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967th Council meeting  
- Industry/Steel -

Brussels, 22 November 1984

President: Mr John BRUTON  
Minister for Industry, Trade  
Commerce and Tourism  
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Mark EYSKENS  
Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Martin BANGEMANN  
Federal Minister for Economic  
Affairs

Mr Dieter von WÜRZEN  
State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON  
Minister for Industrial Redeployment  
and Foreign Trade

Italy:

Mr Pietro CALAMIA  
Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr G.M.V. van AARDENNE  
Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Ib STETTER  
Minister for Industry

Greece:

Mr Constantine VAITSOS  
Minister for Economic Affairs

Ireland:

Mr John BRUTON  
Minister for Industry, Trade,  
Commerce and Tourism

Mr Edward COLLINS  
Minister of State at the  
Department of Energy and at the  
Department of Industry, Trade,  
Commerce and Tourism

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS  
Vice-President of the Government,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs,  
External Commerce and Co-operation

United Kingdom:

Mr Norman LAMONT  
Minister of State,  
Department of Trade and Industry

Commission:

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON  
Vice-President

EXPORTS OF TUBES TO THE UNITED STATES

The Council instructed the Commission to negotiate an arrangement with the United States for Community exports of tubes to that country.

STEEL INDUSTRY INTERNAL ASPECT - RESTRUCTURING AND AMENDING THE AIDS CODE

The Council examined in detail the communication from the Commission on the restructuring of the Community steel industry and the proposal to amend the aids code in order to extend the payment of aids to continued operation until 31 December 1985 and to fix new deadlines for the giving of notice and the authorization of projects for additional aids.

The Council noted that some of the proposed amendments still gave rise to problems in the Council and that before a final discussion could take place, additional information was called for, and agreed to continue its discussions on the matter at another "steel" meeting on 17 December next.

The Council also agreed to discuss at that meeting, in the light of further discussions, questions on the agenda concerning the amendment of Decision 234/84 on the system of monitoring and production quotas: amendment of Article 14 B and adjustment of the arrangements for coated sheets.

MARKET SITUATION IN SCRAP

The Council discussed the difficulties which had arisen in some Member States as a result of fluctuations in scrap metal prices. This problem will be tackled again at the meeting on 17 December, on the basis of a Commission communication.



MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy and Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Regulations

- = amending the definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain ball bearings originating in Japan and exported by NTN Toyo Bearing Co. Ltd.
- = opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas (1985) for
  - . resin, including "brais résineux", falling within subheading 38.08 A of the Common Customs Tariff
  - . ferro-silicon falling within subheading 73.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff
  - . ferro-siliconmanganese falling within subheading 73.02 D of the Common Customs Tariff
  - . ferrochromium containing not more than 0,10% by weight of carbon and more than 30% but not more than 90% by weight of chromium (super-refined ferrochromium), falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff
- = temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of agricultural products

- the Decisions

- = authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between Member States and third countries
- = concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Government of Australia on the Arrangement between Australia and the Community concerning cheese
- = concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Government of New Zealand amending the Joint Discipline Arrangement between New Zealand and the Community concerning cheese.

### Relations with the Mediterranean countries

The Council adopted the Directives enabling the Commission to negotiate a 3rd Additional Protocol to the EEC-Israel Co-operation Agreement.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a second series of Regulations on Community tariff quotas, ceilings and arrangements for imports of products originating in various Mediterranean countries (1985) viz.:

- Algeria: wine (extension), wine of designated origin (quota)
- Israel, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia: fruit salad
- Algeria: tomato concentrates
- Tunisia: petroleum products
- Spain : dried figs, dried grapes, certain petroleum products,  
other cotton fabrics

### Data processing

The Council adopted a Decision extending the resources and duration of the first part of the multiannual data processing programme (1979 - 1983).

The main aim of this extension is to assist the development of standardization in the field of data processing. It also provides for other general measures relating to public procurement, data security and confidentiality and protection of software.

Specific measures for fundamental research in data processing are also envisaged.

This new programme has a duration of two years for the various measures, except for certain activities connected with standardization which are to be completed by 31 December 1985, thereafter being continued in the context of a specific policy for the standardization of data-processing techniques.

The appropriations necessary for the realization of this programme are estimated at 11 MECU.

#### Agricultural policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Council Regulation (EEC) fixing for the 1984/1985 marketing year the percentage of the amount of the production aid which may be withheld by recognized organizations of olive-oil producers or associations thereof.

#### ECSC

The Council granted the consultation, pursuant to Article 12 of Commission Decision 73/287/ECSC of 25 July 1973 on coking coal and coke for the Community's iron and steel industry, concerning a draft Commission Decision amending Decision 3544/73/ECSC implementing Decision 73/287/ECSC on coking coal and coke.

In addition, the Council gave its assent, pursuant to Article 95 of the ECSC Treaty, to draft Commission Decision (ECSC) amending for the third time Decision 3717/83/ECSC introducing for steel undertakings and steel dealers a production certificate and an accompanying document for deliveries of certain products.

Finally, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the ECSC, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on certain measures to be applied, in respect of State-trading countries, to trade in iron and steel products covered by the ECSC Treaty, including pig iron, cast iron and high-carbon ferro-manganese.

