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- Labour and Social Affairs -

Luxembourg, 2 June 1983

President: Mr Norbert BLÜM,

Federal Minister for Labour
and Social Affairs
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Michel HANSENNE
Minister for Labour and
Employment

Germany:

Mr Norbert BLUM
Federal Minister for Labour and
Social Affairs

Mr W. VOGT,
Parliamentary State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Labour and
Social Affairs

France:

Mr Pierre BEREGOVOY
Minister for Social Security and
National Solidarity

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr J. de KONING
Minister for Social Services
and Employment

Denmark:

Mr Flemming HEDEGAARD
Deputy Permanent Representative

Greece:

Mr Apostolos KAKLAMANIS
Minister for Education and
Ecclesiastical Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Liam KAVANAGH
Minister for Labour

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

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

As requested by the European Council at its meeting in Brussels on 21 and 22 March 1983, the Council held a detailed discussion of the drafts submitted by the Commission regarding the review of the European Social Fund.

On the basis of a compromise proposal from the Presidency, agreement was reached on all the points outstanding from earlier proceedings.

The main points agreed are as follows:

1. Aid from the Fund may be granted in the first instance to promote employment for young people under 25. The appropriations earmarked for this purpose will not be less than 75% of available appropriations.
2. Aid will also be available from the Fund for the unemployed, particularly the long-term unemployed, women wishing to go back to work, the disabled, migrant workers, those in small and medium-sized undertakings and vocational guidance and placement officers.
3. 40% of the appropriations available for projects carried out under Member States' labour market policies - which account for the major part of the Fund's interventions - will go to projects to foster employment in Greenland, Greece, the FOD, Ireland, the Mezzogiorno and Northern Ireland. These regions will continue to be eligible for an additional 10% in the rate of aid.

The remaining appropriations will be concentrated on measures to promote employment in other areas of high long-term unemployment and/or industrial and sectoral restructuring.

4. The Council also provided that aid could be granted from the Fund for specific action to implement innovative projects and to examine the effectiveness of such projects. In this connection, the Commission confirmed its determination to continue to promote measures to reorganize and reduce working time.

A maximum of 5% of appropriations will be allocated to this type of action.

5. Each year the Commission will lay down guidelines for the administration of the Fund, thereby making it possible to determine the projects which will meet the Community priorities laid down by the Council.
6. Finally, the Council approved the Decision on the rules of the Social Fund Committee and noted that the Member States would endeavour to involve both sides of industry in the examination of problems raised by requests for aid from the Fund.

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The agreements reached by the Council constitute a common position which will be brought to the attention of the European Parliament with a view to possible conciliation.

The Council will then formally adopt the texts.

The Council concluded by expressing satisfaction at these results and noting that they met the wishes of the European Council.

ASBESTOS

The Council agreed to the Directive on the protection of workers exposed to asbestos. One delegation's position was, however, subject to confirmation. The Directive will be formally adopted as soon as legal and linguistic finalization has been carried out.

The proposal has been under close scrutiny in the Council for two years. The aim is to eliminate discrepancies between national rules on occupational hazards relating to asbestos and to increase protection for workers against such hazards.

The main points of the Directive relate to:

- the action level i.e. the threshold which would trigger the major provisions for protecting workers exposed to asbestos; this level has been set at 0,25 fibre/cm³ at the workplace;
- the exposure limit values, i.e. the level of concentration of asbestos in the air at the workplace which must not be exceeded.

These limit values were set

= for asbestos fibres other than crocidolite at 1 fibre/cm³;

= where pure crocidolite is present at 0,5 fibre/cm³;

= where there is a mixture of crocidolite and other asbestos fibres at a proportionate level calculated on the basis of the above values.

Compliance with these values will be monitored by means of a reference method described in the Annex to the Directive or any other method which gives comparable results.

All the values will be subject to review by the Council, in the light of progress in scientific knowledge and experience in implementing the Directive, before 1 January 1990.

This Directive includes a number of technical measures to be taken to protect workers which involve organizing work processes in such a way that the release of asbestos into the air will be kept as low as is reasonably practicable.

Provision has also been made for making workers exposed to asbestos at work subject to medical examinations records of which will be kept for a period extending beyond the date at which workers cease to be exposed to the hazard.

All the provisions of this Directive will enter into force on 1 January 1987 but will not apply to asbestos mining until 1 January 1990.

