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964th meeting of the Council
- Economic and Financial Affairs -
Brussels, 12 November 1984

President: Mr Alan DUKES
Minister for Finance
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Willy de CLERCQ
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Anders ANDERSEN
Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Gerhard STOLTENBERG
Federal Minister for Finance

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS
State Secretary for European
Economic Community Affairs

France:

Mr Pierre BEREGOVY
Minister for Economic Affairs,
Finance and the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Alan DUKES
Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER
Minister attached to the
Department of Finance with
responsibility for the Budget

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING
Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Ian STEWART
Economic Secretary to the
Treasury

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT
Vice-President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP
Vice-President

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON
Vice-President

BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE

The Council reached agreement ⁽¹⁾ on the texts to implement the principles of budgetary and financial discipline defined by the European Council on 19 and 20 March and 25 and 26 June 1984.

These texts will be forwarded to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs for their meeting on 12 and 13 November to enable those Ministers to approve them as the joint position of the Council. This joint position will then be forwarded to the European Parliament with a view to talks with the Parliament on 21 November.

EXPORT CREDITS

Sectoral agreement on aircraft

With a view to the opening of negotiations, at the beginning of December 1984, for a sectoral agreement on aircraft with the other Participants in the Arrangement on guidelines for officially supported export credits, the Council reached agreement in principle on the Community's position as regards large aircraft. As for other aircraft, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussions to enable the Council to adopt the negotiating brief before the end of November.

Tied aid credits

The Council had an initial discussion on the brief to be given to the Commission as regards tied aid credits with a view to the negotiations between the participants in the Arrangement on export credits.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on this subject to enable the Council to adopt the negotiating brief before the end of November.

⁽¹⁾ With a reservation on the part of the Greek delegation.

FINANCING OF THE AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES POLICY

In the light of the discussion that had already taken place within the Agricultural Council on the future financing of the agricultural structures policy, the Council - at the request of the German delegation - had an exchange of views on this complex problem.

At the end of the discussion, the Commission said it would duly take into account the comments of the different delegations in considering the Commission's position on this subject.

Bruxelles, le 9 novembre 1984
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cc. aux membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

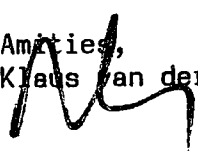
Preparation du Conseil ECO/FIN

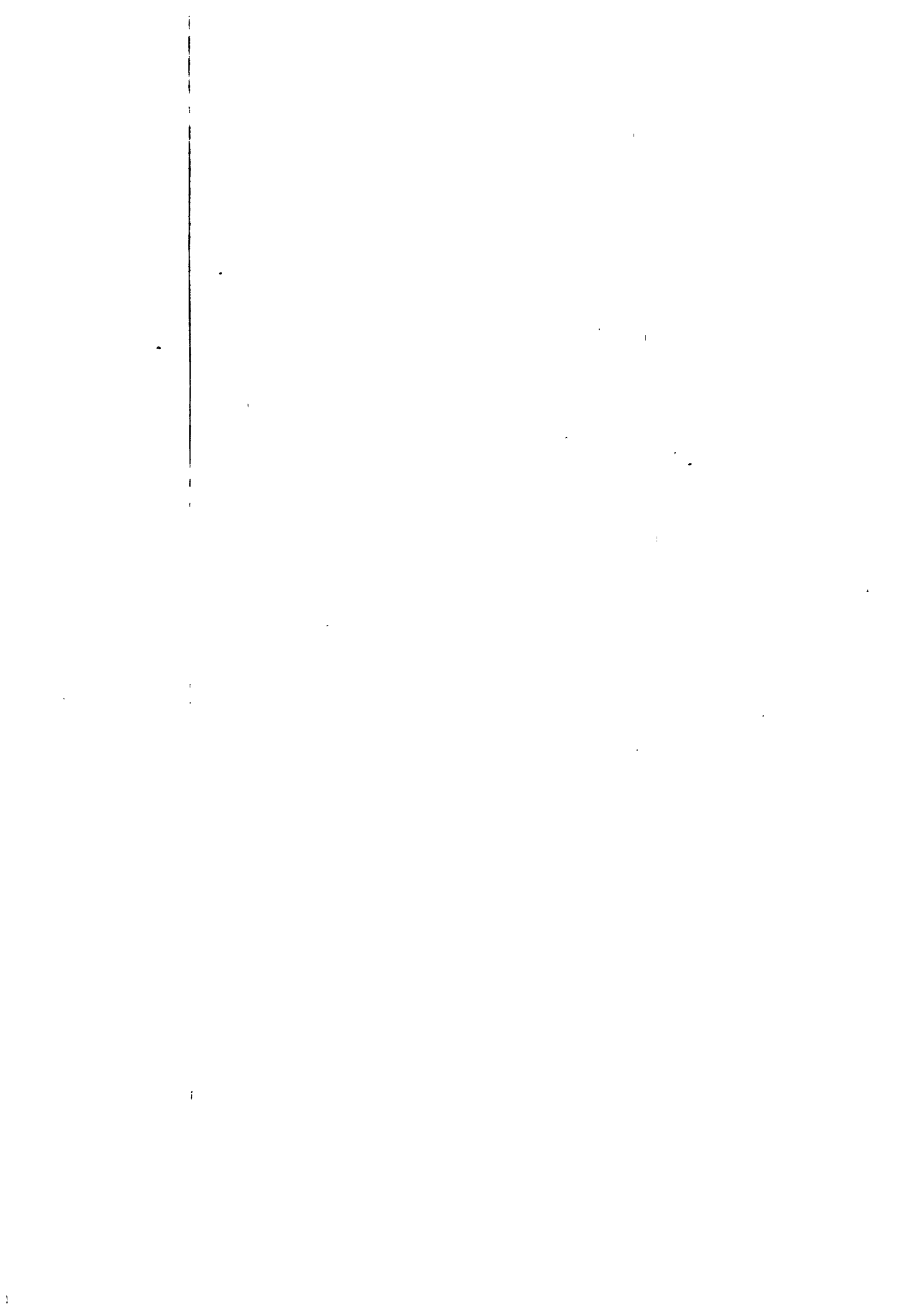
Les ministres se reuniront lundi a partir de 10h a Bruxelles. A l'ordre du jour:

