective measures,

<sup>1</sup> *Commission v United Kingdom*: not yet reported.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 45, 19.2.1975.

<sup>3</sup> *Kind KG v Council and Commission*: not yet reported.

<sup>4</sup> Council Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 of 27 June 1980; (OJ L 183, 16.7.1980).

<sup>5</sup> *EDEKA v Bundesamt für Ernährung und Forstwirtschaft*: not yet reported.

<sup>6</sup> Regulation of 25 May 1978 (OJ L 139, 26.5.1978).

<sup>7</sup> Case 126/81 *Wünsche v Bundesamt für Ernährung und Forstwirtschaft*: not yet reported; see also Case 52/81 *Faust v Commission*: judgment not yet delivered.

<sup>8</sup> See also Case 55/75 *Balkan-Import Export GmbH v Hauptzollamt Berlin-Packhof* [1976] ECR 19.



in taking account of the willingness of a non-member country to agree to the voluntary restriction of its exports to the Community and that Article 110 of the Treaty cannot be interpreted as prohibiting the Community from taking, for fear of infringing the Treaty, any measure capable of affecting trade with non-member countries where the situation on the Community market calls for the adoption of such a measure.

Lastly, as regards the principle of the protection of legitimate expectation, the Court held that traders cannot legitimately rely upon the maintenance of an existing situation which may be altered by decisions adopted by the institutions in the exercise of their discretionary power. In the case in point, the trade agreement concluded between the Community and the People's Republic of China and published in the Official Journal of the Communities was of such a nature as to warn traders of an imminent change in the Community's commercial policy.

2.4.50. In Case 233/81<sup>1</sup> the Court interpreted the Community rules on granting aid for skimmed milk processed into animal feedingsuffs as leaving the Member States free to impose charges for carrying out inspections in connection with the granting of such aid. According to the Court, such charges, however, represent the normal cost of inspections of that nature and must not be so great as to be liable to deter undertakings from carrying on the activities which the aid is intended to encourage.<sup>2</sup>

## Taxation

2.4.51. In Case 216/81<sup>3</sup> the Court ruled that Article 95 prohibits a system of taxation affecting differently whisky and other spirits. This judgment is in keeping with established case law on the prohibition of tax discrimination.<sup>4</sup> According to this case law, spirits, whether they be obtained, say, from cereals, wine or marc, have a sufficient number of properties in common and must be considered similar or competing products within the meaning of Article 95. The Member States must therefore apply the same tax treatment to the domestic and the imported product.

This judgment is of particular importance as it confirms the exceptional nature of the *Vinal* judgment,<sup>5</sup> in which the Court acknowledged that similar or competing products may be taxed differently where certain conditions are met.

2.4.52. In Case 221/81<sup>6</sup> the Court was asked to interpret the term 'value of the consideration' in the context of the Second VAT Directive (67/228/EEC). The question raised was whether, when calculating the basis for assessing VAT, account should be taken not only of the price of the services provided by the person liable for the tax but also of interest awarded to that person by a decision of a court because of the debtor's failure to fulfil his obligation in good time. The Court answered in the negative, observing that the interest in question was unrelated to the services and did not constitute remuneration for a commercial transaction. It should instead be regarded as merely reimbursement of expenses, a sort of compensation for late payment.

2.4.53. In the field of capital duty on the raising of capital, the Court interpreted<sup>7</sup> the concept of the nominal amount of shares in a company, which, on the basis of Directive 69/335/EEC, is the decisive factor when it comes to determining the basis of assessment of the duty. This concept, which is a Community one, denotes, in the context of 'capital companies', the value of the compulsory contribution made by a member to a company which neither the latter nor the other members may waive and which characterizes in a lasting manner the relationship between the member and the company.

<sup>1</sup> *Denkavit v Bundesamt für Ernährung und Forstwirtschaft*: not yet reported.

<sup>2</sup> See also Case 31/78 *Bussone v Italian Ministry for Agriculture* [1978] ECR 2429.

<sup>3</sup> *Cogis v Amministrazione delle finanze dello Stato*: not yet reported.

<sup>4</sup> Cases 168/78, 169/78 and 171/78 *Commission v French Republic, Italian Republic and Kingdom of Denmark* [1980] ECR 347, 385 and 447.

<sup>5</sup> Case 46/80 *Vinal v Orbat* [1981] ECR 77.

<sup>6</sup> *BAZ Bausystem AG v Finanzamt München*: not yet reported.

<sup>7</sup> Case 170/81 *Felicitas Rickmers-Linie KG v Finanzamt Hamburg*: not yet reported.

Since the Directive seeks to make subject to capital duty only those transactions which are the legal expression of the raising of capital and only in so far as they help strengthen the company's economic potential, only an amount corresponding to that which the member has to bring into the company and by which he contributes to the raising of capital may, according to the Court, be deemed the nominal amount of shares for the purposes of the duty.

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2.4.54. In Case 228/81<sup>1</sup> the Court confirmed its case-law<sup>2</sup> on the interpretation of Article 27(2) of the Brussels Convention of 27 September 1968, providing for cases in which judgments are not recognized. As part of the supervision effected in accordance with that Article, the court to which an application for recognition or enforcement is made is not bound by the assessment of the court in the State of origin, but is itself obliged to verify whether a defendant who had not appeared before the court had been able to receive notification of the document instituting the proceedings in sufficient time to defend himself, and, if this was not the case, it is obliged to refuse recognition or enforcement.

