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984th meeting of the Council  
- Foreign Affairs -  
Brussels, 28 and 29 January 1985

President: Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Italy

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS	Minister for External Relations
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for European Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER	Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jürgen RUHFUS	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Théodoros PANGALOS	State Secretary for European Economic Community Affairs
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France:

Mr Roland DUMAS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ms Catherine LALUMIERE	State Secretary attached to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, responsible for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Francesco FORTE	Minister for Co-ordination of Community Policies
Mr Mario FIORET	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS

Vice-President of the Government,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs,  
Foreign Trade and Co-operation

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Secretary of State for Foreign  
and Commonwealth Affairs

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Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS

President

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Vice-President

### SPANISH/PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

After detailed preparation by the Council, the 27th ministerial meeting with Spain took place on 28 January and the 25th ministerial meeting with Portugal on 29 January.

The Spanish delegation was headed by Mr MORAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Portuguese delegation by Mr RODRIGUES LOPES, Minister for Finance and Planning.

These meetings provided an opportunity to take general stock of the negotiations following the intensive exploratory talks which the Commission has been holding since December, to take note of progress and to exchange views in details on possible solutions to outstanding problems, particularly in the agriculture, fisheries and social affairs chapters.

The Community and its two partners acknowledged the absolute need to complete the bulk of the accession negotiations in March before the European Council meeting. Every effort will be made to achieve this objective at the next ministerial meetings from 18 to 20 February. If necessary, extraordinary meetings will be called at the beginning of March.

### INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES

After a statement by the President, Mr DELORS, the Council exchanged views on the Integrated Mediterranean Programmes.

The Council noted that the Commission would update its proposal on the subject and submit it to the Council as soon as possible to enable the Council to discuss it without delay.

COMMUNITY OWN RESOURCES

The Council examined possible ways of following up the conclusions of the European Council in Fontainebleau both as regards new own resources and the undertaking given to the United Kingdom concerning its compensation for 1984, and of enabling the budget procedure to be resumed so that a budget for 1985 might be agreed upon.

Following the debate, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume its examination of these problems in the light of the discussions so that the Council could reach agreement at its meeting in February 1985.

CANADIAN RESTRICTIONS ON BEEF AND VEAL IMPORTS

The Council expressed deep concern at the restrictions on beef and veal imports recently introduced by Canada which had serious and unjustified adverse effects on Community exports. It gave its full support to the action undertaken by the Commission to try to reach a rapid and satisfactory solution and intended, if that failed, to exercise all the rights afforded to the Community under GATT.

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APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE COMMISSION

The representatives of the Governments of the Member States  
appointed

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Lord COCKFIELD

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-Presidents of the Commission of the European Communities until  
5 January 1987 inclusive.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Greenland

The ratification procedures concerning the Treaty amending the Treaties establishing the European Communities as regards Greenland, which was signed on 13 March 1984, have just been completed by the 10 contracting parties; this Treaty will therefore enter into force on 1 February 1985.

With a view to the entry into force on the same date of the provisions governing future relations with Greenland in respect of fisheries, the Council adopted the Regulations:

- on the conclusion of the of the Agreement on fisheries between the European Economic Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the local Government of Greenland, on the other,
- on the conclusion of the Protocol on the conditions relating to fishing between the European Economic Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the local Government of Greenland, on the other,
- laying down certain specific measures in connection with the special fisheries arrangements applicable to Greenland.

Trade

The Council decided to sign the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System on behalf of the European Economic Community, subject to acceptance.

The Council also authorized the Commission to negotiate the conclusion of agreements in the form of exchanges of letters with Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey concerning the additional amounts to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil originating in those countries.

Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities, Regulations:

- repealing the definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of upright pianos originating in the Soviet Union;
- imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of oxalic acid originating in Brazil.

Relations with North Yemen

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Yemen (see EEC-YEMEN (Y.A.R.) Press Release 3401/84 (Presse 160) of 9.X.84). This Agreement will therefore enter into force on 1 February 1985.



Euro-Arab Dialogue

The Council adopted the Decision giving authorization to the Commission and laying down negotiating directives for the participation of the Community in the Euro-Arab Convention for the reciprocal promotion and protection of investments.

Community transit

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations on the application of Decisions Nos 2/84 of the EEC-Switzerland/EEC-Austria Joint Committees on Community transit amending the Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Spain on international combined road/rail carriage of goods.

Agriculture

- The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities
- a Regulation amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats (see Press Release 9905/84 (Presse 169) of 22/23.X.84);
  - Directives
    - = on the financing of health inspections and controls of fresh meat and poultrymeat from 1 January 1986,
    - = amending Directive 81/645/EEC concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Greece) and extending them.

Appointments

On a proposal by the Irish Government, the Council appointed Mr D. MURPHY, General Secretary of the Civil Service Executive Union, a member and Mr W.A. ATTLEY, General Secretary of the Federated Workers' Union of Ireland, an alternate to the European Social Fund Committee in replacement of Mr P. CARDIFF, member who has resigned, and of Mr D. MURPHY, alternate who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's terms of office, which run until 23 May 1985.

