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GENERAL SECRETARIAT



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659th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 7 October 1980

President: Mr Gaston THORN,

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

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

Belgium:

Mr Charles-Ferdinand NOTHOMB Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Willy CLAES Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,
 Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
 Federal Ministry of Economic
 Affairs

France:

Mr André GIRAUD Minister for Industry

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Ray BURKE Minister of State at the
 Department of Industry, Commerce
 and Energy

Italy:

Mr Antonio BISAGLIA Minister for Industry
Mr Giuseppe ZAMBERLETTI State Secretary,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Paul HELMINGER State Secretary,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr D.F. van der MEI State Secretary for Foreign
 Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Sir Ian GILMOUR

Lord Privy Seal

Mr Adam BUTLER

Minister of State,
Department of IndustryCommission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Henk VREDELING

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Mr Antonio GIOLITTI

Member

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Member

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

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Also present as an observer:

Greece:

Mr Constantin MITSOTAKIS

Minister for Foreign Affairs

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The President expressed the Council's gratitude to Mr Nicolas HOMMEL, Secretary-General of the Council since July 1973, who is leaving his post, on reaching retirement age, for his dedication and the great services he has rendered in carrying out the important task entrusted to him by the Council. The President of the Commission associated himself with this tribute.

FINANCIAL MECHANISM AND SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Council continued its examination of the two proposals for Regulations, one amending the financial mechanism and the other establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom.

The Council noted that there was agreement on the enacting terms of the Regulation amending the financial mechanism. The Council reached agreement on the main issues outstanding in relation to the supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom.

Concluding the discussion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the texts of these two Regulations.

MATTERS WHICH WILL COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF
1980

The Council had before it a note from the Presidency listing the main matters which will come before the Council meeting in a composition other than that of the General Affairs Council before the end of 1980 (so-called "la Marlia" procedure) and noted the comments made and opinions expressed by the delegations and the Commission on some of these matters, particularly those involving the 1981 draft budget and the substantive questions relating thereto and the firm undertaking to implement an overall common fisheries policy by 1 January 1981 at the latest.

INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the Community position for the proposed UNCTAD negotiations on the basis of today's discussions.

CASSAVA IMPORTS

The Council noted that the Commission was actively continuing its talks with Thailand and other major supplier countries.

RELATIONS WITH THE ACP STATES: REQUEST FOR ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU TO THE SECOND ACP-EEC CONVENTION

The Council, noting that the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu had made a formal request to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers on 24 September 1980 for accession to the second ACP-EEC Convention, stressed the importance which it attached to the accession of the Republic of Vanuatu to the second ACP-EEC Convention and expressed the hope that the accession procedure could be set in motion as rapidly as possible in accordance with Article 185 of the Convention.

PORTUGAL: PRE-ACCESSION AID

Until its accession, the Community has decided to grant Portugal exceptional aid to assist with practical projects to enable the Portuguese economy to be smoothly integrated into the Community.

This exceptional pre-accession aid will amount to a total of 275 MEUA, comprising:

- 150 MEUA in investment loans financed by the European Investment Bank from its own resources, 125 MEUA of which will qualify for a 3% interest-rate subsidy to be charged to the Community budget;
- resources, to be charged to the Community budget, in the form of non-refundable aid totalling 125 MEUA for the financing of co-operation measures and projects (100 MEUA) and of interest-rate subsidies (25 MEUA).

REGIONAL FUND - QUOTA-FREE SECTION

After resolving the final outstanding question regarding the methods by which the quota-free projects will be financed by the European Regional Development Fund, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the following five Regulations instituting specific Community measures contributing to:

- the development of certain French and Italian regions in the context of Community enlargement;
- overcoming constraints on the development of new economic activities in certain zones adversely affected by restructuring of the steel industry;
- overcoming constraints on the development of new economic activities in certain zones adversely affected by restructuring of the shipbuilding industry;
- improving security of energy supply in certain Community regions by way of improved use of new techniques for hydro-electrical power and alternative energy sources;
- the improvement of the economic and social situation of the border areas of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Council noted that the President of the European Parliament had recently forwarded to it twenty-seven Resolutions adopted by the European Parliament at its sitting in September 1980. The President of the Council drew particular attention to the Resolutions regarding the EEC contribution to the campaign to eliminate hunger from the world, to the measures to assist the United Kingdom and to the iron and steel industry.

IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS

The Council held a detailed exchange of views on the Commission request for assent pursuant to Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty. The Commission considered that the conditions laid down in that Article (manifest crisis) had been fulfilled.

After the discussion, the President noted that eight Member States were prepared to act on the Commission proposals for the establishment of a system of production quotas for the iron and steel industry. One delegation was unable to express an opinion on the matter since it had yet to consult its government. In these circumstances the formal decision on the assent requested by the Commission will be taken by written procedure.