**ECSC**

2.4.55. During this quarter the Court was asked to give a ruling on two more occasions on the production quota systems set up by the Commission pursuant to Article 58 of the Treaty. Case 119/81, *Klöckner-Werke*,<sup>3</sup> concerned the first system, which was instituted by Decision No 2794/80/ECSC.<sup>4</sup> *Klöckner-Werke's* action, which was completely dismissed by the Court, called into question primarily the method of calculating its quotas, as other applicants have done in the past.<sup>5</sup> As in the judgment given in Case 14/81,<sup>6</sup> the Court held that the fact that the Commission took into account actual production, rather than the production capacity of undertakings, as an equitable basis for de-

termining the quotas pursuant to article 58(2), could not reasonably be challenged. It also refused to accept the submission that under Article 58 the Commission was obliged to guarantee each undertaking individually a minimum production based on its own profitability criteria and held that the situation of all undertakings must instead be taken in to account. The Court also dismissed the applicant's submissions with regard to the impact of unlawful subsidies on the method of calculating the quotas and held that the crisis measures provided in Article 58 could not be required to be used as a corrective to such aids. It pointed out, however, that it was possible for aid measures which were not compatible with Article 4(c) of the Treaty and implementing decisions in this sector to be taken into account by the Commission in adjusting the quotas.

The Court did not give a ruling on the alleged illegality of the supply quotas referred to in Articles 7 and 9 of Decision No 2794/80,<sup>7</sup> since those Articles had played no part in the fixing of the production quotas which were the subject of the individual decision contested.

The applicant in Case 220/82 R<sup>8</sup> concerning Decision No 1696/82<sup>9</sup> had asked the Court to order the Commission to take the interim protective measures that it regarded as necessary for the maintenance of this activity and to set up a board of experts to determine whether, as a result of the imposition of the quotas, the undertaking would cease to be viable and would be made bankrupt. The principal action was based on a plea that Article 14 of Decision No 1696/82,

<sup>1</sup> *Pendy Plastic Products v Pluspunkt Handelsgesellschaft*: not yet reported.

<sup>2</sup> Case 166/80, *Klomps v Michel* [1981] ECR 1593.

<sup>3</sup> *Klöckner-Werke v Commission*: not yet reported.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 291, 31.10.1980.

<sup>5</sup> Cases 39, 43, 85 and 88/81 *Halyvourgiki and Heleniki Halyvourgia v Commission*; Cases 14 and 111/81 *Alpha Steel v Commission*: not yet reported.

<sup>6</sup> *Alpha Steel v Commission*.

<sup>7</sup> See also Joined Cases 275/80 and 24/81 *Krupp v Commission*; Case 258/80 *Metallurgiki Rumi v Commission*.

<sup>8</sup> *Moselstahlwerke v Commission*.

<sup>9</sup> OJ L 191, 1.7.1982.

under which adjustments of quotas are allowed in certain cases where they create exceptional difficulties for an undertaking, but subject to more restrictive conditions than those laid down in Decision No 2794/80, is unlawful. It was alleged that the Article could not be applied to the applicant, since its reference production figures were too high. The Court dismissed the application, holding that not only was the applicant not

disadvantaged, but its situation was more favourable than that of most of its competitors; the applicant had also failed to establish with a sufficient degree of probability that there was a causal link between the difficulties and the quota allocated. The conditions of urgency and necessity required for the granting of interim measures were therefore not fulfilled with regard to the situation created by the disputed quota.

#### 2.4.56. New cases

Case	Subject	Basis
<p><b>Freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services</b></p> <p>271/82 — 1. Ministère Public and 2. V. Auer v 1. Ordre national des vétérinaires de France and 2. Syndicat national des vétérinaires praticiens de France</p>	<p>Interpretation of Articles 52 and 57 of the EEC Treaty</p>	<p>Article 177 of the EEC Treaty</p>
<p><b>Taxation</b></p> <p>286/82 — G. Luisi v Ministro del Tesoro</p>	<p>Interpretation of Articles 106, 67 and 69 of the EEC Treaty, having regard to the Italian law restricting currency exports by Italian residents travelling abroad for the purpose of tourism</p>	<p>Article 177 of the EEC Treaty</p>
<p>278/82 — 1. REWE Handelsgesellschaft Nord mbH and 2. REWE-Markt H. Kureit v HZA Flensburg, Itzehoe and Lübeck-West<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>Interpretation of the Community measures allowing exemptions from duties and charges levied on imports of goods purchased during international travel (butter-buying cruises)</p>	<p>Article 177 of the EEC Treaty</p>
<p><b>Social security for migrant workers</b></p> <p>279/82 — L. Jerzak v Bundesknappschaft-Verwaltungsstelle Aachen<sup>6</sup></p>	<p>Interpretation of Article 12 of Regulation No 1408/71 with regard to the overlapping of different kinds of social security benefits</p>	<p>Article 177 of the EEC Treaty</p>
<p>285/82 — W.J. Derks v Bestuur van de Nieuwe Algemene Bedrijfsvereniging</p>	<p>Interpretation of Article 46(2) of Regulation No 1408/71 and Article 15 of Regulation No 574/72 with regard to taking into account insurance periods completed under the legislation of a number of Member States</p>	<p>Article 177 of the EEC Treaty</p>
<p><b>Agriculture</b></p> <p>276/82 — Roomboterfabriek 'De beste Boter' BV v Produktschap voor Zuivel<sup>6</sup></p>	<p>Interpretation and validity of Article 3 (3) of Regulation No 2044/75 with regard to the temporary suspension of the system in question in respect of exports of butter and butteroil to non-member countries (the USSR and Cuba)</p>	<p>Article 177 of the EEC Treaty</p>

