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## 495th Council meeting

- Transport -

Brussels, 20 and 21 December 1977

President: Mr Jos CHABERT,  
Minister of Transport  
of the Kingdom of Belgium



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

### Belgium:

Mr Jos CHABERT Minister for Transport

### **Denmark:**

Mr Kjeld OLESEN Minister for Public Works and Transport

Mr Jørgen HALCK State Secretary,  
Ministry of Public Works and  
Transport

### **Germany:**

Mr Heinz RUHNAU State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Transport

### France:

**Mr Marcel CAVAILLE**      State Secretary to the  
Minister for Equipment and  
Regional Development  
(Transport)

### Ireland:

Mr Padraig FAULKNER Minister for Tourism and Transport

### Italy:

## Luxembourg:

**Mr Joseph WEYLAND**      **Deputy Permanent Representative**

Netherlands:

Mr E. A. van SWINDEREN

Deputy Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr John HORAM

Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Transport

Commission:

Mr Richard BURKE

Member

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INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT BY COACH AND BUS

The Council agreed to the Decision amending the directives for the negotiations on the rules applicable to occasional international carriage of passengers by coach and bus between the European Economic Communities and third countries which are members of the European Conference of Ministers for Transport.

This Decision is intended to enable the negotiations between the Community and Austria, Spain, Greece, Finland, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Yugoslavia, all of which are members of the ECMT, to be concluded.

The Agreement thus negotiated will be the first transport agreement with third countries to which the Community is a contracting party and will liberalize occasional international carriage of passengers by coach and bus between the countries concerned and between them and the Community.

In order to solve some problems which have arisen in the course of these negotiations, the amendment to the directives introduces a reciprocal information procedure and entrusts certain tasks connected with the administration of the Agreement to the Secretariat of the European Conference of Ministers for Transport.

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TAXATION OF COMMERCIAL ROAD VEHICLES

The Council took note of the progress made on the proposal for a first Directive on the adjustment of national taxation systems for commercial road vehicles.

The proposal forms a first step towards the charging of infrastructure costs to the transport industry, a principle designed to bring about healthier competition between hauliers and between the different forms of transport and to place it on a more rational footing.

The Council agreed to continue its discussions on this matter on the basis of a compromise worked out by the Presidency and to take a decision on it at a future meeting before the end of June 1978.

COMMUNITY QUOTA

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States.

This decision raises the total number of authorizations to 2,835, broken down as follows:

Belgium	318
Denmark	203
Germany	512
France	491
Ireland	60
Italy	383
Luxembourg	84
Netherlands	458
United Kingdom	326

These figures represent a 20% across-the-board increase over the authorizations currently granted, the total number of which has not been increased since 1975, and will enable Member States to meet the strong demand for authorizations as reflected in the rising level of use.

The Council recorded its agreement on a model book of record sheets that were simpler than those of the previous model and also agreed to continue Community financing of the classification and taping of the information on the record sheets completed by hauliers for checking and statistical analysis purposes.

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CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY ROAD

The Council agreed to the Directive amending the first Council Directive on the establishment of common rules for certain types of carriage of goods by road between Member States.

In taking this decision, the Council agreed to increase from 50km to 100km the total distance as the crow flies for which frontier carriage has been liberalized.

It was also agreed to provide for the liberalization of the carriage of vehicles which have broken down (the carriage of damaged vehicles has been liberalized since 1962) and the carriage of spare parts for aircraft.

DRIVING LICENCES

The Council recorded its agreement in principle on the introduction of a Community driving licence and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to

- continue examining the proposal from the Presidency, giving special priority to:
  - the mutual recognition of national licences;
  - the establishment of a Community model for national licences;

to enable the Council to take a decision at its next meeting.

TEMPORARY LAYING-UP OF VESSELS

The Council signified its agreement in principle to the Decision amending the Directives on the opening of negotiations with Switzerland for an Agreement on the implementation of regulations for the temporary laying-up of vessels for the transport of goods and applicable to certain inland waterways.

The amended proposal proved necessary in view of the opinion delivered by the Court of Justice in July 1976 concerning the incompatibility of the initial draft Agreement with the provisions of the Treaty.

Certain material difficulties which emerged regarding the inland waterways to which the Agreement should apply led the Council to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the de facto and de jure situation and report back.

