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- Labour and Social Affairs -

Brussels, 27 May 1982

President: Mr Michel HANSENNE,
Minister for Employment and Labour
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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

Belgium:

Mr Michel HANSENNE
Minister for Employment
and Labour

Mr Jean-Luc DEHAENE
Minister for Social Affairs and
Institutional Reform

Germany:

Mr Heinz WESTPHAL
Federal Minister for Labour and
Social Welfare

France:

Mrs Nicole QUESTIAUX
Minister for National Solidarity

Mrs Yvette ROUDY
Minister responsible to the
Prime Minister, Minister for
Women's Rights

Italy:

Mr Angelo Gaetano CRESCO
State Secretary,
Ministry of Labour

Netherlands:

Mrs Hedy d'ANCONA
State Secretary
Ministry of Social Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Bent Rold ANDERSEN
Minister for Social Affairs

Mr Svend AUKEN
Minister for Labour

Greece:

Mr A KAKLAMANIS
Minister for Labour

Ireland:

Mr Gene FITZGERALD
Minister of Labour and
Minister of the Public Service

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Labour and
Social Security

United Kingdom:

Mr Norman TEBBIT
Secretary of State for Employment

Commission:

Mr Ivor RICHARD
Member

PROTECTION OF WORKERS FROM HARMFUL EXPOSURE TO LEAD

At the end of a further wide-ranging debate, the Council was able to record its agreement to the proposal for a Directive on the protection of workers from harmful exposure to metallic lead and its ionic compounds at work.

This Directive which, after the text has been finalized, will be formally adopted in the near future, is of particular importance in view of the range and importance of the sectors and the considerable number of workers concerned. It is the first individual Directive within the meaning of the Directive adopted on 27 November 1980 ⁽¹⁾ which introduced a set of framework provisions for future regulations at national and Community level in the field of the protection of workers against harmful agents.

This Directive comprises a set of standards for the implementation of atmospheric monitoring at the place of work and medical surveillance (both clinical and biological), and the measures to be taken in the event of the limit values laid down for lead-in-air concentrations and the biological parameters used for evaluating the level of lead in the body being exceeded. These measures may go as far as the removal of the worker(s) concerned from all exposure to lead or even, in the event of an incident occurring, the evacuation of a working area.

⁽¹⁾ See OJ No L 327, 3.12.1980, p. 8

The arrangements also include individual and collective hygiene standards and obligations concerning workers' information, general and specific information in the context of the implementation of the provisions referred to above.

Finally, this Directive, which does not lay down specific provisions for particular categories of workers (women on account of the risks associated with pregnancy, young people) allows the Member States the option of taking such more stringent protective measures as may prove appropriate to that end.

NEW ACTION PROGRAMME ON THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN
(1982-1985)

The Council examined a communication from the Commission on its new action programme on the promotion of equal opportunities for women.

The Council mainly discussed the economic and social context of the question and the objectives of the programme. At the close of its debate the Council signified its agreement to the Resolution (in Annex I) concerning the promotion of equal opportunities for women.

COMMUNITY ACTION TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT

At the end of a debate the Council signified its agreement to the Resolution in Annex II.

This Resolution lays down a number of fundamental guidelines for continuing the fight against unemployment. It is understood that the President will forward the text of the Resolution to the European Council for discussion scheduled for the end of June.

FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT

The Council expressed a favourable opinion ⁽¹⁾ on a Recommendation concerning the principles of a Community policy with regard to retirement age. One of the aims of this Recommendation is the gradual introduction of flexible retirement into the various pension systems in the Member States, recognized as one of the long-term objectives of their social policy. It applies to all employed workers within the meaning of domestic legislation. To achieve the objective of this Recommendation the Member States are invited to be guided by a number of principles designed to relax the rules relating to the age at which a retirement pension may be taken up: freedom to choose the retirement age from a specified age onwards or certain alternative arrangements (a fixed age with the option of applying for the retirement pension in advance of the prescribed age or of deferring it until later). In addition, provision is made for at least limited employment to be held following entitlement to a pension and for retirement preparation programmes. Such measures should not stand in the way of existing or future opportunities for elderly employed workers to obtain a gradual reduction in their working hours. Finally, mention is made of certain early retirement schemes which could not be regarded as forming part of a flexible retirement system. The Member States may, in addition, determine other schemes which would also be excluded from the scope of the Recommendation.