PROMOTION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Council held an initial exchange of views on the Commission communication concerning the promotion of employment for young people. Following its discussion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examination of the communication in the light of the discussions in the Standing Committee on Employment ⁽¹⁾ and the Council - and the Opinion of the European Parliament when it is delivered - with a view to preparing for Council discussions at a forthcoming meeting.

The Council noted that the Economic and Social Committee had already given its Opinion.

SECOND PROGRAMME OF ACTION - SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

Subject to the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council arrived at a common position on the proposal for a Resolution on the second programme of action on safety and health protection at work. This proposal extends and, where necessary, updates the action taken under the first programme so that the work undertaken can continue after 1982 up to the end of 1988.

⁽¹⁾ See press release 7088 of 20.5.1983

VOCATIONAL TRAINING RELATING TO NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

As a follow-up to its discussions on 10 December 1982, the Council adopted a Resolution on vocational training measures relating to new information technologies, the enacting terms of which are as follows:

1. General guidelines

Action in the vocational training field will be undertaken to promote the development of a common approach to the introduction of new information technologies which is simultaneously responsible to economic and technical needs and to the social effects such technologies generate. This action will be based on the following general guidelines:

- (a) the need to develop a broadly-based form of training which provides for the acquisition of a wide range of specific skills so as to facilitate access to and continuation in employment through greater occupational mobility;
- (b) the need to make workers aware of, and to introduce them to, new technologies, their application and their social consequences, in particular as regards working conditions;
- (c) the need to take account of the specific training needs of managerial staff in the context of training programmes in new information technologies;
- (d) the need to encourage close consultation between the competent authorities and management and labour in devising programmes of training in new information technologies;
- (e) the need to incorporate the measures to be taken with regard to training in new information technologies in existing provisions for facilitating the further training of workers;

- (f) the need to implement special measures to improve the employment prospects of those who are unemployed, especially young people, by including where appropriate units of study relating to new technologies in their training programmes taking care to promote equal opportunities for men and women;
- (g) the need for a special effort to increase the amount and improve the level of training of staff responsible for carrying out vocational training programmes in the new technologies field.

II. Actions carried out at the level of Member States

In implementing their policies on vocational training in new technologies, the Member States will give particular attention to the following areas of common concern, bearing in mind the part to be played by management and labour and the needs of areas or regions affected by industrial decline and, if necessary, of the least-favoured regions:

- (a) the requirements of undertakings with regard to training in new information technologies, especially the requirements of small and medium-sized undertakings, including co-operatives where appropriate, and of large undertakings particularly affected by the application of these technologies;
- (b) helping unemployed young people, in particular those whose qualifications are inadequate or unsuitable, to enter working life through suitable measures of training in new information technologies;

- (c) helping skilled workers, whether or not enemployed, and particularly older workers whose employment has been or is likely to be affected by industrial restructuring, to remain in employment or to find new employment by furthering their occupational mobility;
- (d) the development of qualifications in electronics and data processing;
- (e) the retraining or re-entry into employment of women whose employment is threatened by the introduction of new technologies or who want to take up work again;
- (f) informing the public about the applications and consequences of new information technologies as regards employment and working conditions, with the aim of creating an atmosphere favourable to the implementation of appropriate vocational training measures in these technologies.

III. Actions carried out at Community level

In order to complement and support action by Member States:

- (a) the Commission is requested to implement, in the light of proposals from the Member States and in co-operation with the latter, a network of demonstration projects designed to encourage the transfer of experience and promising innovations and, by so doing, to enlighten Member States about the development of their policies.

The principal features of the demonstration projects and the way in which they are to be implemented will be determined in collaboration with the Member States, in accordance with the guidelines in this Resolution and taking the proposals submitted by the Commission into consideration, for a period of five years, the first year, 1983, being devoted to preparatory work for the implementation of the network of demonstration projects;

- (b) the Commission is requested to ensure the continuous exchange of ideas and experiences resulting from both the network of demonstration projects and other initiatives taken by Member States in the areas of common interest referred to in II above, with particular attention being given to the needs of less-developed areas and regions and areas of industrial decline;
- (c) the Commission is requested to include an examination of qualifications in electronics and data processing in its comparative work on vocational qualifications;
- (d) the Commission is requested to make proposals to facilitate the exchange between Member States of persons responsible for the vocational training in new technologies;
- (e) the Commission is also requested to step up its efforts to involve workers and/or their representatives in the process of introducing new technologies into an undertaking or establishment, particularly as regards vocational training, taking full account of existing practices and systems in the Member States.

