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President: Mr Adolfo SARTI  
Minister for Education  
of the Italian Republic



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Mr John WILSON

Minister for Education

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

Belgium:

Mr W. CALEWAERT

Minister for Education  
(Dutch language)

Mr G. MATHOT

Minister for Education  
(French language)

Denmark:

Mr Gunnar RIBERHOLDT

Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Jürgen SCHMUDE

Federal Minister for Education  
and Science

Mr Wolfgang KNIES

Minister for Education for the  
Saarland,  
Vice-Chairman of the Standing  
Conference of Ministers of  
Culture of the Länder

France:

Mr Christian BEULLAC

Minister for Education

Italy:

Mr Adolfo SARTI

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Luxembourg:

Mr Fernand BODEN

Minister for Education

Netherlands:

Mr A. PAÏS

Minister for Education and  
Science

United Kingdom:

Mr Mark CARLISLE

Secretary of State for Education  
and Science

Commission:

Mr Guido BRUNNER

Member

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GENERAL REPORT BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Council and the Ministers for Education examined the Education Committee's General Report on the progress made with implementation of the action programme of 9 February 1976.

Discussion concentrated in particular on

- = the training of migrant workers and their children;
- = promotion of the teaching of foreign languages;
- = equal education opportunities for girls;
- = study of the European Community and of Europe in schools;
- = admission of students from other Member States to higher education.

The discussion enabled solutions to be found to the final questions still outstanding as regards this last point and the guidelines worked out earlier on in the proceedings to be completed.

Finally, the President noted that opinions no longer differed on the substance of the conclusions worked out following the examination of the General Report of the Education Committee. As to procedure, the Permanent Representatives Committee was invited to examine the action to be taken as a result of this meeting, both from the point of view of the texts to be adopted and of their effect on the budget.

### EDUCATION AND WORKING LIFE

The Council and the Ministers took note of the Commission communication on perspectives for education policy in the context of employment policy, with particular reference to the problems of the transition of young people from education to working life, and held a preliminary exchange of views on the problems posed as regards guidance and preparation for working life and on the links between education and training, and work and practical experience.

Finally, the Permanent Representatives Committee was instructed to give the communication a more detailed examination in the light of the observations made during today's exchange of views.

### DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

The Ministers held an exchange of views on developments within the various educational systems in the Community, which enabled them to compare experience in the various Member States and to establish the points of convergence and divergence.

In this connection, the Ministers noted with interest the French Minister's initiative with regard to the preparation of a guide to the history of European civilization, which could prove to be a useful teaching aid.

The Council also took note of a statement by the Netherlands delegation on the subject of the academic recognition of diplomas.

The Education Committee was instructed to continue to study these questions in the light of the comments made during today's exchange of views.



IMPLICATIONS OF THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

The Ministers took note of a communication from Mr BRUNNER, Commission Member responsible for Education, on the implications for the education and preparation of young people for working life of the progressive introduction in the Community of the new computer technologies.

The Commission proposed, as part of its global policy in this field to concentrate its efforts next year on studying the implications for teaching of the new computer technologies.



MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Fisheries policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations concluding the Agreements on fisheries between the Community and:

- the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands;
- the Government of the Republic of Senegal;
- the Government of Guinea-Bissau;
- the Government of Norway;
- the Government of Canada;
- the Government of Sweden,

and the Regulation concluding the Agreement on fisheries with the Government of Sweden relating to certain measures intended to promote the reproduction of salmon in the Baltic Sea.

Moreover, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1852/73 on an interim common measure for restructuring the inshore fishing industry (extension for 1980 with an increased overall appropriation).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down for 1980 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden and the Regulation laying down for 1980 certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway.

Common agricultural policy

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of the Community tariff quota
  - = for 38,000 head of heifers and cows other than those intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds, falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff
  - = for 5,000 head of bulls, cows and heifers, other than those intended for slaughter, of certain Alpine breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff;
- on the grant of a premium for the birth of calves during the 1980/1981 marketing year;
- continuing for the 1980/1981 marketing year the premium for the slaughter of certain adult bovine animals provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 870/77.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat.

Relations with Spain

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines originating in Spain (1980/1981).

Relations with EFTA

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation suspending the application of an indicative ceiling established by Regulation (EEC) No 2796/79 for imports of certain products originating in Austria.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate on behalf of the Community an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters modifying certain duty-free quotas opened for 1980 by the United Kingdom in accordance with Protocol No 1 to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland.

Relations with Yugoslavia

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the safeguard measures provided for in the Co-operation Agreement and in the Interim Agreement on trade and trade co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Regulation establishing ceilings and Community supervision for imports of certain products originating in Yugoslavia (1980).

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the ACP States (1980/1981), and the Regulation concerning the same products originating in the OCT (1980/1981).