() The Council proposed to take a final decision on this text once it had received the Opinion of the European Parliament and the text had been finalized.

PROTECTION OF WORKERS FROM RISKS DUE TO EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS

The Council examined a proposal for a Directive for the protection of workers from harmful exposure to asbestos. The discussion centred on two main problems: the need to set binding limit values for exposure to asbestos in the Directive, and the level of these values.

At the close of its discussion the Council noted the work already carried out on this matter within the Council framework and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to press ahead with its examination of this point.

VOLUNTARY PART-TIME WORK

The Council held a policy debate on the proposal for a Directive on voluntary part-time work, which is a follow-up to the Council Resolution of 18 December 1979 on the adaption of working time and to the debate in the Standing Committee on Employment on 11 December 1980 ⁽¹⁾.

In conclusion, the Council agreed to continue the work on this proposal at Council level in the light of the general principles which had emerged from its discussions.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release No 12258/80 (Presse 190)

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FINAL REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PROGRAMME
OF PILOT SCHEMES AND STUDIES TO COMBAT POVERTY

The Council took note of the Commission's presentation of the final report on the assessment of the programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty, provided for in Article 1(2) of its Decision 77/779/EEC of 12 December 1977 amending Decision 75/458/EEC.

Taking into account the importance of this document, which had also been forwarded to the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, it noted that a full examination should be made both at national and at Community level of the various assessments and guidelines contained in the Commission report.

It consequently instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the report in the light, in particular, of the Opinions delivered by the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee and of any other factor which might prove necessary for assessing the guidelines contained in the report and to report back to it as soon as possible.

PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION OF ITS COMMUNICATION ON THE
RELATION BETWEEN TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND SAFETY STANDARDS

The Council took note of a communication from the Commission on the relation between technical standards and safety standards (problem of the elimination of barriers to trade in products and safeguarding of the safety measures for workers using such products).

In conclusion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine this communication and report back to the Council.

PROVISIONAL VERSIONANNEX I

Council Resolution
on the promotion of equal opportunities for women

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaties establishing the European Communities,

Having regard to the draft Resolution from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas various actions have already been undertaken at Community level to promote equal opportunities, in particular the three Directives concerning equal treatment for men and women adopted by the Council on the basis of Articles 100 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (*);

Whereas, moreover, all these actions, including those supported by the European Social Fund, have played an important part in improving the situation of women;

(*) Council Directive 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 (Directive 75/117 - OJ No L 45, 19.2.1975, p. 19).

Council Directive 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 (Directive 76/207 - OJ No L 39, 14.2.1976, p. 40).

Council Directive of 19 December 1978 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security (Directive 79/7 - OJ No L 6, 10.1.1979, p. 24).

Whereas, despite the efforts so far made at both Community and national level, actual inequalities in employment persist and may well become worse under the present economic and social conditions;

Whereas, in a period of economic crisis the action undertaken at Community and national level should not only be continued but also intensified in order, in particular, to promote the achievement of equal opportunities in practice through the implementation of, inter alia, positive actions;

NOTES the Commission communication concerning a new Community action programme on the promotion of equal opportunities for women over the period 1982-1985, covering "the achievement of equal treatment by strengthening individual rights" and the "achievement of equal opportunities in practice, particularly by means of positive action programmes", and welcomes the initiative taken by the Commission;

APPROVES the general objectives of this communication, which are the stepping up of action to ensure observance of the principle of equal treatment for men and women and the promotion of equal opportunities in practice by means of positive actions, and EXPRESSES THE WILL to implement appropriate measures to achieve them;

NOTES also the comments made on the Commission communication by the various delegations within the Council which reveal, inter alia, certain specific features of national systems and ASKS the Commission to take account of them in the initiatives which it takes within the framework of its powers;

RECALLS the efforts which have been and are still being made in this area in the Member States;

NOTES that the Commission communication defines specific objectives and joint courses of action, most of which fall within the context of the follow-up to the implementation of the Directives adopted by the Council in the field of equal treatment for men and women;

CONSIDERS that, with due regard for the courses of action proposed, these objectives should guide the actions of the Community and the Member States in their efforts to apply on a broader basis and realize in practice the principle of equal treatment by the promotion, in particular, of equal opportunities without discriminating against women whatever the economic situation;

EMPHASIZES the importance, to this end, of strengthening or setting up national bodies for the promotion of women's employment and equal opportunities and RECALLS the responsibilities also devolving upon workers' and employers' organizations in the pursuit of these objectives;

CONFIRMS the need to take steps to increase public awareness and disseminate information to support the change in attitudes to sharing occupational, family and social responsibilities and asks the Member States to co-operate fully with the Commission in steps to increase public awareness.

