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Brussels, 22 and 23 July 1985

President: Mr Jacques F. POOS

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture

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

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,

Federal Ministry of Economic

Affairs

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS State Secretary for European Economic Community Affairs

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS Minister for Foreign Relations Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE State Secretary attached to the Minister for Foreign Relations, with responsibility for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs

<u>Italy:</u>

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI

Mr Mario FIORET

Minister for Foreign Affairs

State Secretary.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

Minister for Foreign Affairs

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

Minister for Foreign Trade

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Mr Paul CHANNON

Secretary of State for Foreign and

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Commonwealth Affairs

Minister for Trade

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Lord COCKFIELD

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Mr Willy de CLERCQ

Mr Carlo RIPA DI MEANA

President

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The following also participated as observers:

Spain:

Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ-ORDONEZ
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Manuel MARIN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Jaime GAMA Minister for Foreign Affairs

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COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN MILAN

1. THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

Having regard to the conclusions of the European Council meeting in Milan with a view to making tangible progress towards European Union,

Having regard to Article 236 of the EEC Treaty,

Having regard to the proposal for the amendment of that Treaty submitted to the Council by the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in a letter dated 2 July 1985,

Having regard to the Opinion delivered by the European Parliament on 22 July 1985,

Having regard to the Opinion delivered by the Commission on 22 July 1985,

HAS DECIDED to deliver an opinion in favour of calling a Conference of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States for the purpose of determining by common accord the amendments to be made to the EEC Treaty.

2. The President of the Council, in accordance with Article 236(2), accordingly convenes a Conference of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States to examine the proposal submitted by the Luxembourg Government on 5 July 1985. This Conference, which will take place at Minister for Foreign Affairs level, together with a Commission representative, will meet in Luxembourg on 9 September. Spain and Portugal will be represented at this Conference.

The Secretary-General will make the necessary arrangements to provide the secretariat for the Conference.

- 3. The Ministers for Foreign Affairs instruct a Working Party to prepare its proceedings concerning the revision of the Treaty. Each Member State will appoint its representative to the Working Party. The Chairman will be designated by the President of the Conference.
- 4. The Ministers for Foreign Affairs instruct the Political Committee to draw up by 15 October 1985 the text of a draft treaty on the basis in particular of the Franco-German and United Kingdom drafts concerning political co-operation with a view to a common foreign and security policy.

This draft will be considered by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs meeting for the purpose within the Conference convened under 2 above.

5. The Ministers will submit their conclusions on all these points to the European Council meeting in December 1985.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OPERATION OF THE INSTITUTIONS

The Council considered an interim report from the Permanent Representatives Committee on the latter's proceedings since Milan concerning the implementation of the conclusions of the European Council on 28 and 29 June relating to improvements in the operation of the Community institutions which are possible without amendment of the Treaty.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions in this connection and to report back to it for its next meeting in September.

STRENGTHENING OF TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

As a follow-up to the conclusions of the European Council in Milan and taking account of progress made by the ad hoc Eureka Committee on 17 July in Paris, the Council stressed the need to ensure co-ordination and consistency between proceedings of the ad hoc Eureka Committee and future proceedings on the Community plan for the strengthening of technological co-operation in Europe.

With a view to attaining this objective, the Council invited France, the country which proposed the Eureka project, to take steps to ensure close co-operation between the Presidency, the Commission and the Federal Republic of Germany which will enable the next meeting of the ad hoc Eureka Committee to be prepared by 15 November 1985. At the same time it asked the Commission to propose what measures should be taken within a Community context in order to ensure in a co-ordinated manner consistent with the Eureka project, the strengthening of European technological co-operation. The Permanent Representatives Committee has been entrusted with the task of examining this Commission communication in order to enable the General Affairs Council to discuss it as soon as possible.