Food aid

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the signing and deposit of a declaration on the provisional application of the 1980 Food Aid Convention and agreed to an ad hoc allocation of the commitments entered into in the context of the new Food Aid Convention for the duration of the latter (1 July 1980 - 30 June 1981).

Other decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution on guidelines for a Community labour-market policy, approved at its recent meeting devoted to social questions (see Press Release 7723/80 (Presse 80) of 9.VI.80).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision amending the Decision of 4 April 1978 applying certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations amending Regulation No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff and the Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of agricultural products.

#### Appointments

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the Belgian Government, Mr Silvain LOCCUFIER as a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace the late Mr Victor DE RIDDER for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 18 September 1982.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr A.G.B. WOOLLARD, Department of Education and Science, as a full member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training, to replace Mr N. THOMPSON, a full member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 15 October 1980.

Finally, the Council appointed, on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr P.G. BEVAN, Director, Board of Graduate Clinical Studies, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training to replace Sir Stanley CLAYTON for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 5 April 1982.



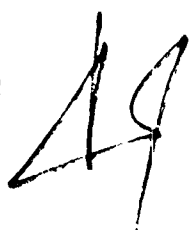




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LES MINISTRES DEVRONT AUSSI PROCEDER VENDREDI A UN ECHANGE DE VUES RELATIF A LA CORRESPONDANCE ENTRE L'EDUCATION ET L'EMPLOI AU MOMENT OÙ IL EXISTE UN ASSEZ HAUT NIVEAU DE CHOMAGE DANS LA COMMUNAUTE FRAPPANT EN PARTICULIER LES JEUNES. LA COMMISSION ESPERE QUE LES MINISTRES POURRONT SE METTRE D'ACCORD POUR DONNER LE FEU VERT AU DEVELOPPEMENT DE TOUS LES APSECTS DU PROGRAMME D'ACTION. LES BUREAUX DES ETATS MEMBRES RECEVRONT A TITRE DE BACKGROUND ET PAR EXPRESS LE RAPPORT DU COMITE DE L'EDUCATION SUR L'ETAT D'AVANCEMENT DES TRAVAUX QUANT A L'EXECUTION DU PROGRAMME D'ACTION.

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MANUEL SANTARELLI COMEUR  
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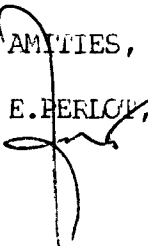
The Council, the first to deal with education for 4 years started in Brussels this morning in a good atmosphere. Denmark whose government has been arguing that education lies outside the Treaty of Rome was represented by her permanent representative, Mr Riberholdt. It was mainly because of these Danish worries that the Treaty they signed covered only economic matters that the Council session has been twice postponed.

The Italian President, Mr Sarti, thanked his colleagues for accepting his invitation and quoting from the 1976 Resolution said they had agreed to come together to follow up the implementation of the action programme, to establish future guidelines, and to compare their policies. The meeting was taking place within 3 days of the end of the Italian presidency and he hoped that even education would not leave Ministers in any difficulties.

For the Commission, Mr Brunner said that education was one way of bringing together the 260 million human beings in our Community.

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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR EDUCATION (R.ELPHICK)

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Ministers spent an hour in discussion and declared themselves in agreement on the substance of the action programme and its continuation. The President said they would leave it to COREPER to look at the means of financing it. This gave the Ambassador of Denmark the opportunity of explaining the constitutional problems for them. Denmark welcomed the agreement on substance reached but would need to see in what capacity the Ministers present had taken their decision.

During the discussion on the admission of students from other Member States, Mr Brunner took the opportunity of congratulating the British Government for treating Community students the same as British students in the payment of fees. He had been among the first to accuse the British of discrimination against Community students over the fees issue and he was happy to withdraw the criticism now. The Belgian representative also announced that his government had overcome their difficulties in this period and Mr Brunner announced later that all Community students were now to be treated throughout the Community in the same way.

The Ministers got through the rest of the Agenda without further holdup before the lunch interval.

At the concluding press conference the President, Mr Sarti, said he was happy to record a convergence of views on all the subjects discussed. Mr Brunner said he particularly welcomed the agreement on the right of access to universities and the fees problem. In addition the Ministers had agreed to begin studying how to make use of telematics. This had been introduced at the Dublin European Summit and he was now inserting the theme into the world of Community education.

It was important to teach young people and the teachers themselves in the very different techniques which will have to be put into use as telematics evolve. On the preparation of

European studies in schools, Mr Brunner said this had to be very carefully worked out. There was a French project now under way which might one day be of use to those who would wish to use it. As for the other agenda items: the transition from school to work; the problems of migrant children; equality of opportunity for girls; the consensus in today's meeting would give us a basis for further work.

Asked to comment on the Danish difficulty and the problem of finding the finances for continuing the programme, Mr Brunner said COREPER would be looking at this, in order to find a precise legal basis. Speaking to journalists later, he said he thought this might be achieved in the autumn.

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