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- Budget -

Brussels, 11 May 1982

President: **Mr Philippe MAYSTADT,**  
Minister for the Budget,  
Kingdom of Belgium



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

Belgium:

Mr Philippe MAYSTADT  
Minister for the Budget

Denmark:

Mr Otto MØLLER  
State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Horst SCHULMANN  
State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr E. DRETTAKIS  
Minister for Finance

France:

Mr André CHANDERNAGOR  
Minister attached to the  
Foreign Secretary,  
responsible for European  
Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Sylvester BARRETT  
Minister of State,  
Department of Finance

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI  
State Secretary,  
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER  
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Jonkheer R.A. van SWINDEREN  
Deputy Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr Nicholas RIDLEY  
Financial Secretary to the  
Treasury

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT  
Vice-President

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE BUDGET

The Council continued preparations for the inter-institutional dialogue on the budget.

With the aim of organizing the talks in such a way that they would be concluded by mid-June, i.e. before the preliminary draft budget for 1983 was discussed by the Council subsidiary bodies, the Council defined the brief to be given to the Presidency on the various matters on which disputes had arisen during the budgetary procedures on previous occasions.

On the basis of this brief, the Presidency will make technical preparations for the meeting of the Presidents of the three Institutions at the end of May. The discussions are scheduled to end towards the middle of June with a joint meeting of the Council and a delegation from the European Parliament.

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BUDGET COUNCIL (R. ELPHICK)

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BUDGET MINISTERS AGREED IN COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS TODAY TO GIVE THE PRESIDENCY A MANDATE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH PARLIAMENT AND THE COMMISSION ON WAYS OF AVOIDING CONFLICTS OVER THE COMMUNITY BUDGET. DISCUSSIONS CENTRED ON METHODS OF DEFINING THE PROPER CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES (OBLIGATORY AND NON-OBLIGATORY), QUESTIONS OF THE MAXIMUM RATE BY WHICH THE BUDGET CAN BE INCREASED AND WAYS OF REGULATING PROBLEMS DURING THE BUDGETARY PROCEDURE. THERE WAS ALSO A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON HOW TO SOLVE ANY REMAINING DISPUTE AT THE END OF THE BUDGETARY PROCESS. THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN TWO MEETINGS OF THE THREE PRESIDENTS (COUNCIL, PARLIAMENT, COMMISSION); A THIRD IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE END OF MAY.

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