Case	Subject	Basis
281/82 — Unifrex v 1. Commission and 2. Council <sup>2</sup>	Damage sustained because of the application of Regulation No 850/81 to transactions in progress at the time of adoption of the Regulation	Article 215 of the EEC Treaty
282/82 — Birra Peroni SpA v 1. Council and 2. Commission <sup>3</sup>	Damage suffered as a result of the abolition of the production refunds and of the failure to restore such refunds for broken rice for brewing beer	Article 215 of the EEC Treaty
<b>Commercial policy</b>		
275/82 — Kaiser Aluminium and Chemical Corp. v. Commission <sup>4</sup>	Annulment of Regulation No 1976/82 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on certain imports of chemical fertilizer originating in the USA and Regulation No 2302/82 amending that Regulation, and application for damages	Articles 173 and 215 of the EEC Treaty
<b>Infringements</b>		
273/82 — Commission v Italy <sup>5</sup>	Directive 77/796/EEC — mutual recognition of diplomas for transport operators	Article 169 of the EEC Treaty
280/82 — Commission v Belgium <sup>2</sup>	Directives 65/65/EEC and 73/319/EEC — proprietary medicinal products	Article 169 of the EEC Treaty

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v Commission: 272/82<sup>5</sup>

v Court of Auditors: 274/82<sup>2</sup>

v Economic and Social Committee: 277/82<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 295, 11.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 297, 13.11.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 301, 18.11.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 296, 12.11.1982.

<sup>5</sup> OJ C 283, 28.10.1982.

<sup>6</sup> OJ C 302, 19.11.1982.

**2.4.57. Judgments**

Date and case	Held
<b>Customs union</b>	
6.10.1982, 302/81 — A. Eggers & Co. v HZA Kassel <sup>1</sup>	Retroactive issue of documents lost in the course of the Community transit procedure
7.10.1982, 234/81 — Du Pont de Nemours Inc. and Dewfield v Commissioners of Customs and Excise <sup>1</sup>	The product known as Corian falls under CCT subheading 39.02 C XII when it is imported in the form of articles made of that material, and is not classifiable under any other CCT heading

Date and case	Held
7.10.1982, 37/82 — Nederlands Bevrachtingskantoor v Inspecteur der Invoerrechten en Accijnzen <sup>2</sup>	Tariff classification of covering cloths used in surgical operations
26.10.1982, 221/81 — Wilfried Wolf v HZA Düsseldorf; and 240/81 — Senta Einberger v HZA Freiburg <sup>7</sup>	No customs debt arises on the importation of drugs which are not included in the economic chain of distribution, strictly controlled by the authorities, of drugs for use for medicinal and scientific purposes
<b>Competition</b>	
6.10.1982, 262/81 — Coditel SA and Others v Cine Vog Films SA and Others <sup>1</sup>	Applicability of Article 85 of the EEC Treaty to exclusive rights to exhibit a film
<b>Social security</b>	
27.10.1982, 35/82 and 36/82 — Elestina Esselina Christina Morson v 1. the State of the Netherlands and 2. the head of the local police	Confirmation of earlier decisions with regard to the obligation to refer to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling, on the basis of the third paragraph of Article 177 of the EEC Treaty, in an application for an interlocutory injunction. A worker who has never exercised the right of freedom of movement is not entitled to have a relative who has the nationality of a non-member country admitted to the State in which he works
<b>Agriculture</b>	
6.10.1982, 261 and 262/78 — Diamalt AG and Others v Council and Commission <sup>1</sup>	The Community is ordered to pay compensation as a result of the 'quellmehl' proceedings
7.10.1982, 250/81 — Greek Cannery Association and Others v Commission <sup>1</sup>	Application dismissed as inadmissible
13.10.1982, 213-215/81 — Norddeutsches Vieh- und Fleischkontor and Others v Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaftliche Marktordnung <sup>3</sup>	Allocation within a Member State of a Community tariff quota for beef and veal
25.10.1982, 179/80 — SA Roquette Frères v Council <sup>3</sup>	There is no need to give judgment on the application
28.10.1982, 52/81 — Offene Handelsgesellschaft in Firma Werner Faust v Commission	Application dismissed
28.10.1982, 292 and 293/81 — Société Jean-Lion and Société Loiret et Haentjens v Fonds d'intervention et de régularisation des marchés du sucre (FIRS)	The examination of the questions raised has not brought to light any facts likely to affect the validity of Regulation No 3016/78 laying down certain rules for applying conversion rates in the sugar and isoglucose sectors
<b>Fisheries</b>	
28.10.1982, 13-28/82 — Procureur de la République v Arantzamendi-Osa and Others; 50-58/82 — Affaires Maritimes v Dorca Marina and Others; 137 and 140/81 — Affaires Maritimes du Sud-Ouest v Campandeguy Sagarzazu and Echevarria Sagasti; 138 and 139/81 — Affaires Maritimes du Sud-Ouest v Marticonera-Otazo and Prego-Parada	The examination of the question raised has not brought to light any facts likely to affect the validity of the Council Regulations. The provisions of those Regulations may be relied upon against Spanish nationals.