On a proposal by the Netherlands Government, the Council also appointed Mr i.r. B.J. VAN DER TOOM, Sekretaris Koninklijk Nederlands Landbouw Comité, a member of the European Social Fund Committee in replacement of Mrs G.A. DE LANGE, alternate who has resigned, for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 23 May 1985.

Bruxelles, le 28 janvier 1985

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CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE

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28/29 janvier 1985

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RESSOURCES PROPRES (Elphick)

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Le Conseil n'est pas encore parvenu a un accord sur le nouveau systeme des ressources propres, decide en principe a Fontainebleau, fixant le taux maximum de mobilisation de la TVA a 1,4 %. Une decision devient de plus en plus urgente etant donne que chaque jour qui passe reduit le temps requis a la mise en oeuvre de la procedure necessaire pour la ratification du nouveau taux par tous les Parlements des Etats Membres. Le Conseil doit aussi arriver a une conclusion le plus vite possible afin d'aider a la recherche d'une solution au probleme budgetaire pour l'annee en cours.

Il n'est pas du tout clair si le Conseil est en mesure de faire progresser ce dossier en ce moment.

La Commission suit la situation d'autant plus pres que le probleme des nouvelles ressources propres est en rapport direct a l'etablissement du Budget 1985.

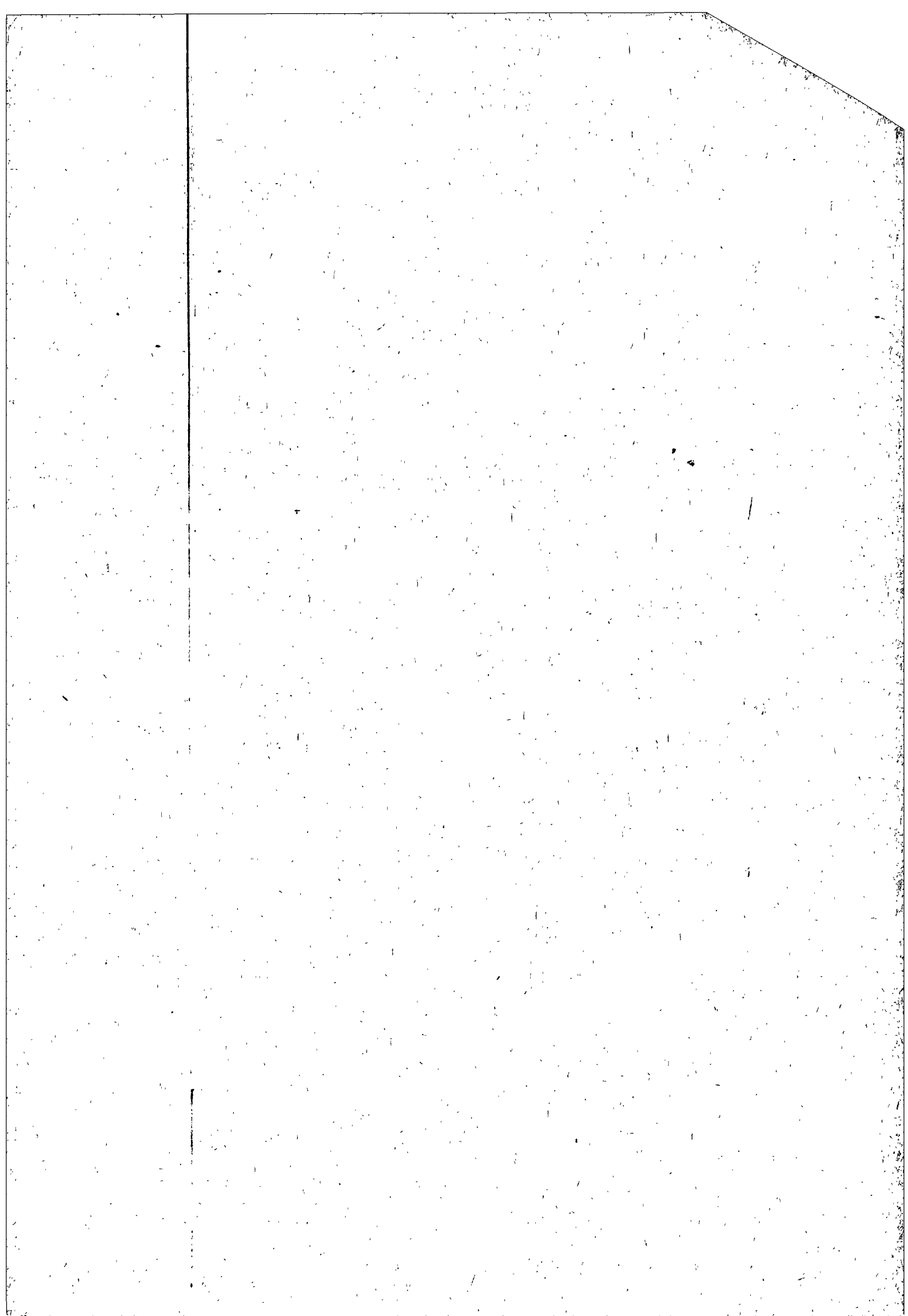
Materiel diffuse :

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- IP(85) 16 : Conclusion des negociations CE-Maroc sur les exportations marocaines de textiles
- MEMO No.3 : Visite a la Commission du ministre autrichien des affaires etrangeres
- MEMO No.5 : Colloque sur la television sans frontieres a Manchester
- Doc. COM 749: Proposition de la Commission pour faciliter les controles et formalites lors du passage des frontieres intracommunautaires des citoyens des Etats membres (voir aussi note P-1).