REAFFIRMS the need to promote the employment of both men and women in all sectors and professions and a more balanced representation of women at different levels of responsibility at both national and Community level; considers that the public sector, including the Community institutions and bodies, should set an example in this respect;

UNDERLINES the desirability of avoiding special protection rules concerning women on the labour market in cases where originally well-founded concern for their protection is no longer justified;

CONSIDERS that account should be taken of the equal-opportunities dimension in preparing and implementing Community policies likely to affect it;

CALLS UPON the Commission to submit an interim report by 1 January 1984 on progress and achievement under the new programme, based in particular on information obtained from the Member States, together, if appropriate, with suitable proposals.

CALLS UPON the Member States to submit a first report to the Commission by 1 January 1985 on progress accomplished at national level and notes the undertaking by the Commission to submit an initial survey of the action undertaken before the end of 1985.

PROVISIONAL VERSIONCOUNCIL RESOLUTION ON COMMUNITY ACTION TO
COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the conclusions of the various meetings of the European Council, and in particular of the meeting on 29 and 30 March 1982, concerning employment,

Having regard to the conclusions of the Council meeting of 11 June 1981 composed of the Ministers for Economic Affairs and Finance and Ministers for Labour and Social Affairs,

Having regard to the Commission's contribution concerning a "Community action programme to combat unemployment",

Considering the conclusions drawn by the Presidency following the meeting of the Standing Committee on Employment on 27 April 1982 devoted to examination of the problems of unemployment in the Community on the basis of the aforementioned Commission document, the importance of which was emphasized,

Convinced of the need to take concerted action, both at Community level and nationally, to combat unemployment and to restore economic growth in a situation of monetary stability, while continuing the fight against inflation and ensuring the competitiveness of Community undertakings, and in the hope that such an approach may also contribute to the achievement of improved convergence of the Member State's economic policies

Convinced of the need to continue or to undertake within this framework specific action at Community level on employment

Recalling its Resolution of 27 May 1982 on the promotion of equal opportunity for women

Convinced that it is essential for both sides of industry, within the framework of their autonomy and of their responsibilities, to contribute to the achievement of the objective of the fight against unemployment and that efforts should be continued to improve the dialogue between and with both sides of industry at Community level.

HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION:

The Council reiterates its grave concern at the persistently high level of unemployment, particularly among young people, which is creating an intolerable situation.

It considers that private and public productive investment should be promoted so as to strengthen the competitive capacity of undertakings, encourage economic growth and raise employment.

Measures by Member States with regard to private and public investment, to be carried out in accordance with the situation prevailing in each country, should take account of the repercussions on employment, particularly in the private sector and ensure that such measures do not lead to an unacceptable increase in budget deficits.

The Council notes certain priority areas for investment suggested by the Commission in its aforementioned contribution.

Without prejudice to the importance the Community attaches to the measures taken to help the least-favoured regions, particular attention should also be given to those regions most affected by unemployment, by effective and consistent use of the appropriate Community instruments.

The Council considers that it is important that labour market policies be oriented in such a way as to ensure the availability of an adequate and appropriately qualified labour force.

The Council considers that, in addition to the problems of investment rationalization, the industrial restructuring programmes must simultaneously give particular attention to the employment problems. National and Community authorities and both sides of industry should encourage geographical and occupational mobility. The latter could include the redeployment of workers affected by the restructuring measures, so that such workers are able to take up jobs made available in sectors which are creating employment.

It considers that the possibilities should be examined for promoting the development potential of small and medium-sized undertakings, which are a source of innovation and hence a factor for creating employment, by providing them, in particular, with appropriate assistance in areas such as training, know-how, information and access to credit, with a view to making them more competitive on the market.