Date and case	Held
<b>Commercial policy</b>	
6.10.1982, 307/81 — <i>Alusuisse Italia SpA v 1. Council and 2. Commission</i> <sup>2</sup>	Application dismissed as inadmissible
26.10.1982, 104/81 — <i>HZA Mainz v Kupferberg &amp; Cie KG</i> <sup>7</sup>	The first paragraph of Article 21 of the free trade Agreement between the Community and Portugal is, within certain limits, directly applicable.
<b>Institutional questions</b>	
6.10.1982; 283/81 — 1. <i>CILFIT</i> and 54 others and 2. <i>Lanificio di Gavardo v Ministry of Health</i> <sup>4</sup>	The <i>acte clair</i> doctrine is acceptable subject to certain conditions (Article 177 of the EEC Treaty)
<b>Staff Regulations and administrative questions</b>	
6.10.1982, 59/81 — <i>Commission v Council</i> <sup>2</sup>	Annulment of Council Regulations concerning officials' pay
28.10.1982, 135/81 — <i>Groupement des Agences de voyages v Commission</i>	Application dismissed as inadmissible
<b>Infringements</b>	
12.10.1982, 136/81 — <i>Commission v Italy</i> <sup>5</sup>	Italy has failed to fulfil its obligations under the Treaty by failing to adopt within the prescribed period the measures required for compliance with the Second Council Directive 77/91/EEC (companies)
12.10.1982, 148/81 — <i>Commission v Belgium</i> <sup>5</sup>	Belgium has failed to fulfil its obligations under the Treaty by failing to adopt within the prescribed period the measures required for compliance with the Second Council Directive 77/91/EEC (companies)
12.10.1982, 149/81 — <i>Commission v Luxembourg</i> <sup>5</sup>	Luxembourg has failed to fulfil its obligations under the Treaty by failing to adopt within the prescribed period the measures required for compliance with the Second Council Directive 77/91/EEC (companies)
12.10.1982, 151/81 — <i>Commission v Ireland</i> <sup>5</sup>	Ireland has failed to fulfil its obligations under the Treaty by failing to adopt within the prescribed period the measures required for compliance with the Second Council Directive 77/91/EEC (companies)
13.10.1982, 251/81 — <i>Commission v Italy</i>	Order for removal from the Court Register — Directive 77/435/EEC (supervision of expenditure to be borne by the EAGGF Guarantee Section)

**Disputes between the Community and its staff***v Commission:*

7.10.1982, 131/81 <sup>1</sup>	Judgment for the applicant
28.10.1982, 105/81	Application dismissed
28.10.1982, 265/81	Application dismissed

*v Parliament:*

6.10.1982, 206/81 <sup>2</sup>	Judgment for the applicant
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*v Court of Auditors:*

6.10.1982, 9/81 <sup>2</sup>	Judgment for the applicant
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**Orders for removal from the Court Register**

22.9.1982, 106/82 — Egon Otto Mayer v Bundesanstalt für Arbeit<sup>6</sup>

21.10.1982, 48/82 — Maurice Prelle v Commission

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 295, 11.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 293, 9.11.1982.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 297, 13.11.1982.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 296, 12.11.1982.

<sup>5</sup> OJ C 299, 16.11.1982.

<sup>6</sup> OJ C 301, 18.11.1982.

<sup>7</sup> OJ C 302, 19.11.1982.

**Court of Auditors**

2.4.58. On 12 October the Court of Auditors adopted a special report on the system for the clearance of the EAGGF Guarantee Section accounts and its operation.

**Economic and Social Committee**

2.4.59. The Economic and Social Committee held an inaugural session from 12 to 14 October and an ordinary session from 27 to 28 October.

**200th plenary session (inaugural session)**

2.4.60. The 200th plenary session was held in Brussels from 12 to 14 October. It was chaired, first by Mrs Strobel, followed by Mr Ceyrac; Mr Giolitti attended for the Commission and spoke on the need for closer relations between the Commission and the Committee.

Most of the session, of course, was taken up with the installation of the new Committee, appointed by the Council on 21 September.<sup>1</sup>

There were many changes: 58 new members out of 156, particularly among the Greeks, where 9 out of 12 had been replaced.

**Election of officers**

2.4.61. The Committee elected as its Chairman Mr François Ceyrac, Honorary President of the National Council of French Employers (CNPF) and of the Association of Metal and Mining Industries, and member of the French Economic and Social Council.

Mr Alois Pfeiffer (workers — Federal Republic of Germany) and Mr Alfons Margot (various interests — Belgium) were elected Vice-chairmen.

The bureau of the Committee consists of Mr Berns (various interests — Luxembourg), Mr Breitenstein (employers — Denmark), Mr Broicher (employers — Federal Republic of Germany), Mr Burnel (various interests — France), Mr Cavazzuti (workers — Italy),

<sup>1</sup> Bull. EC 9-1982, point 2.2.24.

Mr Chatzivassiliou (workers — Greece), Mr Delourme (workers — Belgium), Mr Drakos (employers — Greece), Mr Hilkens (various interests — Netherlands), Mr Jakobson (various interests — Denmark), Mr Jaschick (various interests — Federal Republic of Germany), Mr Jenkins (workers — United Kingdom), Mr Loughrey (employers — Ireland), Mr Masprone (employers — Italy), Mr Murphy (various interests — Ireland), Mr Noordwal (employers — Netherlands), Mr Rainero (various interests — Italy), Mr Schneider (workers — Luxembourg), Mr Soulat (workers — France), Mr Storie-Pugh (various interests — United Kingdom) and Mr Zinkin (employers — United Kingdom).