As regards the social measures proposed by the Commission, the Council recognized their importance in the context of Community iron and steel policy and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare this topic thoroughly for discussion by the Council at its next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Appointments

The Council appointed

- on a proposal from the Danish Government, Mr Knud CHRISTENSEN, Naestformand i Landsorganisationen i Danmark, as a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr Poul NYRUP RASMUSSEN, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office i.e. until 18 September 1982;
- on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr G.H. STEVENS, as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency to replace Mrs A.S. GITTELSON, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 28 March 1981;
- on a proposal from the German Government, Mr Georg von KLITZING and Mr Helmut SCHUG, as members of the Advisory Committee of Euratom Supply Agency to replace Mr K.A. KELTSCH and Mr H. KREWER, who have resigned, for the remainder of their term of office, i.e. until 28 March 1981;
- on a proposal from the Danish Government, Mr Jørgen ELIKOFER, Konsulent, Landsorganisationen i Danmark, as a full member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, and Mrs Karen-Lisbeth SVANHOLT, Konsulent, Landsorganisationen i Danmark, as an alternate member of the Committee, to replace Mr Bendt DREWSEN, full member, who has resigned, and Mr Jørgen ELIKOFER, alternate member, who has resigned, for the remainder of their term of office, i.e. until 22 November 1981.

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Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on mechanical alarm clocks (other than travel alarms) originating in the German Democratic Republic and the USSR.

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NOTE BIO (80) 388 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
C.C.AUX MEMBRS DU GROUPE, AU ASSISTANTS DG I ET VIII

PREPARATION CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU 7 OCTOBRE 1980

AIDES PRE-ADHESION PORTUGAL (CHEVALLARD)

LE CONSEIL EST APPELE A STATUER SUR LE MONTANT ET LES MODALITES DE L'AIDE FINANCIERE AU PORTUGAL, AIDE DONT LE PRINCIPE A ETE RETENU LORS DE LA SESSION DU MOIS DE JUILLET. LE CONSEIL DOIT DECIDER QUEL SERA LE VOLUME GLOBAL ET QUEL SERA LA PARTIE RESPECTIVEMENT DE PRETS DE LA B.E.I. ET D'AIDE NON-REMBOURSABLE TIRE DU BUDGET COMMUNAUTAIRE. IL EST IMPORTANT POUR LA COMMISSION QUE CETTE DEUXIEME PARTIE DE L'AIDE REPRESENTE UN VOLUME SIGNIFICATIF.

MESURES SUPPLEMENTAIRES ROYAUME-UNI (CHEVALLARD)

SUITE A L'ACCORD DU 30 MAI DERNIER LE CONSEIL DOIT TRANCHER LES POINTS EN SUSPENS POUR LE REGLEMENT D'APPLICATION. IL S'AGIT DU PROBLEME DES PROCEDURES POUR L'OCTROI DES AIDES AU ROYAUME-UNI ET DE L'EHELONNEMENT DANS LE TEMPS DE CETTE AIDE. LA COMMISSION ESTIME IMPORTANT QU'UN ACCORD INTERVIENNE SU CE DEUX POINTS DE SORTE QUE LE REGLEMENT PUISSE ETRE FORMELLEMENT ADOPTE DANS LES PROCHAINES SEMAINES.

ACTIONS SPECIALES DU F.E.D.E.R. (HORS-QUOTA) (CHEVALLARD)

LE CONSEIL EST APPELE A SURMONTER CERTAINES QUESTIONS MINEURES QUI POURRAIENT LUI PERMETTRE D'ADOPTER FORMELLEMENT LES 5 REGLEMENTS INSTITUANT LES PREMIERES ACTIONS A FINANCER PAR LA SECTION HORS-QUOTA QUI REPRESENTE 5 % DU F.E.D.E.R. CE PREMIER TRAIN D'ACTIONS PORTENT SUR UN VOLUME DE 220 MILLIONS D'UCE EN FAVEUR DES REGIONS SITUES EN BELGIQUE, FRANCE, ITALIE, IRLANDE, ROYAUME-UNI. JE VOUS RAPPELE QUE CES 5 ACTIONS CONCERNE LA SIDERURGIE (43 MUCE, CONSTRUCTION NAVALE 17 MUCE, ZONES FRONTIERES 24 MUCE, ENERGIE 16 MUCE, ELARGISSEMENT 120 MUCE). LES PAYS MEMBRES BENEFICIERONT DE CES ACTIONS DANS LES PROPORTIONS SUIVANTES:////

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16 MUCE, BELGIQUE 6 MUCE.
POURLA PRESENTATION DE CES ACTIONS VOIR BIO (79) 317 DU
10 OCTOBRE 1979.