It stresses its interest in the job-creation process, which is also apparent in local initiatives and co-operatives and requests the Commission to submit the results of its research and its thoughts on the matter to it so that it can assess the contribution of such initiatives to creating employment.

The Council stresses the priority which the Community must give to vocational training for young people. It has noted that the Commission intends to submit proposals to it shortly for measures aiming to ensure that all young people coming onto the labour market, and particularly school leavers, receive vocational training and initial work experience, if necessary under special programmes or contracts of employment.

Such measures should be compatible with the measures to integrate young people into the labour market and with other special measures, particularly those to help the long-term unemployed, and should fit into the general framework of the strategy to be implemented to combat unemployment as a whole.

Given the potential value of experiments into and measures on the adaption and sharing of working time with a view to more flexible use of production resources and improving the employment situation, the Council also considers that, following the initial proposals made by the Commission for implementing the Council Resolution of 18 December 1979 on the adaption of working time, the dialogue with and between both sides of industry regarding the number of working hours must now be continued within the framework outlined in the Resolution. It notes that the Commission is to submit a memorandum on the matter to it before the end of 1982.

The Council notes that the Commission intends to promote better functioning and transparency of the labour market and to discourage obstacles to its effective operation with the participation of public authorities, employers and labour, in order to ensure that the proposed job-creation measures are successful and to facilitate implementation of the necessary training measures, in particular by developing forward-looking management of the labour market, local labour market intelligence and by improving employment services.

It requests the Commission to submit to the Council, taking account of this Resolution, appropriate proposals or communications as part of a co-ordinated Community approach to combatting unemployment, which could be submitted in the second half of this year to a special Council meeting, as suggested by the European Council at its last meeting, and which could be the subject of prior consultation with both sides of industry in the Standing Committee on Employment, taking into account the latter's areas of competence.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Social expenditure forecasts

The Council, having received a communication from the Commission intended to ensure the continuation of work on the European social budget on the basis of a programme of activities to be carried out in the next four years¹⁵ in connection with medium-term social expenditure forecasts and the financing of such expenditure, expressed a favourable opinion ⁽¹⁾ on a number of conclusions.

It agreed that, for the future programme, efforts should be concentrated on a sequence of short annual reports on expenditure and income in social protection in the Member States and medium-term expenditure forecasts and financing. These annual reports would be supplemented by two detailed analyses of social protection problems considered to be of priority importance. The Council stressed the desirability of involving management and labour in the work on forecasts to be carried out under this programme. At the end of the four-year period of the programme, the Commission is asked to draw up a report on progress achieved and to submit to the Council proposals for future activities.

⁽¹⁾ The Council said it would take a decision once it had received the Opinion of the European Parliament.

Another social question

The Council took note of the fifth progress report of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work (period: 1980).

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation suspending the application of an indicative ceiling established by Regulation (EEC) No 3737/81 for imports of certain products originating in Norway.

Agricultural policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 in regard to the conditions of entry for certain cheeses falling under certain tariff headings and Regulation (EEC) No 950/78 relating to the Common Customs Tariff.

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CC. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

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PREPARATION DU CONSEIL DES AFFAIRES SOCIALES (JOHN ROBINSON)

LE CONSEIL DES AFFAIRES SOCIALES SE REUNIT DEMAIN (LE 27 MAI) A PARTIR DE 10.00 HEURES AU CHARLEMAGNE SOUS LA PRESIDENCE DE M. MICHEL HANSENNE, MINISTRE BELGE DE L'EMPLOI ET DU TRAVAIL. LES MINISTRES AURONT DEVANT EUX UN ORDRE DU JOUR ASSEZ ETENDU, COMPRENANT PLUSIEURS DOSSIERS POUR LESQUELS LA COMMISSION ESPERE UNE DECISION DU CONSEIL. CES ■■■■ DERNIERS SONT LES SUIVANTS :

■- LA PROPOSITION DE DIRECTIVE 'PLOMB', DONT LE BUT EST DE

■ PROTEGER LES TRAVAILLEURS CONTRE LES RISQUES LIES A
■ L'EXPOSITION AU PLOMB ET A SES COMPOSES IONIQUES PENDANT
■ LE TRAVAIL. JE VOUS RAPPELE QUE CETTE PROPOSITION A DEJA
■ ETE DISCUTEE PAR LE CONSEIL DES AFFAIRES SOCIALES L'ANNEE
■ PASSEE, LE PLUS RECEMMENT LORS DE SA REUNION LE 8 DECEMBRE.
■ LA COMMISSION S'EFFORCE, AVEC LA PRESIDENCE BELGE,
■ D'ARRIVER A UN COMPROMIS ACCEPTABLE A TOUS LES ETATS
■ MEMBRES.