2.4.62. The three groups also met to elect their chairmen: Mr Starazke (Federal Republic of Germany), Mr van Greunsven (Netherlands) and Mrs Strobel (Federal Republic of Germany) were elected chairmen for the employers, workers and various interests respectively.

### Opinion

2.4.63. The opinion<sup>1</sup> on a proposal for a Council Regulation on limited financial support in the field of transport infrastructure<sup>2</sup> was adopted unanimously. The opinion contains a number of critical comments: given the limited funds available in 1982, the Committee considers that efforts should not be dispersed but concentrated on one or two projects. The Council is urged to act on the Commission's proposal without further delay to avoid transfers of funds to purposes unconnected with transport infrastructure.

### Declaration

2.4.64. A declaration condemning the latest excess of the Polish authorities in banning the trade union Solidarity was adopted unanimously.

### 201st plenary session

2.4.65. The Committee's 201st plenary session was held on 27 and 28 October with Mr Ceyrac in the chair.

## Opinions

### Transport

2.4.66. In its own-initiative opinion on the transport policy of the European Community in the 1980s, which was adopted by a large majority, the Committee calls on the Council to make a serious attempt to meet its Treaty commitments regarding the achievement of a Community transport policy. To that end, the Council should ask the Commission to submit, before the end of the year, a realistic blueprint for transport policy in the 1980s and then undertake to be guided by it in the years to come.

### Eleventh Report on Competition Policy

2.4.67. An opinion on the Eleventh Report on Competition Policy was adopted unanimously.

The opinion supports the Commission's objectives<sup>3</sup> but expresses common concern at the large number of cases pending.

### Generalized Scheme of Tariff Preferences for 1983

2.4.68. An opinion on proposed Regulations<sup>4</sup> setting out generalized tariff preferences for 1983 was adopted unanimously. It expresses reservations about the Commission's proposals to grant certain State-trading countries preferential access to the Community market for an increased number of products.

### Energy

2.4.69. The Committee gave its opinion on two proposals for Regulations:

(i) granting financial support for demonstration projects relating to the exploitation of alternative energy sources, energy saving and the substitution of hydrocarbons;<sup>5</sup> and

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 296, 12.11.1982.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 226, 31.8.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.151.

<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 3-1982, point 2.1.126.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 274, 18.10.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.2.24.

<sup>5</sup> OJ C 227, 1.9.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.174.



(ii) granting financial support for pilot industrial projects and demonstration projects relating to the liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels.<sup>1</sup>

The two proposals were approved unanimously.

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2.4.70. The Committee adopted two further opinions without debate on:

(i) a proposal for revision in 1983 of the multiannual research programme (1980-83) of the Joint Research Centre;<sup>2</sup> and

(ii) a proposal for a Directive amending the Directive on wastes from the titanium dioxide industry.<sup>3</sup>

2.4.71. An own-initiative opinion on a crash Community programme to promote employment and stimulate the economy was withdrawn from the agenda, but the general subject was debated following the address given by Mrs Grethe Fenger Møller, Danish Minister of Labour, in her capacity as President of the Council.

## European Investment Bank

### *Operations in October*

2.4.72. In October the European Investment Bank announced loans totalling 403.7 million ECU<sup>4</sup> for investments within the Community, of which 52.5 million ECU was financed from the new Community borrowing and lending instrument (NCI — the 'Ortoli facility').<sup>5</sup> This total was made up of 227.7 million ECU in Ireland, 160.9 million ECU in Italy and 15.1 million in France. Outside the Community the Bank lent 10 million ECU in Spain and 380 000 ECU in Zaire.

## Community

### *Ireland*

2.4.73. A total of IRL 157 million was lent, the major portion (IRL 101 million) going towards the development of telecommunications and the remainder to energy

investment. All the loans carried a 3% interest subsidy under the arrangements adopted when Ireland joined the European Monetary System.<sup>6</sup>

For telecommunications development, IRL 75 million from the Bank's own resources went to Irish Telecommunications Investments Ltd and IRL 26 million from NCI resources to the State. The loans will help to finance extension and modernization work throughout the Irish telecommunications network (new or larger exchanges, conversion of manual to automatic exchanges, extension of urban, trunk, telex and datel networks and new subscriber connections. The total cost of the work is estimated at IRL 203 million.

In the energy sector IRL 28 million, of which IRL 10 million was from the New Community instrument, went to the Bord Gais Eireann for the construction of the Cork-Dublin gas pipeline, which will form the basis of the network to carry the natural gas discovered off Cork (Kinsale Head) in 1973. The cost of the 244-km-long pipeline, which will run entirely underground, is estimated at IRL 56 million. By opening up an indigenous source of energy, it will help to reduce the Community's dependence on oil imports, since up to now part of the demand for gas has had to be met by gas produced from mineral oil. Completion of the pipeline should also help to improve conditions for regional development in the areas it serves.

A further loan of IRL 28 million went to the Electricity Supply Board for the construction of the Moneypoint power station (Co. Clare). This brings the total of the Bank's

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 261, 6.10.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.174.

<sup>2</sup> Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.84.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 196, 30.7.1982; Bull. EC 7/8-1982, point 2.1.84.