RELATIONS WITH THE GULF STATES

The Council heard a progress report by Mr CHEYSSON on the Commission's exploratory talks with a view to the conclusion of an agreement with the Gulf Co-operation Council. It confirmed the major political and economic importance which it attaches to the development of relations between the Community and the Gulf Co-operation Council. It agreed to resume examination of this question at its next meeting in the light of the latest developments and with a view to a ministerial meeting between the Community and the Gulf Co-operation Council.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Further to the conclusions agreed at the San José Ministerial meeting aimed at extending, developing and institutionalizing relations between the two regions, the Council authorized the Commission to open negotiations with the countries of Central America $\binom{1}{1}$ with a view to concluding a co-operation agreement and it adopted the directives necessary to this end.

There was also agreement that political dialogue between the Member States of the Community and the countries of Central America should be institutionalized at the same time.

These decisions are consistent with the objective pursued by the Community and its Member States to offer political and economic support to the process of stabilization and peace in the region initiated by the Contadora Group.

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⁽¹⁾ Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Panama.

TEXTILES: FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS POST-MFA III

The Council approved the outline of a statement which the Community will submit at a meeting of the GATT Committee on Textiles in Geneva on 23 July concerning discussions due to begin in the framework of that Committee on the textile trade arrangements after the expiry of MFA III at the end of 1985.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

- CITRUS FRUIT - PASTA PRODUCTS

The Council had an exchange of views on the basis of an oral report by Mr DE CLERCQ, Commissioner, on talks between the Commission and the United States authorities regarding citrus fruit and pasta products.

Following this exchange of views, the Council confirmed the statement it adopted in this connection on 19 June 1985 $(^1)$. It agreed to return to this question, on the basis of a written report from the Commission, at its next meeting in September.

- STEEL

The Council took stock of the situation on the basis of an oral report from the Commission concerning negotiations with the United States authorities on steel. It reaffirmed its determination to reach a solution which was reasonable and fair for both parties.

The Council also reaffirmed that it could not agree to any unilateral measures taken by the United States. Such measures would inevitably lead to the adoption of counter measures by the EEC.

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⁽¹⁾ See Press release 7475/85 (Presse 101) of 18/19.6.85.

INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES

The Council held a conciliation meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament in connection with Integrated Mediterranean Programmes. The Parliament's delegation was led by its President, Mr Pierre PFLIMLIN and consisted of the following members:

Mr DE PASQUALE, Chairman and rapporteur of the Committee on Regional Policy,

Mr DUCARME, 1st Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Regional Policy,
Mr NEWMAN, 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Regional Policy,
Mr LIGIOS, Mr MUSSO, Mr HUTTON, Members of the Committee on Regional
Policy,

Mr McMILLAN-SCOTT, Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Youth, Mr ANASTASSOPOULOS, Chairman of the Committee on Transport.

The meeting permitted a wide-ranging and frank exchange of views to be held on the common guidelines which the Council had approved at its meeting on 25 June. In this connection it was noted that the Council had adopted Parliament's suggestions on a large number of points, notably two fundamental ones. As the Parliament wished, the decision-making procedure for the implementation of the IMPs delegated extensive powers to the Commission and furthermore the Council had adopted a very wide field of application for the use of the additional line of 1 600 MECU. Furthermore with a view to ensuring adequate information on the IMPs the Council signified its agreement at today's meeting on two Parliamentary amendments concerning the publication in the OJ of Commission decisions approving programmes and programme contracts.

Following the meeting with the European Parliament, the Council formally adopted the Regulation on Integrated Mediterranean Programmes (1) which will enter into effect on 1 August 1985.

⁽¹⁾ See Press release 7602/85 (Presse 106) of 25.6.85.

IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDITERRANEAN FINANCIAL PROTOCOLS

The Council adopted common guidelines concerning the procedure for implementing new Mediterranean Financial Protocols.

The common guidelines adopted by the Council essentially provide for an annual Council policy debate, approval of projects in accordance with the traditional Management Committee Procedure and ex-post facto assessment of the projects completed.

The financial regulation will apply to new Mediterranean Financial Protocols due to take the place of current Protocols and will enter into force not later than 1 January 1987.

RELATIONS WITH EFTA COUNTRIES

The Council approved the 8th report on co-operation with EFTA countries submitted to it by the Permanent Representatives Committee; it agreed to communicate this report to the EFTA countries and the European Parliament.