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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES

The Council agreed to the institution of a consultation procedure and to the setting up of a Committee on Transport Infrastructures.

This procedure will replace that of the Council Decision of 28 February 1966 by extending consultation in this field to cover the stage of plans and programmes and enabling a number of questions which are essential for appraising Community interest to be dealt with, i.e. the examination of the criteria for the optimum choice of investments, the integration of the objectives of the common transport policy with those of other Community policies and the study of estimated transport requirements.

The aforementioned proposal for a Decision sets out the concept of Community interest, extends notification to cover plans and programmes which are of significance for an appraisal of projects of Community interest and finally stipulates that projects may be notified once they have been sufficiently identified. Since the legal basis for the Decision is Article 75 of the EEC Treaty, the projects referred to are only those concerning road, inland waterway and rail transport.

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The forum for this consultation procedure will be the Committee, which will be the focus for co-operation between the Commission and the Member States and between the Member States themselves. The Committee will organize the exchange of information on plans and programmes, examine the choice between investment criteria and study requirement forecasts. It will examine divergences between forward studies and projects, plans and programmes and permit detailed study of any other question concerning the Community transport network.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the proposal for a Regulation concerning aid to projects of Community interest in the field of transport infrastructure so that it could act on the proposal at a forthcoming meeting.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES

The Council took note of a new Commission proposal submitted to the Council on 15 December concerning accession to the Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine this proposal and to report back in time for it to take a decision by the end of June 1978.

SUMMER-TIME

The Council took stock of progress on the proposal for a Directive on summer-time arrangements.

The Council hoped that the problems encountered could be overcome in the first half of 1978 and to this end, drew the attention of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the matter.

WORKING PROGRAMME

The Council took note of the transport matters in the Commission communication on priority business for the Council working programme to 1980.

The communication contains a list of priorities for action which the Commission would like the Council to take in this period. They are grouped under the following headings:

Inland transport: (general policy, road, railways and waterways); shipping; air transport and ports policy.

The Council stated that it would endeavour to take account of these priorities in its future proceedings.



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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Unilateral import arrangements for 1978 in respect of  
State-trading countries

The Council adopted the unilateral import arrangements applicable for 1978 in respect of State-trading countries. In view of the general economic situation in the Community, the increase in import quotas does not, as a general rule, exceed 5%. Special provisions have also been laid down for the textile sector with a view to co-ordinating the Community's unilateral policy with the new commercial policy implemented in this sector. However, the provisions adopted are transitional, since the Council agreed to adopt the definitive arrangements in respect of imports of textile products from these third countries by 1 March 1978.

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

In accordance with the request of 7 July 1977 from the Republic of Djibouti and in response to the desire expressed by the ACP States, the Council formally confirmed the Community's agreement to the accession to the Lomé Convention of Djibouti which became independent on 27 June 1977.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 706/76 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the ACP States or the OCT.

In response to requests from the ACP States, the Council adopted the Regulations on the implementation of Decisions Nos 11/77 and 12/77 of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers derogating from the definition of the concept of originating products in order to take account of the special situation of Mauritius

- with regard to certain textile products;
- with regard to its tuna products.

The Council adopted an amendment to the Decision of 29 June 1976 on the association of the OCT by extending the list of products eligible for the STABEX system.

#### 1978 budget

The Council approved the new Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities which will enter into force on 1 January 1978. This Regulation replaces the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973.

This Regulation, which was the subject of fruitful conciliation with the European Parliament, contains some important changes:

- it takes into account, in particular, the adjustment of the budgetary powers of the Institutions resulting from the Treaty of 22 July 1975;
- it introduces the European unit of account in the budget;
- and, finally, it brings up to date and simplifies budgetary procedures.

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EFTA

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations derogating from the provisions of list A on the application of the Decision annexed to Protocol No 3 of the EEC/EFTA Joint Committees concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation (consolidation of the texts relating to the rules of origin and administrative co-operation).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations on the application of the Decisions of the EEC/EFTA Joint Committees supplementing and amending the No 3 Protocols concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation and replacing certain Decisions of the Joint Committees (extension of the existing derogation until 31 December 1978).