<sup>4</sup> The conversion rates at 30 September used by the EIB in statistics for the current quarter were 1 ECU = DM 2.35, UKL 0.55, FF 6.64, LIT 1 324, HFL 2.57, BFR 45.64, LFR 45.64, DKR 8.23, DR 66.78, IRL 0.69, USD 0.93.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 298, 25.10.1978; Bull. EC 10-1978, point 2.1.10.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 200, 8.8.1979; Bull. EC 7/8-1979, point 2.1.2.

loans for the project to IRL 100 million. Moneypoint will be the first large coal-fired power station in Ireland and will comprise three 300-MW generating plants. It is due to come into service between 1985 and 1987 and will reduce the consumption of oil products for the generation of electricity by some 1.2 million tonnes oil equivalent.

### *Italy*

2.4.74. A total of LIT 213 000 million was for investments in the Mezzogiorno and LIT 39 000 million for investments in northern Italy aimed at reducing dependence on oil imports and energy consumption in industry.

In the Mezzogiorno LIT 90 000 million was lent to the Societa Italiana per l'Esercizio Telefonico for extension to the telephone network in Apulia involving 138 000 new subscriber connections. The estimated cost of the project is LIT 285 000 million. A global loan of LIT 50 000 million was made to the Istituto per lo Sviluppo Economica dell'Italia Meridionale to help finance small and medium-sized industrial ventures. A further LIT 34 000 million went to the Azienda Nazionale Autonoma delle Strade for improvements to the 35-km stretch of National Highway 93 between Melfi and Potenza in Basilicata. The project, costing LIT 79 000 million, is designed to facilitate transport, especially of agricultural produce, in this mountainous region.

A loan of LIT 20 000 million was granted to Solvay for investments to reduce energy consumption in a chemical plant in Rosignano, Tuscany, by some 20% by means of heat recuperation and lower electricity consumption. The resulting savings are estimated at an annual 60 000 tonnes oil equivalent. Loans totalling LIT 8 000 million went towards investment for the same purpose in various FIAT factories in northern Italy. Heat recuperation, the rationalization of lighting, heating and power consumption in the workshops, and the use of local generating plant are expected to yield savings of

around 90 000 tonnes oil equivalent per year.

The Bank lent LIT 6 000 million for the construction of a gas main linking Bologna to the national natural gas network, allowing natural gas to be used instead of oil at a saving of some 60 000 tonnes a year. It also lent LIT 5 000 million for the extension of the gas network in the Arno valley to connect up new clients and so reduce oil consumption by some 15 000 tonnes a year. Ultimately the network will be linked up to the Algeria-Italy gasline.

Several of the loans, worth LIT 135 000 million altogether, carry a 3% interest subsidy under the arrangements adopted when Italy joined the European Monetary System.

### *France*

2.4.75. A global loan of FF 100 million was made to the Caisse d'Aide à l'Equipe-ment des Collectivités Locales to help finance small and medium-scale public infrastructure schemes in areas faced with development or conversion problems.

### **Outside the Community**

2.4.76. In Spain the Bank lent 10 million ECU for energy investments. A total of 6 million ECU will go towards hydroelectric generating equipment and the working of open-cast or underground coalmines with the aim of reducing the country's dependence on oil imports. The remaining 4 million ECU is for investments in industrial energy-saving schemes involving technical improvements to two furnaces in a refinery and the replacement or modification of furnaces in a glass moulding factory, which should save 30 000 and 6 300 tonnes of oil a year respectively.

2.4.77. In Zaire the Bank lent 380 000 ECU from the risk capital which it manages under the Lomé Convention for a feasibility study on the Manono tin mines.



**PART THREE**  
**DOCUMENTATION**

# 1. ECU

## Values in national currencies of one ECU

29 October 1982<sup>1</sup>

Belgian franc and Luxembourg franc (convertible)	45.4959
Belgian franc and Luxembourg franc (financial)	47.2397
German mark	2.35281
Dutch guilder	2.55519
Pound sterling	0.547783
Danish krone	8.26489
French franc	6.64816
Italian lira	1 348.26
Irish pound	0.690863
Greek drachma	66.8625
United States dollar	0.917811
Swiss franc	2.02992
Spanish peseta	107.843
Swedish krona	6.82851
Norwegian krone	6.64954
Canadian dollar	1.12570
Portuguese escudo	82.8783
Austrian schilling	16.5206
Finnish mark	5.06953
Japanese yen	254.784
Australian dollar	0.981091
New Zealand dollar	1.29818

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 285, 30.10.1982.

*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 1982

National currency	Value in national currency of one ECU
Belgian franc and Luxembourg franc	42.9772
Danish krone	8.23400
German mark	2.57524 <sup>1</sup> 2.65660 <sup>2</sup>
Greek drachma	64.8597 <sup>3</sup> 66.5526 <sup>2</sup>
French franc	6.19564
Irish pound	0.691011
Italian lira	1 289.00 <sup>4</sup> 1 258.00 <sup>5</sup> 1 227.00 <sup>2</sup>
Dutch guilder	2.75563 <sup>1</sup> 2.81318 <sup>2</sup>
Pound sterling	0.618655

<sup>1</sup> For sugar and isoglucose, milk and milk products, beef and veal, sheepmeat, cereals, eggs and poultrymeat.

<sup>2</sup> For other products.

<sup>3</sup> For olive oil.

<sup>4</sup> For sugar and isoglucose, milk and milk products, sheepmeat, beef and veal, wine and seeds.

<sup>5</sup> For pigmeat, olive oil and fish.