Amitiés,

C. Stathopoulos, Comeur ////



Bruxelles, le 29 janvier 1984

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c.c. aux Membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

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## CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

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### ELARGISSEMENT (Santopinto)

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Au cours de l'après-midi de hier ont été examinés les résultats des conversations exploratoires qui se sont tenues au cours des dernières semaines entre la Communauté et l'Espagne notamment sur les questions des fruits et légumes, des matières grasses végétales et du mécanisme complémentaire aux échanges.

Même si les Dix ne sont pas parvenus dans la journée de hier à arrêter des positions communes, le débat a permis d'identifier certains points sur lesquels la Communauté pourra faire preuve d'une plus grande souplesse vis-à-vis des demandes de l'Espagne et d'autres par contre pour lesquels cela paraît beaucoup plus difficile. Sur ces dossiers de l'agriculture le Conseil a demandé à la Commission de présenter au COREPER, encore au cours de cette semaine, des propositions précises pour permettre au prochain conseil du mois de février d'arrêter des positions communautaires. Au cours de la soirée le Conseil a abordé aussi les questions relatives à la Pêche/Espagne aux affaires sociales/Espagne-Portugal et à la pêche et agriculture/Portugal. Sur tous ces points la Commission est invitée à faire rapidement des propositions au Conseil.

Toujours dans la journée d'hier, à 19h30, a eu lieu une courte session ministérielle avec l'Espagne. M. Andreotti, président en exercice du Conseil, a réaffirmé à la délégation espagnole la volonté des Dix de conclure les négociations au cours du mois de mars, avant le Conseil Européen. Dans cette perspective et compte tenu des résultats du Conseil Affaires Générales des 18 et 19 février il est possible que la présidence convoque un Conseil spécial.

M. Andreotti a ensuite donné à la délégation espagnole des indications sur l'attitude du Conseil en matière d'agriculture et de pêche.

Ce matin à 9h30 a eu lieu une session ministérielle avec le Portugal qui a permis aux parties en cause de mieux préciser leur position sur le problème de l'agriculture et de la pêche.

Après la session ministérielle M. Natali s'est adressé au Conseil affaires générales pour faire part de l'intention de la Commission de présenter d'ici la fin de la semaine prochaine au COREPER une proposition GLOBALE sur le chapitre de l'agriculture, y compris le vin, de la pêche et des affaires sociales. Pour M. Natali en effet il est plus important pour le Conseil d'avoir un cadre d'ensemble complet sur ces points plutôt que des propositions de solutions spécifiques sur les différents dossiers. Cette initiative de la Commission devrait donc permettre au Conseil une discussion d'ensemble sur des chapitres aussi déterminants pour le déroulement des négociations d'adhésion.

## Aide alimentaire

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M. Natali a attiré l'attention du Conseil sur la nécessité que la politique d'aide alimentaire ne subisse pas d'interruption en raison de l'absence du budget. "Je crois, a-dit M. Natali, que tous les Etats membres partagent le souci de la Commission pour qu'une solution rapide soit trouvée, notamment pour continuer les actions entreprises à la suite du Sommet de Dublin et dans le cadre desquelles les crédits de l'aide alimentaire 1985 doivent dès à présent être disponibles pour prendre le relais des crédits 1984 qui sont tous engagés.

Amitiés,  
M. Santarelli, comeur,



Brussels, 29 January 1985  
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CC TO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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**Budget 85 and Own Resources (Elphick)**

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The Council spent more than 90 minutes discussing the related problems of establishing a proper budget for 1985, covering the expected budgetary shortfall this year, and the decision on increasing the VAT ceiling of Own Resources to 1.4% of VAT. This last point is closely tied to the agreement on enlarging the Community by admitting Spain and Portugal on the planned date, 1 January 1986.

Speaking for the Commission, Mr. Hennig Christophersen impressed upon the Ministers the urgent necessity for a decision on the budget points as soon as possible. Under the present system of provisional twelfths, the Community had about 10% less to spend this year than last. It was evident that the difficulties in maintaining current policies would increase the longer the uncertainty lasted. Moreover, latest calculations revealed that the extra funding needed for agricultural guarantee this year was likely to be greater than was estimated in the provisional draft budget, closer to 2 000 mioEcu than to the 1350 mioEcu originally foreseen.

However, after discussing the problems, Ministers did not appear to come any closer to a meeting of minds and COREPER has been asked to continue their work.

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M. SANTARELLI COMEUR // // // 16.00



