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897th meeting of the Council
- Budget -
Strasbourg, 13 December 1983
President: Mr Antonios GEORGIADIS,
State Secretary
at the Ministry of the National Economy
of the Hellenic Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Knud Erik TYGESEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Antonios GEORGIADIS,
State Secretary,
Ministry of the National Economy

Mr Dimitris TSOVOLAS
State Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Henri EMMANUELLI
State Secretary responsible for
the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Jim O'KEEFFE
Minister of State at the
Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean FEYDER
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr H.A.L. VIJVERBERG
Deputy Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr Ian STEWART
Economic Secretary
to the Treasury

Commission

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

Mr F.J.J.J. ANDRIESSEN
Member

DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1984

The Council discussed the draft general budget for 1984 in the light of the second reading by the European Parliament Committee on Budgets and of the "Triialogue" meeting on 9 December.

In this connection the Council had meetings with a European Parliament delegation led by its President, Mr DANKERT, and consisting of the following members: Mr LANGE, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets; Mrs BARBARELLA, Mr NOTENBOOM and Mr ROSSI, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets; Mrs SCHRIVENER, Rapporteur for the 1984 budget; Mrs NEBOUT, Mr AIGNER, Mr ANSQUER, Mr ARNDT, Mr BALFOUR, Mr BONDE and Mr PFENNIG, members of the Committee on Budgets and Mr OPITZ, Secretary-General of the European Parliament.

The discussion concentrated on the main issues still in dispute between the two branches of the budget authority, in particular those concerning the EAGGF, Guarantee Section, the budget rebate for Germany and the United Kingdom, the amount of appropriations for payment and commitment, the European industrial area and the right to amend the statement of revenue.

Despite considerable efforts to reach agreement, it did not prove possible to achieve a solution acceptable to both sides of the budget authority.