## 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 6-1982

#### *Point 2.2.67*

Cooperation Agreement between the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) and the European Communities

OJ L 300, 28.10.1982

### Bull. EC 7/8-1982

#### *Point 2.1.39*

Commission Decision of 22 July 1982 on the designation of areas eligible for regional aid in Denmark from 1 January 1982

OJ L 290, 14.10.1982

#### *Point 2.1.49*

Commission Decision of 22 July 1982 on aid granted by the Belgian Government to a paper-manufacturing undertaking

OJ L 280, 2.10.1982

#### *Point 2.1.174*

Proposal for a Council Regulation on the granting of financial support for pilot industrial projects and demonstration projects relating to the liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels

OJ C 261, 6.10.1982

### Bull. EC 9-1982

#### *Point 2.1.75*

Commission Decision of 28 September 1982 concerning applications for reimbursement and advance payments for the agricultural measures covered by the integrated development programme for the department of Lozère

OJ L 301, 28.10.1982

#### *Point 2.1.91*

Proposal for a Council Regulation on the payment of financial incentives in support of categories of investment in the rational use of energy

OJ C 285, 30.10.1982

## 3. Infringement procedures

### Initiation of proceedings for failure to implement Directives

3.3.1. In October the Commission sent letters of formal notice to Member States for failure to implement Directives in the following 20 cases:

(i) Council Directive 75/339/EEC of 20 May 1975 obliging the Member States to maintain minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations<sup>1</sup> (France);

(ii) Fourth Council Directive 78/660/EEC of 25 July 1978 based on Article 54(3)(g) of the Treaty on the annual accounts of certain types of companies<sup>2</sup> (Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands);

(iii) Commission Directive 80/766/EEC of 8 July 1980 laying down the Community method of analysis for the official control of the vinyl chloride monomer level in materials and articles which are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs<sup>3</sup> (Belgium, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Ireland);

(iv) Council Directive 80/891/EEC of 25 July 1980 relating to the Community method of analysis for determining the erucic acid content in oils and fats intended to be used as such for

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 153, 13.6.1975.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 222, 14.8.1978.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 213, 16.8.1980.

human consumption and foodstuffs containing added oils on fats<sup>1</sup>(Belgium, Denmark, France, Netherlands);

(v) Council Directive 79/115/EEC of 21 December 1978 concerning pilotage of vessels by deep-sea pilots in the North Sea and English Channel<sup>2</sup> (Belgium);

(vi) Council Directive 73/148/EEC of 21 May 1973 on the abolition of restrictions on movement and residence within the Community for nationals of Member States with regard to establishment and the provision of services<sup>3</sup> (Greece).

### Reasoned opinions

3.3.2. In October the Commission delivered six reasoned opinions concerning four Member States, in the following cases:

(i) Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat<sup>4</sup> (Italy);

(ii) Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of 17 May 1977 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes—Common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment<sup>5</sup> (Italy);

(iii) Ministerial Decree prohibiting the registration of used buses more than seven years old, of foreign origin (Italy);

(iv) System of cash payments for imports/Act of Accession (Greece);

(v) Council Directive 75/117/EEC of 10 February 1975 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the application of the principle of equal pay for men and women<sup>6</sup> (Denmark);

(vi) Council Directive 76/207/EEC of 9 February 1976 on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions<sup>7</sup> (Germany).

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 254, 27.9.1980.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 33, 8.2.1979.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 172, 28.6.1973.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 55, 8.3.1971.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 145, 13.6.1977.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 45, 19.2.1975.

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 39, 14.2.1976.

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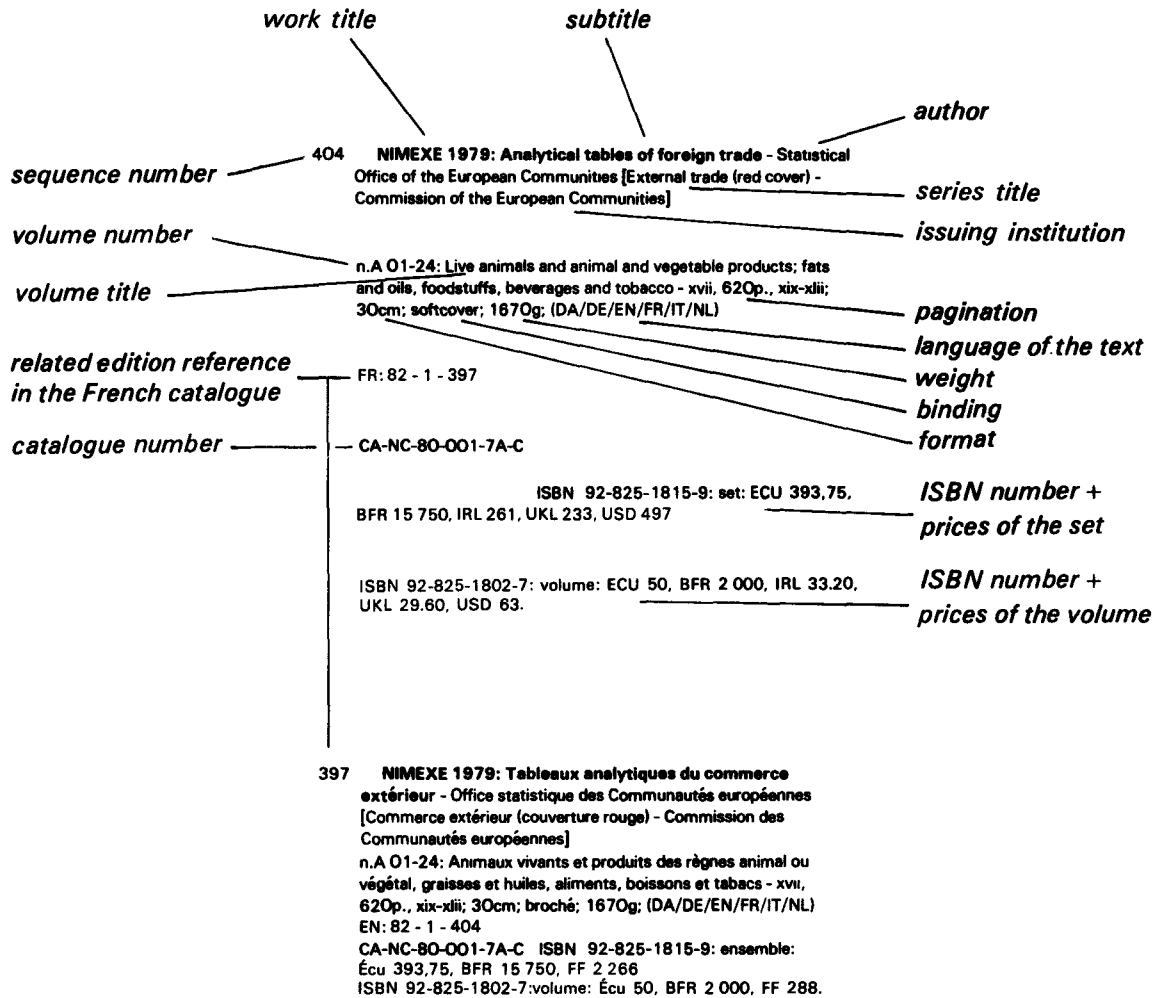
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FF French franc	USD US dollar