#### Shipbuilding

The Council approved a Directive extending until 31 December 1986 the fifth Directive on aid to shipbuilding which makes provision for a Community discipline for the granting of State aid in this sector.

#### Appointments

On a proposal from the German Government the Council appointed Mr Ulrich BÖSHAGEN, Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V., as a member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, to replace Mr G. SCHLICHT for his remaining term of office, i.e. until 1 April 1985.

On a proposal from the Commission the Council also appointed Mr Tom McGRATH, Industrial Officer, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, as a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, to replace Mr F. KENNEDY for his remaining term of office, i.e. until 19 April 1985.

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Brussels, 23 november 1984.

Note BIO (84) 442 aux Bureaux Nationaux  
cc. aux Membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

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ATTENTION SPECIALE WASHINGTON

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Pipes and tubes exports into the US: Commission has its  
mandate (W. Helin)

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After a lengthy debate, which ended with a super restricted session, Vice-President Davignon got his mandate to negotiate an arrangement on the delicate issue of our pipes and tubes exports to the United States. Shortly before midnight he announced the elements of the mandate to the press.

DIS: In fact all the elements of the mandate itself had been generally agreed upon by all delegations; the question on the internal burden sharing then took most of the Council's time. Here also, after a majority vote, our position is now clear.FIN DIS

Following is the text of the mandate:

"The Commission is authorised to negotiate an Arrangement on the following lines:

1. The market share for EEC products shall be 7.6%.
2. The Arrangement shall enter into force on 1 December 1984 and shall terminate on 31 December 1986. Consultations would be held at the end of 1985 on the implementation of the Arrangement in the overall context of the US steel programme and the share of the EEC in the burden of the overall limitation of imports.
3. The Community will take responsibility for the implementation of the Arrangement by way of an export licensing system similar to that which exists under the Carbon Steel Arrangement. It is understood that the relative market share of traders will be respected. There should be an exemption for contracts already signed between US and EEC undertakings as a part of a major project. (These projects would be identified in a side letter to the Arrangement).

4. The US government should accept additional exports of the products covered by the Arrangement where a shortage of supply is identified. To this end consultations between the EEC and the US authorities and consumers shall take place. In the case of dissent an independent expert may be called upon. The US Government would decide within a limited period (30 days) on additional exports of the products concerned. The products covered by this clause shall include large welded tubes above 16 inches diameter.

5. Exports by EC producers to their already established manufacturing subsidiaries in the US for further finishing should be excluded from the Arrangement.

6. Oil country tubular goods should be covered by the Arrangement and, subject to a sub-ceiling. (The Commission indicated a minimum figure which it might negotiate with the US).

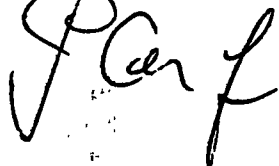
7. If a third country receives a more favourable Arrangement compared to that negotiated with the Community, in particular relating to the share of its market, or duration of the Arrangement, the Commission shall enter into consultations with the US authorities to renegotiate the Arrangement."

END OF TEXT

Amities,

P. Cerf

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Bruxelles, le 23 novembre 1984  
Note BIO(84)442(suite 1 et fin) aux bureaux Nationaux  
cc. aux membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

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CONSEIL SIDERURGIE du 22.11.84 (P. van Enk)

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Le Conseil siderurgie du 22 novembre a consacre une premiere discussion sur l'avis conforme, demande par la Commission, concernant la modification de certains delais prevus dans le Code des aides siderurgiques (voir note de background du 21 novembre).

Au cours de cette discussion, toutes les delegations se sont declarees favorables a la prorogation du delai imparti aux aides au fonctionnement d'un an jusqu'a la fin de 1985. Par contre une augmentation des aides en question a rencontre beaucoup d'objections notamment de la part des delegations allemande, neerlandaise et danoise. Le Ministre Bangemann a conteste la base juridique (l'article 12 du Code) qu'a evoquee la Commission pour soutenir sa demande d'avis conforme.

La discussion a ete suspendue; il est prevu que le Conseil statuera le 17 decembre.

Notons que dans un entretien de presse, le Commissaire Andriessen a devoile que l'Italie, la France, la Belgique et le Luxembourg et peut etre d'autres encore auront besoin d'aides supplementaires.

Le Conseil a, en point A, approuve la proposition de la Commission de proroger de deux ans, jusqu'a la fin 1986, la 5eme directive regissant l'octroi des aides d'etat a la construction navale (COM(84)73 final). La Commission a fait noter au proces-verbal du Conseil la declaration suivante:

"La Commission declare qu'elle continuera d'appliquer la 5eme directive comme par le passe.

La Commission poursuivra entre autres la realisation des objectifs de reduction graduelle des aides et continuera a faire preuve du degre de souplesse requis par la crise grave qui frappe actuellement le secteur de la construction navale.

La Commission declare en outre qu'elle continuera a tenir des reunions multilaterales regulieres avec les experts des Etats membres, telles que prevues a l'article 10 de la directive, afin d'avoir avec ceux-ci des echanges de vues sur les difficultes de l'industrie et les problemes soulevés par les projets d'aides notifiés a la Commission par les Etats membres."

Amities,  
M. Santarelli COMEUR////