CACAO (H. ■FERRATON)

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LA DEFINITION D'UNE POSITION COMMUNAUTAIRE EN VUE DE LA NEGOC-
CIATION D'UN NOUVEL ACCORD INTERNATIONAL SUR LE CACAO FIGU-
RAIT A L'ORDRE DU JOUR DU CONSEIL DE JUILLET, ET CECI AFIN
DE PERMETTRE A LA COMMUNAUTE DE PARTICIPER - DE FACON
CONSTRUCTIVE - A LA REUNION EXPLORATOIRE ORGANISEE PAR LA
CNUCED FIN JUILLET (VOIR BIO (80) 294 SUITE 1 DU 10.7.80
ET (80) 313 SUITE 4 DU 23.7.80).

EN DEBIT DES EFFORTS DEPLOYES PAR LA COMMISSION LES MINISTRES
N'AVAIENT PU SE METTRE D'ACCORD SUR LE POINT ESSENTIEL -
QUI CONDITIONNE L'OUVERTURE MEME D'UNE NEGOCIATION -
A SAVOIR LE PRIX PLANCHER.

LA COMMUNAUTE EST DONC RESTEE MUETTE SUR CE POINT LORS DES
CONSULTATIONS DE G■■■■ENEVE■, M. COREA AYANT CONVOQUE UNE
CONFERENCE DE NEGOCIATION DU 27 OCTOBRE AU 7 NOVEMBRE,
LES MINISTRES DEVRONT TENTER UNE ■NO■UVELLE FOIS DE PARVENIR
A UN AC■CORD PERMETTANT AINSI A LA COMMUNAUTE DE FAIRE FACE
A SES RESPONSABILITES DANS CETTE AFFAIRE, RESPONSABILITES
MAINTES FOIS RAPPELEES A LA COMMISSION.

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CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES
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NOTE B I O (80) 388 SUITE 2 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE
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1. MESURES SUPPLEMENTAIRES ROYAUME - UNI

LE CONSEIL A MARQUE SON ACCORD SUR LES GRANDES LIGNES D'UN
REGLEMENT QUI SERA MIS AU POINT PAR LE C O R E P E R DANS LES
PROCHAINES SEMAINES DE MANIERE QU'IL PUISSE ENTRER EN VIGUEUR LE
1ER NOVEMBRE 1980.

CET ACCORD PORTE SUR :

- LES PROCEDURES D'ADOPTION DU PROGRAMME
- LE MAINTIEN ET LES MODALITES DE VERSEMENT DES AVANCES PAYABLES
AU ROYAUME-UNI EN 1980 (200 M U C E SUR LA PARTIE NON UTILISEE
DU BUDGET 1980). CE POINT FAIT L'OBJET D'UNE RESERVE DES DELEGATIONS
ALLEMANDE ET BELGE, LES AVANCES 1981 SERONT EXAMINEES APRES
LE 1.7.81, ENFIN.
- LE CALENDRIER DES VERSEMENTS.

2. PORTUGAL : AIDE PRE-ADHESION

LE CONSEIL A APPROUVE L'ACCORD SUIVANT QUI FERA L'OBJET D'UN
ECHANGE DE LETTRES ENTRE LA COMMUNAUTE ET LE PORTUGAL :

1. LA COMMUNAUTE ACCORDERA AU PORTUGAL UNE AIDE EXCEPTIONNELLE
AFIN DE 'CONTRIBUER A DES ACTIONS CONCRETES LUI PERMETTANT
DE S'INTEGRER DE FACON HARMONIEUSE DANS LA COMMUNAUTE (ELLE
NE SERA PAS POURSUIVIE APRES L'ADHESION ET NE POURRA CONSTI-
TUER UN PRECEDENT).
2. CETTE AIDE D'UN MONTANT DE 275 M U C E COMPORTERA :
 - DES PRETS B E I :
150 M U C E DONT 125 BONIFIES A 3 0/0 (A CHARGE DU
BUDGET COMMUNAUTAIRE) ET 25 NON BONIFIABLES.
 - UNE CONTRIBUTION DE 125 M U C E PROVENANT DU BUDGET DES
COMMUNAUTES, LA COMMISSION SOUMETTRA AU CONSEIL LES PROPO-
SITIONS NECESSAIRES POUR LA CONCLUSION D'UN TEL ACCORD.

3. F E D E R H O R S Q U O T A

LE CONSEIL A MARQUE SON ACCORD SUR LES PROPOSITIONS DE LA
COMMISSION (VOIR NOTE B I O PREPARATION CONSEIL A.E.) AVEC UNE
RESERVE DE LA DELEGATION ALLEMANDE : LE CONSEIL REVIENDRA DONC
ULTERIEUREMENT SUR CE POINT AU COURS DE LA PRESENTE SESSION.

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4. A C I E R

LE CONSEIL A ABORDE LE POINT ''ACIER'' A 17H45 PAR UN EXPOSE
DE M. DAVIGNON.

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