- IV. The Council will examine the progress made with implementation of this Resolution and the results obtained, on the basis of an interim report and a final report to be submitted to it by the Commission before 1 January 1986 and 1 July 1988 respectively;
- V. Community financing for the initiatives referred to in III will be decided on within the framework of the budgetary procedure, and in accordance with the commitments entered into by the Council. Community financing of the demonstration projects referred to in III(a) will be in accordance with the financing capacity and rules of the Social Fund.

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71;
- amending and updating Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to their families moving within the Community and Council Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71.

These Regulations involve technical amendments to and consolidation of the existing Community rules on social security for migrant workers.

For practical reasons and in the interests of clarity, it had become necessary to update Regulations (EEC) No 1408/71 and No 574/72 and to combine in a single Regulation all the provisions of these Regulations still in force at 1 July 1982, this being the date on which Community social security schemes were extended to self-employed workers and members of their families.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for

- = Port wines

- = Madeira wines

- falling within heading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Portugal (1983/1984);

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for

- = Sherry wines

- = Malaga wines

- = Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepenas wines

- falling within heading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Spain (1983/1984).

Relations with EFTA countries

The Council adopted the Community's common position on draft Decision No 1/83 of the EEC-Switzerland and EEC-Austria Joint Committees - Community transit - amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Switzerland and Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations on the application of Decision No 1/83 of the Joint EEC/EFTA country Committees further amending Article 8 of Protocol No 3 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation.

Appointment

On a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mr Michel TISSIER, C.F.D.T. Confederation Secretary, a full member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training to replace Mr François ROMAGNY, full member, who has resigned for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 16 september 1983.

Bruxelles, le 1 juin 1983

Note Bio(83)245 aux Bureaux Nationaux
cc: aux Membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

Rendez-vous de midi du 1 juin 1983 (J. Robinson)

Themes traites

Conseil des Affaires Sociales et de l'Education

Le jeudi 2 et le vendredi 3 juin aura lieu a Luxembourg une serie de trois Conseil qui recourent l'un l'autre quant a la matiere qu'ils traitent. En effet; demain a 10 heures deux Conseils debuteront leurs travaux - le Conseil des Affaires Sociales, sous la presidence de M. Norbert Blum, Ministre allemand du Travail et avec la participation de Mr Ivor Richard; et une reunion du Conseil et des Ministres de l'Education presidee par Mme. Dorothee Wilms, Ministre allemand de l'Education et de la Science et dans laquelle le representant de la Commission sera Mr Richard Burke. Apres-demain le Conseil conjoint, le premier reunissant les Ministres des Affaires Sociales et de l'Education qu'il y ait eu au niveau communautaire, commencera ses travaux a 10 heures.

1. Conseil Affaires Sociales

Le Conseil des Affaires Sociales aura essentiellement six points a son ordre du jour :

- il devrait commencer ses travaux en adoptant une resolution sur la formation professionnelle et les nouvelles technologies (point "A") (P-29, mai 1982)
- l'amiante - proposition de directive (octobre 1980) pour la protection des travailleurs contre les risques dus a l'exposition a l'amiante. La Commission espere que cette mesure, qui a deja ete discutee a deux reprises par les Ministres, sera cette fois-ci adoptee. En effet des perspectives d'accord existent apres les efforts de rapprochement intervenus recemment au Conseil. (Background: les reserves essentielles emanent de la delegation allemande qui s'oppose a la fixation de valeurs de concentration trop strictes pour les fibres d'amiante, notamment pour l'amiante bleu (crocidolite) en depot des proprietes fortement cancerigenes de cette substance).
- resolution du Conseil concernant un deuxieme programme d'action communautaire pour la securite et la sante sur le lieu de travail. Le Conseil devrait adopter cette resolution qui indique les actions prioritaires a entreprendre d'ici la fin 1988.
- Reexamen du Fonds Social Europeen. Ce point est sans doute le point politique le plus important du Conseil. Les discussions des instances du Conseil sur l'avis de la Commission (octobre 1982) ont ete tres intenses et pour mieux les faire avancer, la presidence allemande va soumettre un projet de compromis global a ses partenaires. Ce projet devrait en principe s'adresser aux questions majeures restant en suspens, telle la question de la regionalisation du Fonds, et celle concernant la priorite a accorder par le Fonds aux jeunes.