1. Continuation du debat sur la discipline budgetaire
2. Credits a l'exportation: les ministres essayeront de definir la position communautaire pour les negociations internationales, dans le cadre de l'OCDE, debut decembre a Paris, concernant
 - une amelioration du consensus OCDE, notamment renforçant la discipline dans le domaine des credits a l'exportation contenant un element d'aide
 - la conclusion d'un accord sectoriel couvrant les avions (qui ne sont pas encore couverts par le consensus)
3. Structures agricoles: certaines delegations souhaitent que la Commission fasse des propositions pour une dotation quinquennale pour le FEOGA orientation. La Commission estime toutefois qu'un regime quinquennal est incompatible avec les regles budgetaires et n'a pas l'intention de faire une telle proposition (voir Conseil Agricole).
4. Regime fiscal travailleurs frontaliers et migrants: M. Tugendhat a l'intention d'insister pour que le Conseil se saisisse de la proposition de la Commission concernant un regime plus equitable d'impots sur les revenus des personnes qui vivent dans un etat membres et travaillent dans un autre. La proposition qui date de decembre 1979 a deja recu l'appui du Parlement europeen et du Comite economique et social (voir note P-96 octobre 1983).

A suivre.

Amitiés,
Klaus van der Pas COMEUR





Note BID (+ PF STRASBOURG)

Bruxelles, le 12 novembre 1984

Note BID(84)418 (suite 1) aux Bureaux Nationaux
c.c. aux membres du groupe du Porte-Parole

CONSEIL ECO-FIN (B. Elphick)

Ministers reexamined a new compromise text on Budget Discipline on which as the Council President Mr. Alan DUKES reminded everyone there will be consultation with Parliament before a final decision is taken.

This consultation will probably take place during next week. The Council however spent some further time polishing the compromise, the problem being insistence by the German delegation supported by others that it should be made clear that Budget Discipline arrangements should last as long as the new 1.4% ceiling on VAT lasts. Ministers are hoping (at mid-morning) to get agreement albeit with some reservations on a text to be submitted to the Foreign Affairs Council which is sitting at the same time.

Frontier workers

For the Commission, Mr. Tugendhat reminded the Council of the importance the Commission attached to the proposal for fairer taxation of people who work in one Community country and live in another. Acceptance of the proposal would help realise the aims of a citizens' Europe as called for by the European Council at Fontainebleau. The President suggested that COREPER should be asked to accelerate their work.

Export credits

After a short discussion, the Ministers agreed to refer the problems concerning aircraft and mixed credits back to the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