■- EGALITE DE CHANCES HOMMES/FEMMES

■ A CET EGARD, LE CONSEIL DEVRAIT ADOPTER UNE RESOLUTION SUR
■ LA PROMOTION DE L'EGALITE DES CHANCES POUR LES FEMMES.
■ CETTE RESOLUTION S'INSERE DANS LE CADRE DU PROGRAMME
■ D'ACTION DE LA COMMUNAUTE SUR L'EGALITE DES CHANCES, 1982-
■ 85, APPROUVE PAR LA COMMISSION EN DECEMBRE DERNIER (COM
■ (81)758) (VOIR P.81 DE 1981).

■- ACTION COMMUNAUTAIRE POUR COMBATTRE LE CHOMAGE

■ ICI ENCORE LA COMMISSION CHERCHE L'ADOPTION PAR LE CONSEIL
■ D'UNE RESOLUTION ANTI-CHOMAGE. CETTE RESOLUTION, QUI
■ DEVRAIT FAIRE ETAT DE LA NECESSITE DE RELANCER L'INVES-
■ TISSEMENT DANS CERTAINS DOMAINES PRIORITAIRES, S'INSPIRE
■ DU DOCUMENT DE TRAVAIL SOUMIS PAR LA COMMISSION AU DERNIER
■ COMITE PERMANENT DE L'EMPLOI (DU 27 AVRIL 1982).

■- PROJET DE RECOMMANDATION EN MATIERE DE RETRAITE FLEXIBLE

■ (COM(81)779)

■ ICI IL S'AGIT D'UNE PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION FAITE EN
■ DECEMBRE DERNIER, ET A CET EGARD JE VOUS REFERE A LA NOTE
■ P-82 DE 1981.

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CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

OBJET : CONSEIL AFFAIRES SOCIALES DU 27 MAI 1982 (J. ROBINSON)

LE CONSEIL DES AFFAIRES SOCIALES A DEBUTE SES TRAVAUX VERS
10.20 H CE MATIN SOUS LA PRESIDENCE DE M. MICHEL HANSENNE,
MINISTRE BELGE DE L'EMPLOI, ET AVEC LA PARTICIPATION DE
M. RICHARD, COMMISSAIRE AUX AFFAIRES SOCIALES. LA SEANCE
S EST INTERROMPUE POUR LE DEJEUNER A 13.10 H APRES LA DISCUSSION
DES DEUX PREMIERS POINTS DE L ORDRE DU JOUR (VOIR BIO 229),
A SAVOIR :

E- LA PROPOSITION DE DIRECTIVE RELATIVE A LA PROTECTION DES
TRAVAILLEURS CONTRE LES RISQUES LIES A UNE EXPOSITION AU PLOMB
METALLIQUE PENDANT LE TRAVAIL,

E- LE PROJET DE RESOLUTION DU CONSEIL SUR L EGALITE DES
CHANCES POUR LES FEMMES.

A L EGARD DE LA DIRECTIVE PLOMB, ET APRES UN DEBAT
D ENVIRON UNE HEURE ET DEMIE, UN CONSENSUS A SEMBLE SE DEGAGER
SUR LA MANIERE DE VENIR A BOUT DU SEUL GRAND POINT D ACHOPPE-
MENT QUI SEPARA LES DIX DE L ADOPTION DE LA DIRECTIVE,
C EST A DIRE LA DOUBLE QUESTION DE LA VALEUR LIMITE DE PLOMBEMIE
DANS LE SANG ET CELLE DE LA VALEUR LIMITE DE PLOMB DANS L URINE.
EN FIN DE MATINEE, LE CONSEIL A DECIDE DE REVOIR LA QUESTION
DANS LE COURANT DE L APRES MIDI APRES UNE SEANCE DE REDACTION
PENDANT L HEURE DU DEJEUNER.