Approximation of laws

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Directives

- amending Directive 70/156/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers;

- on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to
  - the interior fittings of motor vehicles (identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators);
  - the defrosting and demisting systems of motor vehicles;
  - windscreen wiper and washer systems of motor vehicles.

Commercial Questions

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation maintaining in effect the rules whereby imports into Italy of electric filament lamps from certain State-trading countries are subject to import authorizations.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation increasing (from 3,800 t. to 4,100 t.) the Community tariff quota opened for 1977 by Regulation (EEC) No 3010/76 for raw silk (not thrown) falling within heading No 50.02 of the Common Customs Tariff.

Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation increasing the volume of the Community tariff quota opened for 1977 for unwrought magnesium falling within subheading No 77.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff.

Agricultural questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations

- on certain measures to end abuses resulting from the sale of agricultural products aboard ship;
- extending certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources.

ECSC questions

The Council gave the assent requested by the Commission on a draft Commission Decision (ECSC) concerning limitation periods in proceedings and enforcement of sanctions under the Treaty establishing the ECSC.

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, adopted the Decisions

- on certain tariff measures for the first half of 1978;
  - on the nomenclature and the rate of conventional duties for certain products;
  - on temporary imports and exports of scrap, exports of rolling mill cylinders and exports of alloy steel scrap to third countries.
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A M OPITZ, DG VIII

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OBJET : CONSEIL TRANSPORT

LE CONSEIL TRANSPORT SE DEROULERA LE 20 ET 21 DECEMBRE A BRUXELLES SOUS LA PRESIDENCE DE M CHABERT, MINISTRE BELGE DE TRANSPORT. LE CONSEIL COMMENCERA A 15 HEURES. L'ORDRE DU JOUR EST PARTICULIEREMENT CHARGE ET COMPORE 11 POINTS DE SUBSTANCE. SUR L'ORDRE DU JOUR FIGURENT NOTAMMENT :

1. AUGMENTATION DU CONTINGENT COMMUNAUTAIRE POUR LES TRANSPORT DE MARCHANDISES PAR ROUTE

DANS SA PROPOSITION D'AOUT 1977, LA COMMISSION A PROPOSE QUE LE CONTINGENT ACTUEL (GELE DEPUIS 1975) DEVRAIT ETRE DOUBLE DE 2.363 A 4.726 AUTORISATIONS ( VOIR NOTE P-77). L'ALLEMAGNE ET L'ITALIE SONT OPPOSE A CETTE AUGMENTATION ET LA PRESIDENCE A ELABORE UN COMPROMIS QUI LIMITERAIT L'AUGMENTATION A 30 POUR-CENT.

2. AMENAGEMENT DES SYSTEMES NATIONAUX DE TAXES SUR LES VEHICULES UTILITAIRES

CETTE PROJET DE DIRECTIVE REMONTE A 17 JUILLET 1968 ET VISE A HARMONISER LES SYSTEMES NATIONAUX DE TAXES (PAS LES TAUX A CE STADE) SUR LES POIDS LOURDS (12 TONNES ET PLUS DE POIDS TOTAL) EN BASANT LA TAXATION SUR LES COUTS D'USAGE QUE CES VEHICULES OCCASIONNENT AU RESEAU ROUTIER. LA DIRECTIVE AURA POUR EFFET D'ENTRAINER UNE REDUCTION GRADUELLE DES VEHICULES LES PLUS AGGRESSIFS ET DONC LES COUTS D'ENTRETIEN DES ROUTES AINSI QU'UNE HARMONISATION DES CONDITIONS DE CONCURRENCE.

3. PERMIS DE CONDUIRE

LE CONSEIL EST SAISI D'UNE PROPOSITION DE DIRECTIVE QUI VISE A INSTITUER, A PARTIR DU 1ER JANVIER 1980, UN PERMIS DE CONDUIRE COMMUNAUTAIRE VALABLE DONC DANS TOUTE LA COMMUNAUTE. CE PERMIS SERAIT DELIVRE PAR LES ETATS MEMBRES SOIT APRES REUSSITE A UN EXAMEN THEORIQUE ET PRATIQUE, SOIT PAR L'ECHANGE DES PERMIS NATIONAUX QUI APRES LE 1ER JANVIER 1980 NE SERAIENT PLUS DELIVRES MAIS RESTERONT EN COURS DE VALIDITE, APRES UNE PERIODE TRANSITOIRE