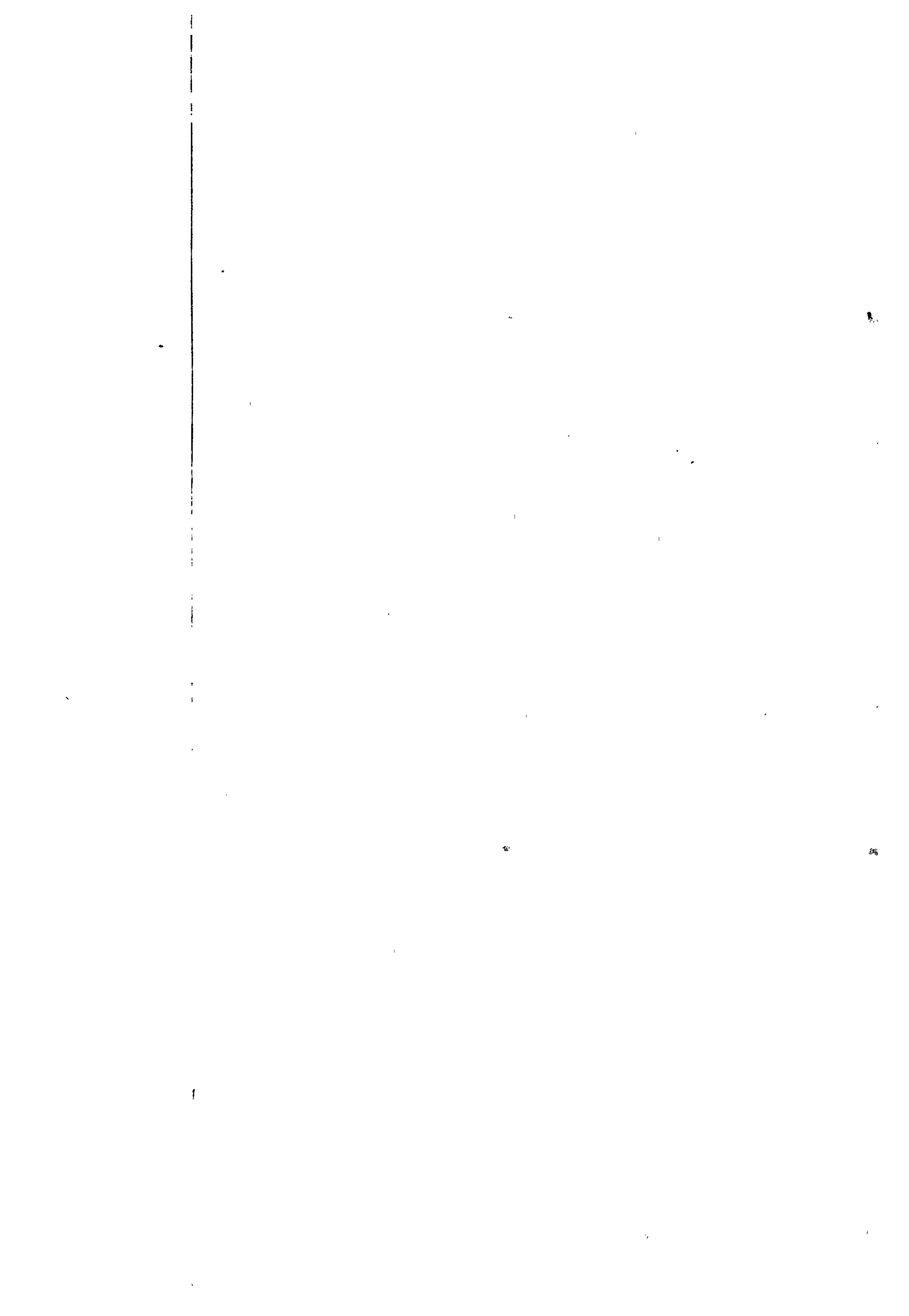
The Foreign Affairs Council of 26-27 November will probably come back to this dossier in view of OECD negotiations which start in Paris on 10 December.

More later

Amities,

M. SANTARELLI - COMFUR





Bruxelles, le 12 novembre 1984

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CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE

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CONSEIL ECO/FIN 12 Novembre 1984

Discipline Budgetaire (van der Pas)

Le Conseil ECO/FIN s'est termine cet apres midi sur la constatation d'un accord, avec une reserve grecque, sur les lignes directrices concernant la discipline budgetaire. Le President irlandais, M. Dukes, fera rapport au Conseil des Affaires Generales qui pourrait, demain confirmer cet accord. Il ne s'agit cependant pas, a souligne M. Dukes, d'une decision. Les lignes directrices serviront de base a une discussion avec la deuxieme branche de l'autorite Budgetaire, le Parlement Europeen. Cette discussion est prevue pour le 21 novembre a 18.30.(sous reserve d'une confirmation par le Parlement). C'est seulement ensuite que le Conseil pourrait prendre une decision definitive. Un differend subsiste d'ailleurs sur le caractere formel que pourrait prendre cet accord : decision ou resolution. Cette derniere question sera traitee demain par le Conseil Affaires Generales.

A ce stade, Je vous prie de vous limiter au commentaire suivant :

"La Commission a pris note de l'orientation qui s'est degagee au sein du Conseil ECO/FIN sur la discipline budgetaire; s'agissant d'un position unilaterale du Conseil, a ce stade. la Commission maintient toutes ses reserves, eu egard a la concertation necessaire du Parlement Europeen."

La Commission prendra bien entendu position lorsque le Parlement aura ete mis en mesure de fixer lui meme sa position apres une veritable concertation avec le Conseil, puisqu'il s'agit des deux branches de l'autorite budgetaire.

Amities.

M. Santarelli COMEUR 17h30////