IL VA DE MEME POUR LE DEUXIEME POINT, CELUI DE LA RESOLUTION
SUR LES FEMMES. APRES UNE DISCUSSION D A PEU PRES UNE HEURE,
TOUT SEMBLE INDiquer QUE, APRES UN EFFORT SUPPLEMENTAIRE DE
REDACTION PENDANT L HEURE DU DEJEUNER, LE CONSEIL ABOUTIRA A
L ADOPTION DE LA RESOLUTION.

A SUIVRE.

AMITIES, M. SANTARELLI
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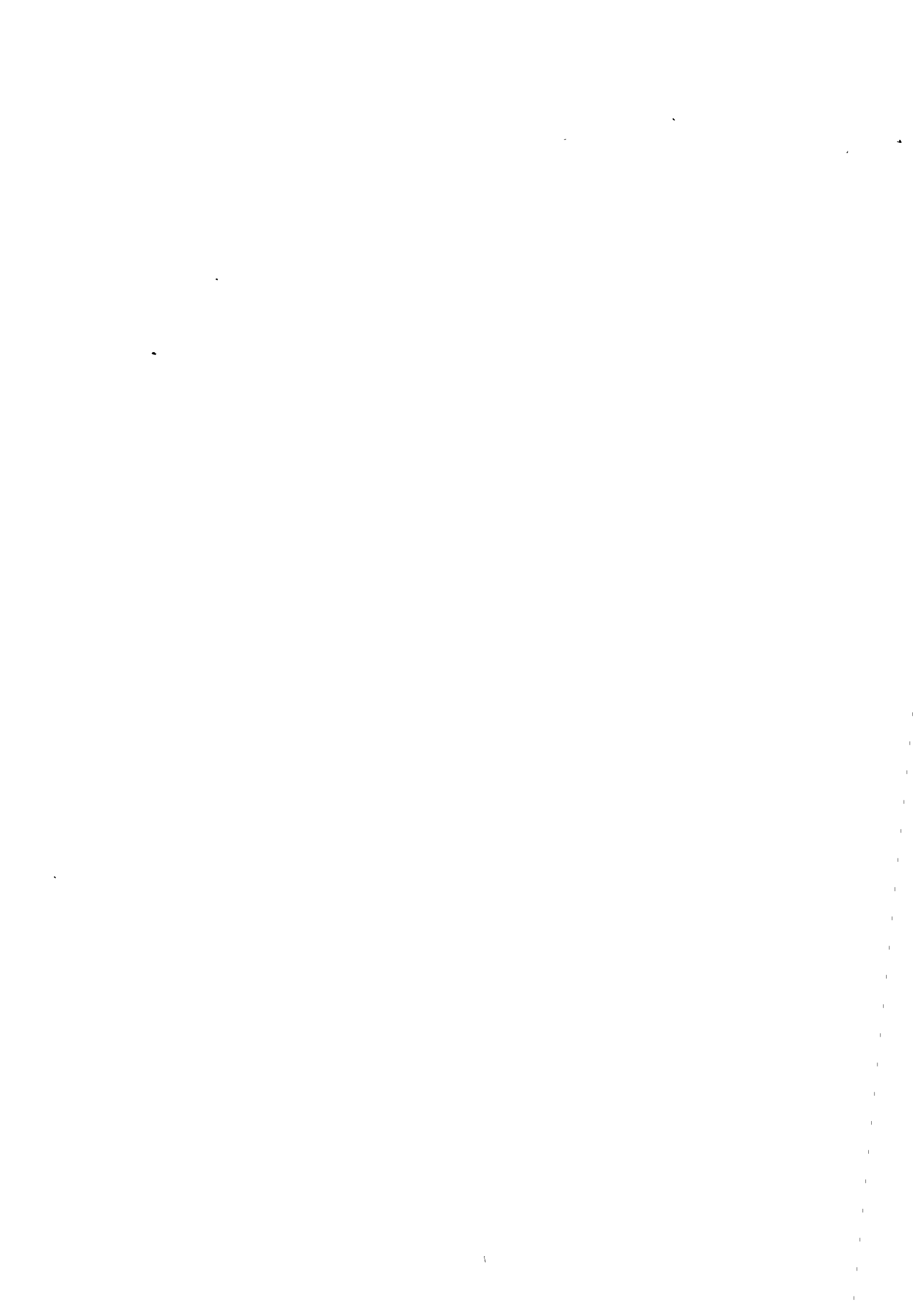
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CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