ON PROCEDERAIT A UNE NORMALISATION DES CONDITIONS DE DELIVERANCES ET DE RETRAIT DE CES PERMIS DANS LE BUT D'AMELIORER LA SECURITE DE LA CIRCULATION. LE PERMIS COMMUNAUTAIRE RESOUDRAIT A L'INTERIEUR DE LA COMMUNAUTE A LA FOIS LE PROBLEME DE LA RECONNAISSANCE

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RECIPROQUE DES PERMIS ET CELUI DE L'ECHANGE DE CES PERMIS EN CAS DE CHANGEMENT DE RESIDENCE D'UN PAYS A L'AUTRE. IL EST DOUTEUX, CEPENDANT, QUE LE CONSEIL APPROUVE LA DIRECTIVE LORS DE CETTE SESSION EN RAISON NOTAMMENT DES RESERVES BRITANNIQUES.

#### 4. CONSULTATIONS EN MATIERE D'INFRASTRUCTURE DE TRANSPORT

CETTE PROPOSITION VISE A REMEDIER AUX LACUNES QUI SUBSISTENT DANS LA DECISION DU CONSEIL DU 28 FEBRIER 1966 INSTITUANT UNE PROCEDURE DE CONSULTATION EN MATIERE D'INVESTISSEMENTS DANS L'INFRASTRUCTURE DE TRANSPORT. LA NOUVELLE DECISION PREVOIT NOTAMMENT DES CONSULTATIONS DANS LE CADRE D'UN COMITE SUR DES PROJETS D'INTERET COMMUNAUTAIRE (AXES TRANSFRONTALIERS, SUPPRESSION D'UN GOULOT D'ETRANGLEMENT, NOUVELLES TECHNIQUES DE TRANSPORT POUR LIAISONS INTERURBAINES A GRANDE DISTANCE ETC.) AINSI QUE SUR LES PLANS ET PROGRAMMES NATIONAUX DE DEVELOPPEMENT DES INFRASTRUCTURES DE TRANSPORT. LE CONSEIL NE DISCUTERA PAS CETTE FOIS DU PROJET DE REGLEMENT LIE A CETTE DECISION ET QUI PREVOIT UN SYSTEME D'AIDE FINANCIERE POUR DES PROJETS D'INFRASTRUCTURE D'UN INTERET COMMUNAUTAIRE.

#### 5. CODE DE CONDUITE POUR LES CONFERENCES MARITIMES

LE CONSEIL VIENT D'ETRE SAISI DE LA NOUVELLE PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION CONCERNANT L'ATTITUDE DE LA COMMUNAUTE VIS-A-VIS D'UN CODE DE CONDUITE DES NATIONS UNIES POUR LES CONFERENCES MARITIMES (VOIR NOTE P-121). ON S'ATTEND QUE LE CONSEIL INVITERA LE COREPER DE POURSUIVRE LES TRAVAUX EN VUE DE PARVENIR A UNE DECISION DANS UN PROCHE AVENIR.

#### 6. L'HEURE D'ETE

LA PROPOSITION SUR LA TABLE DU CONSEIL PREVOIT L'INTRODUCTION D'UNE PERIODE UNIFORME DE L'HEURE D'ETE DANS TOUS LES ETATS MEMBRES A PARTIR DE 1979. JE VOUS PRECISE QUE LES ETATS MEMBRES NE SERONT PAS OBLIGES D'APPLIQUER LA MEME HEURE MAIS LA MEME PERIODE AU COURS DE LAQUELLE L'HEURE EST AVANCE 60 MINUTES PAR RAPPORT AU RESTE DE L'ANNEE. LES PERIODES PROPOSEES SONT LES SUIVANTES :

1979	1 AVRIL A 14 OCTOBRE
1980	30 MARS A 12 OCTOBRE
1981	5 AVRIL A 11 OCTOBRE

TOUTES LES DELEGATIONS SAUF CELLES DU ROYAUME-UNI ET L'ALLEMAGNE SEMBLENT PRETES A APPROUVER LA DIRECTIVE. POUR L'ALLEMAGNE UN PROJET DE LOI POUR L'INTRODUCTION DE L'HEURE D'ETE