In connection with the adoption of this report, the Council once again stressed the importance which it attaches to the strengthening of co-operation with EFTA countries and the speedy implementation of the Joint Ministerial Declaration adopted in Luxembourg on 9 April 1984. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to take all the measures necessary to this end.

The Council also noted with satisfaction the participation of certain EFTA countries in the EUREKA project which will contribute to the strengthening of technological co-operation in Europe.

PRE-ACCESSION FISHERIES AID FOR SPAIN

The Council defined a common position with a view to seeking agreement with Spain in connection with conditions for the implementation of the specific financial aid of 28,5 MECU agreed upon during the accession negotiations and intended to facilitate and accelerate adjustment of capacity in the fisheries sector in Spain.

CHANGE IN TARIFF CONCESSIONS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

The Council discussed the Commission Recommendation that it be given negotiating directives in connection with changes in tariff concessions for certain electronic products.

It instructed the Article 113 Committee to continue examining this question, which will be included on the agenda for the Industry Council on 25 July 1985.

BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE

The Council formally adopted the frame of reference for the 1986 budgetary year, approved in principle by the Council on Economic and Financial Affairs on 8 July 1985.

This is the first occasion that the conclusions of the Council of 4 December 1984 on budgetary discipline have been applied.

In this connection, the Council confirmed its wish to examine with the European Parliament and the Commission the means to ensure the necessary co-operation with a view to budgetary discipline common to the three Institutions.

RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT IN THE FIELD OF PHARMACY

The Council signified its agreement in principle, subject to consultation with the acceding States, to a series of measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment in the Community of pharmacists, including those that are self-employed.

These measures include a Directive on the mutual recognition of diplomas in the field of pharmacy and a Directive concerning the co-ordination of national provisions in respect of certain activities in the field of pharmacy.

The Directive on the mutual recognition of diplomas takes account of the fact that certain Member States, in the framework of their national policy in the area of public health, limit the number of new pharmacies which may be set up and permits the Member States to limit the effect of the mutual recognition to the taking over of pharmacies established for at least 3 years.

A review clause will permit the Council, on a proposal from the Commission, to extend these effects 5 years after the implementation of the Directive.

Taking account of the special difficulties of Greece, the Directive limits free movement between Greece and the nine other Member States to employed pharmacists only.

A review clause will permit the Council, on a proposal from the Commission to extend the effects of the mutual recognition of diplomas so as to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment between Greece and the other Member States ten years after the implementation of the Directive.

The enacting terms also regulate arrangements for accepting persons benefiting from the recognition of diplomas, requirements as to proof of good character and good repute, supervision and professional discipline as well as conditions governing the use of titles.

It was also decided to set up an Advisory Committee on the Training of Pharmacists and the Decision setting up a Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health was amended to take account of the decisions on pharmacists.

The introduction of the right of establishment for pharmacists implements free movement in the area of the last major medical profession, following the decisions already taken for doctors and nurses, midwives and dentists.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations

- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duty on Aldicarb (ISO), dissolved in dichloromethane, falling within subheading ex 29.31
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain polyester films falling within subheading ex 39.01 C III a) of the Common Customs Tariff.

EEC/Portugal relations

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

- Protocol between the EEC and the Portuguese Republic concerning the arrangements for the progressive liberalization of imports of motor vehicles into Portugal from the Community;
- Pre-Accession Protocol to the Agreement between the EEC and the Portuguese Republic.

Aid to non-associated developing countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision determining the general guidelines for 1985 concerning financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries. These guidelines correspond to a large extent to those adopted for 1984.

Agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77 concerning the certification of hops
- laying down general rules governing the system of minimum import prices for dried grapes.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty, to the establishment of a Fifth ECSC Research Programme on Technical Control of Nuisances and Pollution at the Place of Work and in the Environment of Iron and Steel Works.

Appointment

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the Foreningen af Danske Stålproducenter, Mr Kristian STAUSHOLM-PEDERSEN, Det Danske Stålvalsevaerk A/S, member of the ECSC Advisory Committee - in place of Mr Niels W. HOLM, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 17 February 1987.