- enfin, sur les autres points - la Communication de la Commission sur la promotion de l'emploi des jeunes, et le Memorandum de la Commission sur la reduction et la reorganisation du temps de travail, il y aura des echanges de vues.

2. Conseil de l'Education

Les Ministres de l'Education se reunissent parallelement au Conseil des Ministres du Travail et des Affaires Sociales. A l'invitation de Mr Richardm Mr Burke represente la Commission.

On trouve les points suivants a l'ordre du jour :

- l'introduction de nouvelles technologies de l'information dans l'education,
- accroissement de la mobilite dans l'enseignement superieur,
- scolarisation des enfants des travailleurs migrants,
- problemes d'emploi concernant les enseignants,
- reponse a la resolution du Parlement Europeen du 11 mars 1982.

On s'attend a des echanges de vues constructifs sur ces questions. Les decisions prevues concernant les nouvelles technologies et la mobilite representent pour la Commission un progres important.

L'adoption de la resolution au sujet des nouvelles technologies constituera la base juridique pour l'engagement de credits qui seront inscrits au budget. Au niveau communautaire on prevoit une serie d'initiatives a mettre en oeuvre d'ici 1987 dans le cadre d'un programme de rencontres et d'analyses comparatives : seminaires, colloques, echanges d'informations, etc.

Les Ministres adopteront aussi des conclusions en vue de renforcer et d'elargir la mobilite dans le domaine de l'enseignement superieur entre les Etats membres. On peut prevoir le developpement des programmes communs d'etudes et des visites d'etudes de courte duree. Pour ameliorer la situation quant a la reconnaissance academique et la mobilite des etudiants en general on attend l'accroissement de l'information et de la documentation disponible et l'amelioration des services de conseil aux etudiants.

3. Conseil Conjoint Social/Education

La composition speciale de ce Conseil devrait permettre une discussion d'une grande envergure des deux points essentiels de l'ordre du jour, a savoir :

- A. La formation professionnelle dans les annees '80 : a cet egard, le Conseil devrait adopter une resolution basee sur le projet de la Commission en date du mois d'octobre dernier. Il est a noter que cette resolution comportera un engagement formel pour la mise en oeuvre d'une garantie sociale pour les jeunes en dessous de 25 ans.

B. Le passage des jeunes de l'education a la vie active : il s'agit de tirer les conclusions du premier programme (adopte en 1976), et de prendre note du lancement de la deuxieme serie de projets pilotes qui ont ete decides suite a l'adoption d'une resolution adoptee par le Conseil en mai 1982.

Il y aura aussi un expose du Commissaire Richard concernant le developpement des echanges de jeunes dans la Communaute.

Materiel diffuse

IP 192 - Information a la presse conjointe a l'issue de la
reunion de la Commission mixte CEE-Inde
Memo 64 - Cooperation CEE-Israel
1 procedure antisubvention

Amities

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LUXEMBOURG : LE 2 JUIN 1985

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (LUXEMBOURG - SESSION OF 2 JUNE)

THE COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTERS BEGAN THEIR MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG TODAY AT 10.30 A.M. UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF GERMAN LABOUR MINISTER, NORBERT BLUM, AND WITH MR IVOR RICHARD REPRESENTING THE COMMISSION. THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IS THE SAME AS INDICATED IN YESTERDAY'S BIO BEARING THE SAME NUMBER.

HAVING DEALT WITH THE A POINTS, ALL OF WHICH WERE APPROVED - INCLUDING A RESOLUTION ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES - THE COUNCIL TURNED ITS CONSIDERATION TO THE ASBESTOS DIRECTIVE WHICH BY LATE MORNING IT HAD POLITICALLY ADOPTED. THIS SUCCESS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY AGREEMENT ON A COMPROMISED PROPOSAL COVERING WHAT HAD BEEN THE TWO MAJOR OUTSTANDING POINTS :

- 'ACTION LEVELS': I.E. THE LEVEL OF ASBESTOS PRESENCE IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE WORKPLACE ABOVE WHICH THE PROTECTIVE MEASURES OF THE DIRECTIVE COME INTO PLAY;
- THE 'LIMIT LEVELS': I.E. THE LEVEL ABOVE WHICH EXPOSURE OF WORKERS TO ASBESTOS IS TO BE PROHIBITED.

THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE WHICH WAS AGREED FIXED THE LEVEL FOR ACTION AT 0.25 FIBRES/CM³ (FOR BOTH BLUE ASBESTOS AND ALL OTHER FIBRES OF ASBESTOS) AND SET LIMIT LEVELS RESPECTIVELY FOR BLUE ASBESTOS (ALSO CALLED CROCIDOLITE) AT 0.5 FIBRES/CM³ ; AND FOR ALL OTHER FIBRES OF ASBESTOS AT 1 FIBRE/CM³ . IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION OF THIS DIRECTIVE AS OF 1 JANUARY 1990, OR, 3 YEARS AFTER ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE ON 1 JANUARY 1987.

JUST PRIOR TO THE END OF THE MORNING SESSION, THE COUNCIL POLITICALLY APPROVED A RESOLUTION ON A SECOND COMMUNITY PROGRAMME ON HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK; FORMAL OF WHICH MUST AWAIT THE OPINION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE COMMISSION'S COMMUNICATION ON THE PROMOTION OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT.

THE DEBATE ON THE REVIEW OF THE SOCIAL FUND HAD JUST STARTED WHEN MINISTERS BROKE FOR LUNCH.

REGARDS
JOHN ROBINSON
LUXEMBOURG

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CC : AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

LUXEMBOURG , LE 2 JUIN 1983

CONSEIL AFFAIRES SOCIALES (SESSION DU 2 JUIN 1983 : FONDS SOCIAL

LE CONSEIL A CONTINUE SES DEBATS PENDANT L'APRES-MIDI
JUSQU'A 17H30, AUQUEL MOMENT IL Y A EU UNE INTERRUPTION DE SEANCE.
POUR LE MOMENT IL EST IMPOSSIBLE DE PREVOIR LES RESULTATS DES
TRAVAUX, SUR LESQUELS JE REVIENDRAI DEMAIN MATIN.

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JOHN ROBINSON, LUXEMBOURG

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CONSEIL AFFAIRES SOCIALES DU 2 JUIN 1983

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LE CONSEIL DES AFFAIRES SOCIALES S'EST CONCLU HIER SOIR VERS 22,30 HEURES; AYANT TERMINE AVEC REUSSITE SES TRAVAUX SUR LE REEXAMEN DU FONDS SOCIAL EUROPEEN. AINSI LE MINISTRES ONT PU ARRETER LA DECISION DE BASE ET LE REGLEMENT D'APPLICATION SUR LA BASE DESQUELS LE FONDS SOCIAL AFFECTERA SES RESSOURCES DANS LES ANNEES A VENIR. LE TRAIT MARQUANT DE CE FONDS AINSI "REVISE" EST SANS AUCUN DOUTE LES LIMITES IMPOSEES SUR LE BIAIS REGIONAL DU FONDS ET; PAR CONSEQUENT; LA POSSIBILITE QU'IL AURA DORENAVANT DE CONCENTRER LA MAJORITE DE SES RESSOURCES AU DEVELOPPEMENT DE L'EMPLOI; NOTAMMENT DES JEUNES; DANS LES ZONES DE CHOMAGE ELEVE INDEPENDAMMENT DE CONSIDERATIONS A PREDOMINANCE REGIONALE. AUTREMENT DIT; LE FONDS SERA UN FONDS AXE SUR L'EMPLOI.

LA FORMULE RICHARD

LES NEGOCIATIONS COMPLEXES D'HIER; QUI ONT DURE UN TOTAL DE 11 HEURES; SE SONT DERouleES SUR LA BASE D'UN PROJET GLOBAL PROPOSE PAR LA PRESIDENCE ALLEMANDE MAIS N'ONT PAS PU ETRE MENEES A BIEN GRACE A UNE FORMULE DE COMPROMIS; SUGGEREE A UN MOMENT CRITIQUE DES DISCUSSIONS PAR LE COMMISSAIRE IVOR RICHARD. CETTE FORMULE A PERMIS DE CONCILIER LES DIVERGENCES ENTRE LES PARTISANS D'UN FONDS SOCIAL "REGIONAL" - MENES PAR L'ITALIE; L'IRLANDE ET LA GRECE - ET CEUX; LA FRANCE ET LES PAYS-BAS EN TETE; INSISTANT PLUTOT SUR UNE "DEREGIONALISATION" DU FONDS.