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MENT BRITANNIQUE SERA OBLIGE DE CONSULTER SON PARLEMENT AVANT ■■■■■  
DE DONNER SON APPROBATION FORMELLE. L'ITALIE POURRAIT ACCEPTER  
LA DIRECTIVE A CONDITION QUE L'AUTRICHE ET LA SUISSE ADOPTENT LA  
MEME PERIODE, SELON LES DERNIER RENSEIGNEMENTS, L'■■■■■AUTRICHE  
INTRODUIRA L'HEURE D'ETE SI L'ALLEMAGNE LE FERA ET LA SUISSE A  
DECIDE DE L'INTRODUIRE SOUS RESERVE DU RESULTAT D'UN REFERENDUM  
PREVU EN FEVRIER PROCHAIN.

7. ACTIONS PRIORITAIRES POUR LE CONSEIL JUSQU'EN 1980

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IL Y AURA UN ECHANGE DE VUES SUR LA COMMUNICATION DE LA  
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#### CONSEIL TRANSPORTS

LE CONSEIL S'EST OUVERT A 15H30.

LE BROUILLARD AVAIT EMPECHE L'ARRIVEE A L'HEURE DES MINISTRES BRITANNIQUE ET IRLANDAIS.

LA DELEGATION NEERLANDAISE A DECLARE QUE LE NOUVEAU MINISTRE NE POUVAIT ASSISTER A CETTE REUNION.

LE CONSEIL A D'ABORD APPROUVE UNE PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION CONCERNANT LA CONCLUSION D'UN ACCORD ENTRE LA COMMUNAUTE D'UNE PART, ET ~~ET L'AUTRICHE, L'ESPAGNE, LA FINLANDE, LA GRECE, LA NORVEGE, LE PORTUGAL, LA SUEDIE, LA SUISSE ET LA TURQUI~~ D'AUTRE PART, VISANT A ETABLIR DES REGLES UNIFORMES APPLICABLES ~~UNIFORMES~~ AUX SERVICES OCCASIONNELS EFFECTUES PAR AUTOBUS OU PAR AUTOCAR A DEPART OU DESTINATION D'UN DE CES PAYS TIERS.

LE CONSEIL A AUTORISE LA COMMISSION D'ELARGIR LE CHAMP D'APPLICATION DE L'ACCORD DE FACON QUE LES NEGOCIATIONS SUR L'AVANT PROJET PUISSENT ABOUTIR A DES REGLES D'UN CARACTERE VRAIMENT MULTILATERALES.

PAR EXEMPLE: 1. QUE L'ACCORD REGLEURAIT NON SEULEMENT LES RELATIONS DE TRANSPORT ENTRE LA CEE ET LES PAYS TIERS CONCERNES MAIS ENCORE LES TRANSPORTS ~~ENTRE CES PAYS TIERS~~ ENTRE CES PAYS TIERS.  
2. L'INTRODUCTION D'UNE PROCEDURE POUR L'INFORMATION MUTUELLE DES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES SUR LES INFRACTIONS COMMISES SUR LEUR TERRITOIRE ET SUR LES SANCTIONS ARRETEES.

AUGMENTATION DU CONTINGENT COMMUNAUTAIRE POUR LES TRANSPORTS DE MARCHANDISES PAR ROUTE

LA PROPOSITION ~~UNIFORMES~~ DE COMPROMIS DU PRESIDENT D'AUGMENTER LE CONTINGENT ACTUEL A ~~UNIFORMES~~ 30% AU LIEU DE 100% PROPOSE PAR LA COMMISSION ETAIT ACCEPTABLE A TOUTES LES DELEGATIONS COMME UN MINIMUM, SAUF L'ALLEMAGNE QUI ESTIME CETTE AUGMENTATION COMME PAS JUSTIFIEE ET QUI AGGRAVERAIT LES PROBLEMES DES CHEMINS DE FER.

ON EST CONVENU DE REVENIR SUR CE POINT PLUS TARD AU COURS DE CETTE REUNION.