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PREPARATION CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES (22/23.7.85)

Points Relations Exterieures (F. Le Bail

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- RELATIONS AVEC L'AMERIQUE CENTRALE

Le Conseil examinera la proposition faite par la Commission le 10 fevrier 1984 de conclure avec les pays d'Amerique centrale ainsi que, si possible, avec le Conseil Economique Centre-Americain, un accord global comportant deux volets complementaires et interdependants (cooperation economique et dialogue politique).

Le Conseil devra se prononcer essentiellement sur la portee de l'accord et un certain nombre de questions specifiques. (SPG, montant de l'aide).

- RENOUVELLEMENT DE L'ACCORD MULTIFIBRES

Le Conseil aura a se prononcer sur la position de la Communaute concernant le futur regime applicable aux textiles en vue de la reunion du Comite des Textiles qui se tiendra a Geneve le 23 juillet 1985. Elle le fera sur la base de la communication de la Commission du 26 juin dernier.

- RELATIONS AVEC LES ETATS-UNIS

Le Conseil procedera a un large tour d'horizon des relations Communaute/Etats-Unis.

- RELATIONS AVEC LES PAYS DU GOLFE

Le Conseil aura une discussion generale sur les relations entre la Communaute et les pays du Golfe sur la base du rapport que lui avait adresse la Commission il y a quelques semaines.

- PROCEDURE POUR LA MISE EN OEUVRE DES PROTOCOLES FINANCIERS MEDITERRANEENS

Le Conseil se penchera a nouveau sur ce probleme. La Commission lui avait demande de se prononcer sur une procedure appropriee se substituant a la procedure ad-hoc provisoire actuellement en vigueur qui requiert l'unanimite et avait propose une procedure simple et rapide de type FED ou aide alimentaire.

Amities,
H. Parker Comeur ////



Bruxelles, le 22 juillet 1985

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CORRIGENDUM

CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU 22.7.85 (M. Sentopinto)

CONCLUSIONS DU CONSEIL SUR LES SUITES DU CONSEIL EUROPEEN DE MILAN EN MATIÈRE INSTITUTIONNELLE

Veuillez trouver ci-apres le texte du Conseil concernant la convocation pour le 9 septembre 1985 de la Conference des Representants des Gouvernements des Etats membres. La Commission participera pleinement a cette Conference ainsi qu'a sa preparation.

1. LE CONSEIL DES COMMUNAUTES EUROPEENNES,

vu les conclusions du Conseil Europeen de Milan en vue de faire progresser concretement l'Union europeenne

vu les dispositions de l'art. 236 du Traite CEE,

vu le projet tendant a la revision de ce Traite soumis au Conseil par le Gouvernement du Grand-Duche de Luxembourg par lettre en date du 2.7.85,

vu l'avis rendu par l'Assemblee le 22 juillet 1985 vu l'avis rendu par la Commission le 22 juillet 1985, DECIDE d'emettre un avis favorable a la reunion d'une Conference des Representants des Gouvernements des Etats membres en vue d'arrêter, d'un commun accord, les modifications a apporter au Traite CEE.

2. En consequence, conformement a l'article 236, par. 2, le President du Conseil convoque une Conference des Representants des Gouvernements des Etats membres pour examiner le projet depose par le Gouvernement luxembourgeois en date du 5 juillet 1985. Cette Conference qui se tiendra au niveau des Ministres des Affaires Etrangeres avec un representant de la Commission se reunira le 9 septembre a Luxembourg. L'Espagne et le Portugal seront representes a cette Conference.

Le Secretaire General du Conseil prendra les dispositions necessaires pour assurer le Secretariat de la Conference.

- 3. Les Ministres des Affaires Etrangeres chargent un Groupe de preparer ses travaux concernant la revision du Traite. Chaque Etat membre nomme son representant au sein du groupe. Le President sera designe par le President de la Conference.
- 4. Les Ministres des Affaires Etrangeres chargent le Comite politique d'elaborer, avant le 15 octobre 1985, le texte d'un projet de Traite, notamment sur la base des projets franco-allemend et britannique concernant la cooperation politique en vue d'une politique etrangere et de securite commune.