LA FORMULE RICHARD CONSISTAIT A DONNER DES ASSURANCES AUX PREMIERS QUANT AU MAINTIEN DES INTERETS DES REGIONS DITES "SUPER-PRIORITAIRES" TOUT EN GARANTISSANT QUE LA MAJORITE DU FONDS SERAIT A L'AVENIR CONSACREE A DES PROJETS VISANT SURTOUT L'EMPLOI.

LES POINTS ESSENTIELS DE L'ACCORD SUR LE FONDS SOCIAL

LES ELEMENTS ESSENTIELS DE L'ACCORD DU CONSEIL D'HIER SONT LES SUIVANTS:

1.
LE CONCOURS DU FONDS PEUT ETRE OCTROYE EN PREMIER LIEU; POUR FAVORISER L'EMPLOI DES JEUNES AGES DE MOINS DE 25 ANS. LES CREDITS PREVUS A CET EFFET NE SERONT PAS INFERIEURS A 75 O/O DES CREDITS DISPONIBLES.

2.
LES PERSONNES EN CHOMAGE; NOTAMMENT LES CHOMEURS DE LONGUE DUREE; LES FEMMES SOUHAITANT REPENDRE UNE ACTIVITE PROFESSIONNELLE; LES HANDICAPES; LES TRAVAILLEURS MIGRANTS; LES PERSONNES OCCUPEES DANS LES PETITES ET MOYENNES ENTREPRISES AINSI QUE LES PERSONNES CHARGEES NOTAMMENT DE L'ORIENTATION PROFESSIONNELLE OU DU PLACEMENT POURRONT EGALEMENT BENEFICIER DU CONCOURS DU FONDS.

3.

40 0/0 DES CREDITS DISPONIBLES POUR LES ACTIONS REALISEES DANS LE CADRE DE LA POLITIQUE DU MARCHE DE L'EMPLOI DES ETATS MEMBRES - QUI CONSTITUENT L'ESSENTIEL DES INTERVENTIONS DU FONDS - SERONT DESTINES A DES ACTIONS EN FAVEUR DE L'EMPLOI AU GROENLAND; EN GRECE; DANS LES DOM FRANCAIS; EN IRLANDE; DANS LE MEZZOGIORNO ET EN IRLANDE DU NORD. CES REGIONS CONTINUERONT A BENEFICIER D'UN TAUX D'INTERVENTION MAJORE DE 10 0/0.

LES CREDITS RESTANTS SERONT CONCENTRES SUR DES MESURES EN FAVEUR DU DEVELOPPEMENT DE L'EMPLOI DANS LES AUTRES ZONES DE CHOMAGE ELEVE ET DE LONGUE DUREE ET/OU EN RESTRUCTURATION INDUSTRIELLE ET SECTORIELLE.

4.

LE CONSEIL A EGALEMENT PREVU QUE LE CONCOURS DU FONDS PEUT ETRE OCTROYE EN FAVEUR D'ACTIONN SPECIFIQUES POUR LA MISE EN OEUVRE DE PROJETS AYANT UN CARACTERE NOVATEUR OU POUR L'EXAMEN DE L'EFFICACITE DES PROJETS. DANS CE CADRE; LA COMMISSION A CONFIRME SA VOLONTE DE CONTINUER DE PROMOUVOIR DES MESURES RELATIVES A LA REORGANISATION ET A LA REDUCTION DU TEMPS DE TRAVAIL.

LES CREDITS PREVUS POUR CE TYPE D'ACTIONN SERONT AU MAXIMUM DE 5 0/0 DES CREDITS.

5.

CHACQUE ANNEE; LA COMMISSION ARRETERA LES ORIENTATIONS POUR LA GESTION DU FONDS; CE QUI PERMETTRA DE DETERMINER LES ACTIONS REpondANT AUX PRIORITES COMMUNAUTAIRES DEFINIES PAR LE CONSEIL.

6.