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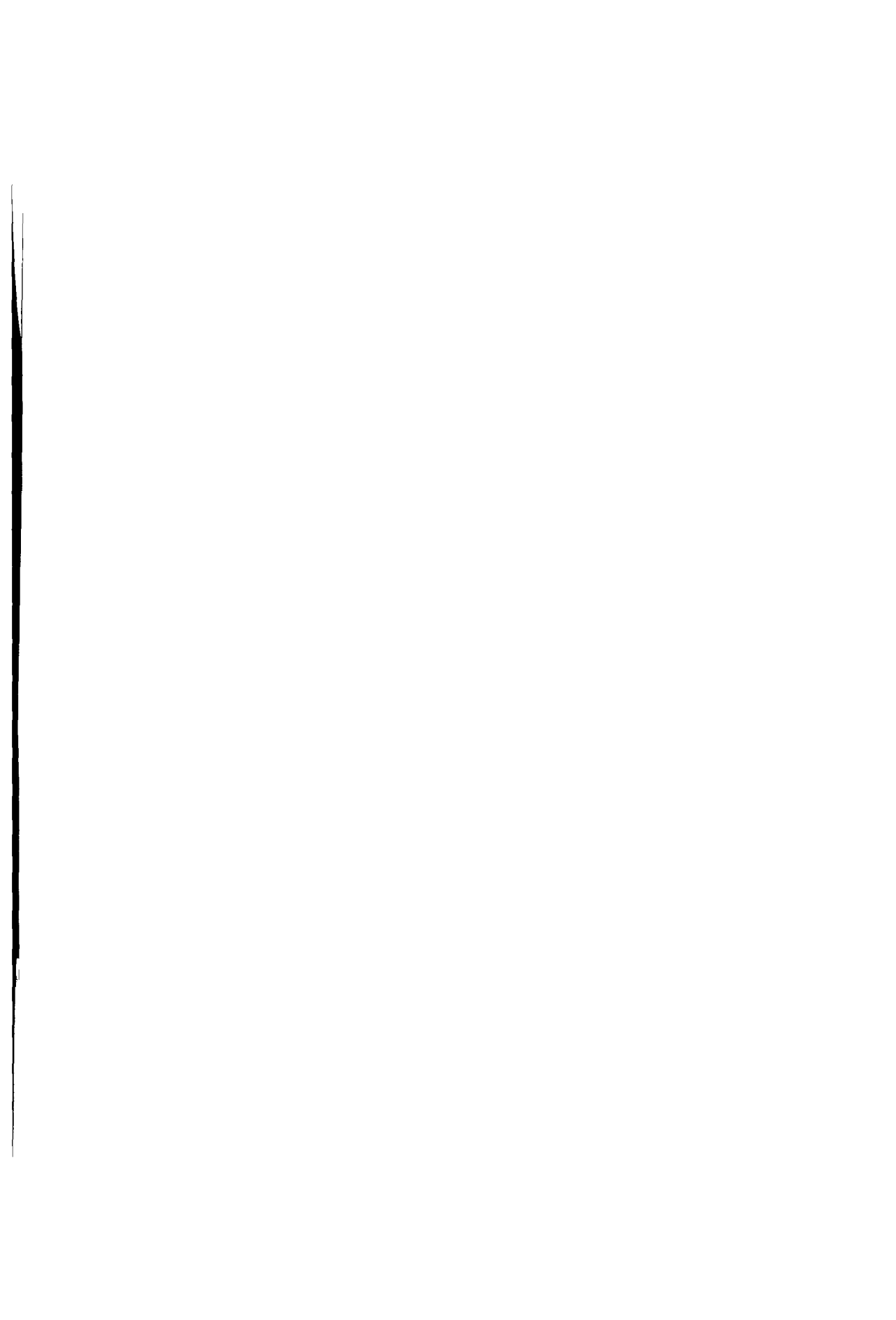
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