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ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE

In preparation for the 9th ministerial session of the negotiating conference on the accession of Greece, taking place on the same day, the Council defined the Community's negotiating position on the following chapters: duration of the transitional measures and temporary derogations, agriculture and social policy.

The Council welcomed the fact that it was thus able, as planned, to initiate negotiations of substance on the above three chapters at the day's ministerial session with the Greek delegation led by Mr RALLIS, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr KONTOGEORGIS, Minister responsible for relations with the European Communities, with the aim of being able to break the back of the negotiations at the 10th ministerial negotiating session scheduled for 20 December.

The Council will prepare the next negotiating session on 19 December 1978.