5. Ce projet aera examine par les Ministres des Affaires Etrangeres reunis a cette fin au sein de la Conference convoquee conformement au point 2 ci-dessus.

6. Les Ministres presenteront leurs conclusions sur tous ces points au Conseil Europeen du mois de decembre 1985.

Amities H.PAEM N. Jeamen ///

Bruxelles, le 23 juillet 1985 NOTE BIO(85) 258 (suite 2) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU SERVICE DU PORTE-PAROLE

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CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU 22 JUILLET 1985 (F. LE BAIL)

RELATIONS ETATS-UNIS : AFFAIRES PATES ALIMENTAIRES

La delegation italienne avait fait inscrire ce point a 'ordre du jour pour se plaindre de l'arrangement "Pasta"

l'ordre du jour pour se plaindre de l'arrangement "Pasta" et demander des eclaircissements a la Commission sur les elements de l'arrangement avec les Etats-Unis, en particulier a la lumiere du communique de presse de Clayton Yeutter (USIR).

- M. De Clercq a confirme que les discussions avec les Americains ont abouti :
- la suspension par les Etats-Unis des taxes de 40 et 25% sur les pates ainsi que la suspension par la Communaute des mesures de retorsion correspondante;
- classement par les Etats-Unis de leur plainte sur les pates du GATT ainsi que diminution autonome des Restitutions CEE sur ces produits;
- moratoire de quatre mois au cours duquel une reflexion sera entreprise sur le moyen de resoudre le probleme "agrumes" avec les Etats-Unis sans qu'aucun engagement n'ait ete pris pour l'avenir.

A la demande de plusieurs delegations, la Commission a accepte de faire au Conseil, un rapport ecrit sur ce probleme.

REGIME FUTUR DU COMMERCE DES TEXTILES

Le Conseil a adopte les elements de la position de la Communaute a l'egard de l'avenir de l'AMF sans modification notable des propositions de la Commission : attachement a l'objectif de liberalisation a terme du commerce des textiles, prorogation de l'AMF, mais assouplissement de celui a condition que les partenaires de la Communaute s'engagent dans la meme voie.

MANDAT AMERIQUE CENTRALE

Le Conseil a adopte en premiere lecture la substance des propositions de la Commission pour l'Amerique Centrale tout en alterant quelque peu la forme : il a approuve les directives pour la partie purement communautaire. Le dialoque politique entre les deux parties sera institutionnalise dans une declaration a adopter lors de la reunion CEE-Amerique Centrale a Luxembourg en novembre prochain.

PROCEDURE POUR LA MISE EN OEUVRE DES PROTOCOLES FINANCIERS MEDITERRANEENS

Le Conseil a adopte a la demande de la Commission une procedure plus rapide et plus efficace pour la getion de ces protocoles. La procedure utilisee pour l'aide alimentaire sera desormais utilisee pour les nouveaux protocoles financiers soit a partir de janvier 1987. Le Conseil aura trois mois pour se prononcer sur une proposition de la Commission qui aurait recueilli un avis defavorable du Comite. Passe ce delai en l'absence de decision du Conseil, la Commission peut mettre sa proposition en oeuvre.

Le Conseil a adopte equiement trois resolutions concernant l'Afghanistan, l'Afrique du Sud et le terrorisme.

Amit

H. PARMEN, Comeur ///

- MAGNETOSCOPES-JAPON

Le Conseil a renvoye au Conseil Industrie du jeudi 25 juillet la decision sur l'augmentation de taxe sur les magnetoscopes japonaises proposee par la Commission.

- DIRECTIVE SUR LE DROIT D'ETABLISSEMENT DES PHARMACIENS

Le Conseil a adopte apres plus de 15 ans de discussion la directive en question, la Grece ayant pu lever sa reserve. La consultation de l'Espagne et du Portugal devrait intervenir rapidement.

- RELATIONS AVEC L'AELE

Le Conseil a approuve le 8eme rapport sur l'evolution des relations avec l'AELE. Il a souligne l'importance qu'il attache a l'approfondissement de ces relations et a exprime sa satisfaction sur la participation des pays de l'AELE au projet EUREKA.

Amities Hugo PAEMEN