LA SEANCE A ETE SUSPENDUE POUR 10 MINUTES A 17H40. A SUIVRE

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CONSEIL TRANSPORTS

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APRES LA REPRISE DE LA SEANCE VERS 18.30 LE CONSEIL EST PARVENU A UN ACCORD SUR L'AUGMENTATION DU CONTINGENT COMMUNAUTAIRE POUR LES TRANSPORTS DE MARCHANDISES PAR ROUTE EFFECTUES ENTRE ETATS MEMBRES. POUR RENCONTRER LE REFUS ALLEMAND D'ACCEPTER UNE AUGMENTATION DE 30 POUR CENT, LE PRESIDENT A PROPOSE 20 POUR CENT. POUR LA COMMISSION, M. BURKE A DEPLORE LE PEU D'EFFET QU'UNE TELLE AUGMENTATION AURAIT SUR LE TOTAL DU TRAFIC DES MARCHANDISES PAR ROUTE VU QUE LES CONTINGENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES N'AFFECTENT QUE 4 POUR CENT DU TRAFIC TOTAL.

L'AUGMENTATION DE 20 POUR CENT APPROUVEE PAR LE CONSEIL A COMME SUITE LES QUOTAS SUIVANTS POUR 1978 (CHIFFRES ARRONDIS):

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ALLEMAGNE	512
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ETABLISSEMENT DE REGLES COMMUNES POUR CERTAINS TRANSPORTS DE MARCHANDISES PAR ROUTE ENTRE ETATS MEMBRES

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LE CONSEIL S'EST MIS D'ACCORD D'ASSOUBLIR LES MESURES ACTUELLES DE LIBERALISATION CONCERNANT LES TRAFICS FRONTALIERS DANS UNE ZONE S'ETENDANT DE PART ET D'AUTRE DE LA FRONTIERE SUR UNE PROFONDEUR DE 25 KMS A VOL D'OISEAU. LES TRANSPORTS QUI NE DEPASSENT PAS 100 KMS (AU LIEU DE 50 KMS ACTUELLEMENT) A L'INTERIEUR DE CETTE ZONE NE SERONT PAS SOUTenus AU SYSTEME DE CONTINGENTS ET D'AUTORISATIONS. LES TRANSPORTS DE PIECES DE RECHANGE POUR LES NAVIRES DE MER ET LES AVIONS SERONT EGALEMENT LIBERES DES CONTINGENTS.

■ LE CONSEIL REPRENDRA A ■ 10 HEURES CE MATIN PAR LE POINT 'PERMIS DE CONDUIRE'.

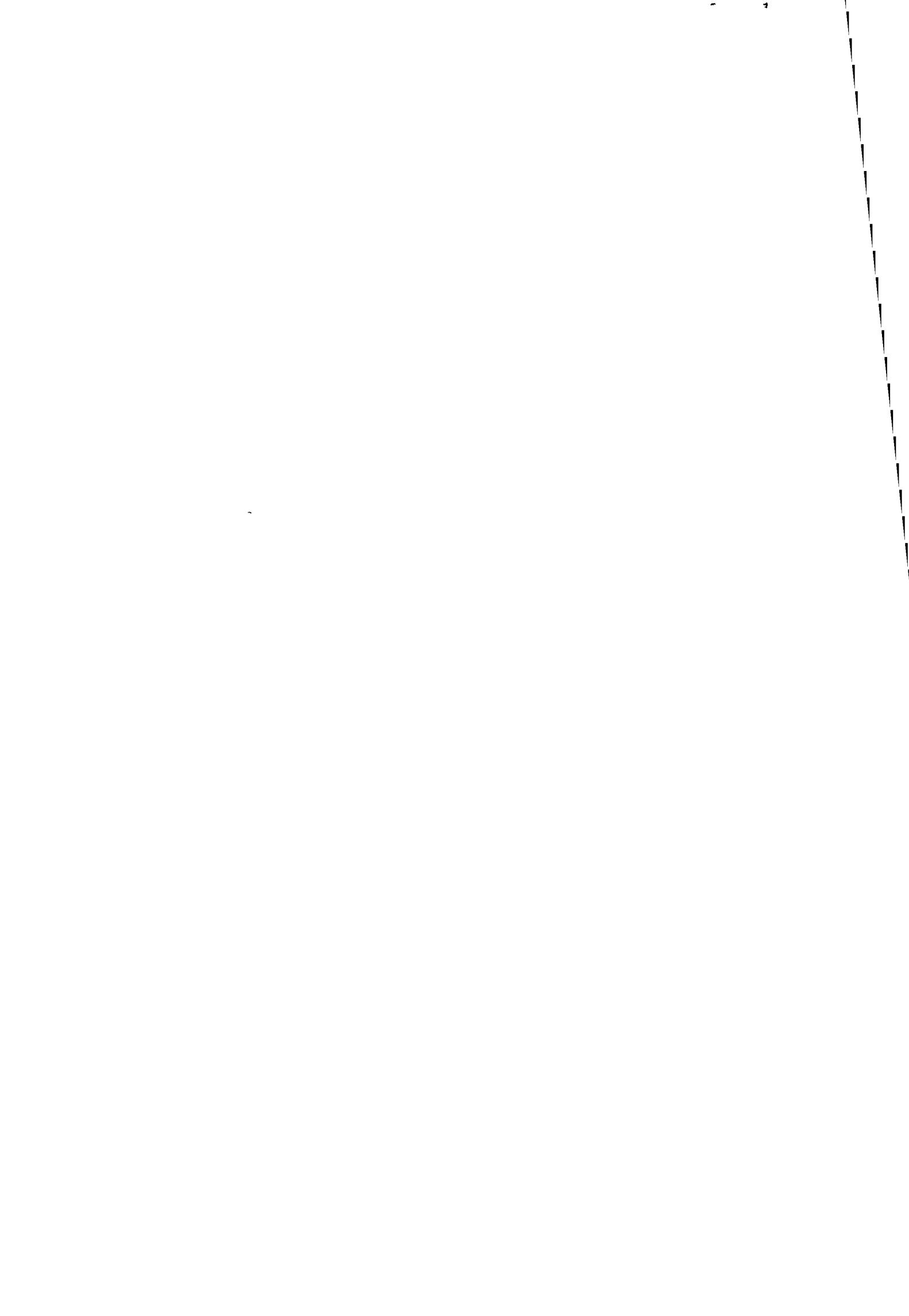
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II CONSEIL TRANSPORTS