OBJET : CONSEIL AFFAIRES SOCIALES DU 27 MAI 1982 (J. ROBINSON)

LE CONSEIL A TERMINE SES TRAVAUX VERS 19.30 H AVEC UNE TRIPLE(*)
 REUSSITE SUR LA PROMOTION DE L'EGALITE DES CHANCES POUR LES FEMMES,
 ET DE LA RESOLUTION CONCERNANT UNE ACTION COMMUNAUTAIRE POUR
 COMBATTRE LE CHOMAGE. (*)REUSSITE : UN ACCORD SUR LA DIRECTIVE
 "PLOMB", L'ADOPTION DE LA RESOLUTION SUR LA
 CES TROIS POINTS ONT LARGEMENT DOMINE LES DEBATS DU CONSEIL,
 QUI, POURTANT, A AUSSI EXAMINE UNE SERIE D'AUTRES DOSSIERS : LA RECOMMANDATION
 SUR LA RETRAITE FLEXIBLE, QUE LES MINISTRES ONT LARGEMENT
 APPROUVE, MAIS QUI DOIT ATTENDRE L'AVIS DU PARLEMENT;
 LA PROPOSITION DE DIRECTIVE SUR LE TRAVAIL A TEMPS PARTIEL,
 QUI ETAIT L'OBJET D'UN PREMIER ECHANGE DE VUES MINISTERIEL;
 LA PROPOSITION DE DIRECTIVE "AMIANTE", LE RAPPORT DE LA
 COMMISSION SUR LA PAUVRETE, ET LA COMMUNICATION DE LA COMMISSION
 SUR LA RELATION ENTRE NORMES TECHNIQUES ET NORMES DE SECURITE -
 TROIS DOSSIERS POUR LESQUELS LE CONSEIL A CHARGE LE COREPER
 D'ENTREPRENDRE LE FOLLOW UP.

MAIS LE GROS DES DEBATS ETAIT CONSACRE AUX DOSSIERS PLOMB,
 FEMMES ET CHOMAGE. EN CE QUI CONCERNE LE PREMIER, L'ACCORD
 QU'A PU MARQUER LE CONSEIL SUR LA DIRECTIVE RELATIVE A LA PRO-
 TECTION DU TRAVAILLEUR CONTRE LES RISQUES LIES AU PLOMB SERA
 JURIDIQUEMENT FINALISE LORS D'UN CONSEIL PROCHAIN (POINT A).

CETTE DIRECTIVE QUI REVET UNE IMPORTANCE PARTICULIERE ETANT DONNE
 LA GAMME ET L'IMPORTANCE DES SECTEURS D'ACTIVITE ET LE NOMBRE
 CONSIDERABLE DE TRAVAILLEURS CONCERNES. ELLE CONSTITUE LA PRE-
 MIERE DIRECTIVE PARTICULIERE AU SENS DE LA DIRECTIVE ADOPTEE LE
 27 NOVEMBRE 1980 (CF. J.O. L 327 DU 3.12.80) QUI
 ETABLISSE UN ENSEMBLE DE DISPOSITIONS CADRES POUR LES REGLE-
 MENTATIONS FUTURES AU NIVEAU NATIONAL ET AU NIVEAU COMMUNAUTAIRE
 DANS LE DOMAINE DE LA PROTECTION DES TRAVAILLEURS CONTRE LES
 AGENTS NOCIFS.

LA DIRECTIVE COMPORTE UN ENSEMBLE DE NORMES RELATIVES A LA MISE
 EN OEUVRE D'UNE SURVEILLANCE DE L'ATMOSPHERE DU LIEU DE TRAVAIL
 ET D'UNE SURVEILLANCE MEDICALE (A LA FOIS CLINIQUE ET BIOLOGIQUE)
 ET AUX MESURES A PRENDRE EN CAS DE DEPASSEMENT DES VALEURS
 LIMITEES FIXEES EN CE QUI CONCERNE RESPECTIVEMENT LE TAUX DE CON-
 CENTRATION DU PLOMB DANS L'AIR ET LES PARAMETRES BIOLOGIQUES

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