ENFIN; LE CONSEIL A APPROUVE LA DECISION CONCERNANT LE STATUT DU COMITE DU FONDS SOCIAL ET IL A; A CET EGARD; CONSTATE QUE LES ETATS MEMBRES S'EFFORCERONT D'ASSOCIER LES PARTENAIRES SOCIAUX A L'EXAMEN DES PROBLEMES QUE PEUVENT SOULEVER LES DEMANDES DE CONCOURS DU FONDS.

LES ACCORDS INTERVENUS AU CONSEIL CONSTITUENT UNE ORIENTATION COMMUNE; QUI SERA PORTEE A LA CONNAISSANCE DU PARLEMENT EUROPEEN EN VUE D'UNE EVENTUELLE CONCERTATION AVEC CELUI-CI. LE CONSEIL PROCEDERA PAR LA SUITE A L'ADOPTION FORMELLE DES TEXTES.

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LUXEMBOURG; LE 3 JUIN 1983

CONSEIL CONJOINT SOCIAL/EDUCATION DU 3 JUIN 1983

THE JOINT EDUCATION/SOCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL; THE FIRST OF ITS TYPE EVER TO BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY; STARTED AT 10.00 A.M. AND CONCLUDED AT 1.00 P.M. THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED BY GERMAN SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER NORBERT BLUM; MR IVOR RICHARD REPRESENTING THE COMMISSION.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN THE 1980'S

HIGHLIGHT OF THE COUNCIL WAS THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING POLICIES IN THE COMMUNITY IN THE 1980'S. THIS SUCCESS WAS ACHIEVED AFTER TWO HOURS NEGOTIATION MAINLY FOCUSED ON THAT PART OF THE RESOLUTION DEALING WITH SPECIFIC MEASURES TO ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

THIS PART OF THE RESOLUTION CENTRES ON WHAT IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE SOCIAL GUARANTEE AND IN ADOPTING IT MEMBER STATES HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO DOING THEIR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH CAN BENEFIT OVER A PERIOD OF AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AND IF POSSIBLE ONE YEAR FOLLOWING FULL COMPULSORY EDUCATION FROM A FULL-TIME PROGRAMME INVOLVING BASIC TRAINING AND/OR INITIAL WORK EXPERIENCE TO PREPARE THEM FOR AN OCCUPATION.

OTHER POINTS ON THE AGENDA

- THE TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO ADULT AND WORKING LIFE ;
MR RICHARD STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES IN THIS AREA; EMPHASIZING THAT THE TRANSITION PHASE WAS CRUCIAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AS IT MARKED THE POINT AT WHICH THEY CROSS OVER FROM DEPENDENCE TO INDEPENDENCE. HE OUTLINED THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST PROGRAMME AND NOTIFIED THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMISSION'S PLANS FOR THE SECOND PROGRAMME OF SOME THIRTY PILOT PROJECTS.
- THE PROMOTION BY THE COMMUNITY OF YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES ;
THE COMMISSIONER CALLED ON THE COUNCIL TO DEMONSTRATE ITS COMMITMENT TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH EXCHANGES; WHICH HAVE PROVED INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFUL. MR. RICHARD CITED THE STATISTIC SHOWING THAT; IN THE FIELD OF EXCHANGE OF YOUNG WORKERS; THE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE INCREASED OVER THE LAST TWENTY YEARS TO THE POINT OF REACHING ABOUT 1,000 PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUNG WORKERS PROGRAMME LAST YEAR. HE CONCLUDED BY ANNOUNCING THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDED TO BRING FORWARD PROPOSALS FOR A PROGRAMME OF YOUTH EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES TOWARDS THE END OF 1983; HOPING THAT THESE PROPOSALS COULD LEAD TO A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD START IN 1985. THIS WOULD; HE SAID; BE AN APPROPRIATE WAY OF MARKING THE FACT THAT 1985 WOULD BE THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE.
- PROGRESS REPORT ON F A S T I (FORCASTING AND ASSESSMENT IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) ; MR RICHARD INDICATED THAT A REPORT ON THE FIRST F A S T PROGRAMME IS SHORTLY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE. THE COMMISSIONER INDICATED THAT F A S T STUDIES HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH SIXTY RESEARCH TEAMS FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNTRIES; FOCUSING ON THREE MAJOR AREAS OF STRUCTURAL CHANGE - WORK AND EMPLOYMENT; THE INFORMATION SOCIETY AND THE BIO-SOCIETY.

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