LE CONSEIL S'EST TERMINE VERS TREIZE HEURES AUJOURD'HUI AYANT RECHERCHÉ ACCOMPLI CE QUE M. BURKE A DECRIT DEVANT LA PRESSE COMME 'UN ~~GRAND~~ GRAND SUCCES ET PROGRES HONNETE'. (A FAIR AMOUNT OF SUCCESS AND PROGRESS). VOICE QUELQUES DETAILS SUR LES DELIBERATIONS SUR LES DIFFERENTS POINTS:

PERMIS DE CONDUIRE:

COMME L'ON SE L'ATTENDAIT, LE CONSEIL N'EST PAS PARVENU A CETTE OCCASION, A UN ACCORD COMPLET SUR LE TEXTE D'UNE DIRECTIVE. NEANMOINS, LE CONSEIL A MARQUE SON ACCORD DE PRINCIPE SUR L'INTRODUCTION EN 1980 D'UN PERMIS DE CONDUIRE COMMUNAUTAIRE. IL A CHARGE LE COREPER DE POURSUIVRE L'EXAMEN D'UN TEXTE DE COMPROMIS DU PRESIDENT TOUT EN DONNANT UNE PRIORITE A (1) LA RECONNAISSANCE MUTUELLE DES PERMIS NATIONAUX (2) LA CREATION D'UN MODELE COMMUNAUTAIRE DES PERMIS NATIONAUX, EN VUE DE PERMETTRE AU CONSEIL TRANSPORTS DE STATUER LORS DE SA PROCHAINE SESSION. DIS LA DELEGATION BRITANNIQUE A EXPRIME SES DOUTES CONCERNANT UNE DECISION LORS DE LA PROCHAINE SESSION FIN DIS.

FONDS EUROPEEN D'IMMOBILISATION DES BATEAUX SUR LE RHIN:

LA COMMISSION EST AUTORISEE A ENGAGER A NOUVEAU DES NEGOCIATIONS AVEC LA SUISSE EN VUE D'INTRO~~DUIRE~~ DUIRE DANS LE TEXTE DES PROJETS D'ACCORD ET DU STATUT RELATIF A L'INSTITUTION DE CE FONDS PARAPHE EN 1976, LES MODIFICATIONS NECESSAIRES:

- POUR LE RENDRE COMPATIBLE AVEC L'AVIS 1/76 DE LA COUR DE JUSTICE (VOIR P- 68 ET COM(77)343 FINAL DU 19 JUILLET 1977);
- POUR TROUVER UNE SOLUTION AUX DIFFICULTES SIGNAL~~EES~~ES PAR LA DELEGATION NEERLANDAISE. DIS. LES PAYS BAS DEMANDENT UNE EXEMPTION DE L'APPLICATION DU FONDS CONCERNANT LES TRANSPORTS EFFECTUES A L'INTERIEUR DES PAYS-BAS ET ENTRE LES PAYS BAS ~~ET LA BELGIQUE AINSI QU'~~ ENTRE LES PAYS-BAS ET LA FRANCE, DANS ~~LA MESURE~~ OU CES TRANSPORTS N'UTILISENT PAS LE RHIN; FIN DIS ET LA BELGIQUE AINSI QU' ENTRE LES PAYS-BAS ET LA FRANCE, DANS LA MESURE OU CES TRANSPORTS N'UTILISENT PAS LE RHIN; FIN DIS.

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INFRASTRUCTURE:

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LE CONSEIL A APPROUVE AVEC QUELQUES AMENDEMENTS LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION DE JUILLET 1976 D'INSTITUER UNE PROCEDURE DE CONSULTATION CONCERNANT LES PROJETS D'INTERET COMMUNAUTAIRE ET LES PLANS ET PROGRAMMES NATIONAUX DE DEVELOPPEMENT DES INFRASTRUCTURES DE TRANSPORT. CES CONSULTATIONS AURONT LIEU DANS LE CADRE D'UN COMITE DES INFRASTRUCTURES DE TRANSPORT.

CODE DE CONSULTE POUR LES CONFERENCES MARITIMES:

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LE CONSEIL A CHARGE LE COREPER DE POURSUIVRE LES TRAVAUX SUR LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION EN VUE DE PARVENIR A UNE DECISION ■ AU PRINTEMPS 1978.

L'HEURE D'ETE

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LE DEBAT A CONFIRME QUE LA PROPOSITION D'INTRODUIRE UNE PERIODE UNIFORME DE L'HEURE D'ETE A PARTIR DE 1979 NE SOULEVE PAS DE ■ GRANDS PROBLEMES SAUF POUR L'ALLEMAGNE ET LE ROYAUME-UNI. POUR L'ALLEMAGNE L'ADOPTION DE L'HEURE D'ETE EST LIEE A LA NECESSITE DE GARDER LA MEME HEURE QUE BERLIN OUEST. OR UN CHANGEMENT D'HORAIRE A BERLIN OUEST A DES IMPLICATIONS EVIDENTES POUR D'AUTRES ZONES ETC. EN VUE DE CET ASPECT HAUTEMENT POLITIQUE DU DOSSIER ON EST CONVENU D'INVITER LE CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES A ESSAYER D'ARRIVER A UNE SOLUTION SUR CET ASPECT POLITIQUE ET LES MINISTRES ONT CHARGE M. BURKE DE PRESENTER LE DOSSIER LORS D'UNE REUNION FUTURE DES MINISTRES DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES ET DE FAIRE RAPPORT AU PROCHAIN CONSEIL TRANSPORTS. LE ROYAUME-UNI ATTEND UN MOUVEMENT DE LA PART DE L'ALLEMAGNE AVANT DE CONSULTER SON PARLEMENT SUR LE CHANGEMENT NECESSAIRE ■ AFIN D'ADOPTER LA PERIODE UNIFORME.

ACTIONS PRIORITAIRES POUR LE CONSEIL JUSQU'EN 1980

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LE CONSEIL A PRIS ACTE DE LA COMMUNICATION DE LA COMMISSION DE NOVEMBRE 1977 (VOIR P-112) QUI COMPORTE UNE LISTE DES DECISIONS PRIORITAIRES A PRENDRE D'ICI 1980. LES MINISTRES N'ONT PAS VOULU ADOPTER CETTE LISTE COMME UNE RESOLUTION MAIS ILS ONT CONVENU DE ■ TENIR COMPTE DE CETTE LISTE AUTANT QUE POSSIBLE. ILS ONT FELICITE M. BURKE ET LA COMMISSION POUR TOUS LES EFFORTS ILS ONT FAIT A CETTE FIN.

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