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- INTERNAL MARKET -

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President: Mr Vitor MARTINS

State Secretary
for European Integration
of the Portuguese Republic

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EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF COMMUNITY
LEGISLATION ON THE SINGLE MARKET

The Council discussed the proposal for a Decision on the adoption of an action plan for the exchange, between Member State administrations, of national officials engaged in the enforcement of Community legislation required to build the single market.

It will be recalled that the action plan uses as a model the Mattheus programme, extending it to cover the field of the single market as a whole. The aim of these exchanges is to allow a more homogeneous approach to the implementation of Community legislation, notably by making officials of national administrations aware of the European dimension of their work and by building mutual confidence between the administrations of the various Member States. The length of the stay of exchange officials with the administration of another Member State is normally envisaged for a minimum of two months.

The action plan is spread over five years and its financing is shared between the Community and the Member States.

At the end of the discussion the Council reached a favourable position on the proposed plan and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to find definitive solutions with regard to the number of officials involved in the programme and the financial implications deriving from it. A common position will be formally adopted at a forthcoming Council meeting.

STATUTES FOR A EUROPEAN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, A EUROPEAN MUTUAL SOCIETY AND A
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION WITH REGARD TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF EMPLOYEES

After hearing the Commission's presentation of three proposals for Regulations on

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the Statute for a European co-operative society, a European mutual society and a European association and of three proposals for Directives supplementing those Statutes with regard to the involvement of employees, the Council heard the various delegations' views, which enabled the latter to emphasize the importance of the Community initiative in the field of "Social Economy".

The package submitted by the Commission involves the creation of three new legal instruments designed to enable associations to take advantage of the single market in the same way as companies can, without having to forego their specific character.

It should be stressed that these proposals are not in any way aimed at changing the forms of associations as regulated in the various Member States, but rather at creating new transnational entities which will constitute an option open to those who wish to give their activity a European character.

At the end of the discussion the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to organize its proceedings in such a way that joint guidelines could be defined in the near future.

The Presidency took the opportunity to remind the meeting that the 3rd European Conference on "Social Economy" was to be held in Lisbon from 1 to 3 April 1992.

TRANS-EUROPEAN NETWORKS

The Council:

1. Hereby reaffirms that the establishment and development throughout the territory of the Community of trans-European networks in the areas of transport, telecommunications and energy infrastructures is intended to permit the balanced operation of the internal market in the context of a system of

open and competitive markets and to strengthen economic and social cohesion in accordance with Articles 129b to 129d of the Treaty on European Union.

2. Stresses that the establishment and development of such networks on a Community scale is necessary in order to deepen progressively the process of European union, including in the event of a possible enlargement of the Community, and notes that the Community may decide to co-operate with third countries to promote projects of mutual interest and to ensure the interoperability of networks;
3. Considers that the Community's action to ensure the full attainment of the objectives set out in the Treaty on Union must be initiated in 1993;
4. Considers that the initiatives to be implemented in order to achieve this objective should comply, as of now, with the provisions of the Treaty on Union;
5. Takes note of the submission of proposals for Regulations relating to a Declaration of European Interest and of the fact that other measures are being prepared by the Commission for submission to the Council in the course of this year;
6. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to co-ordinate such actions as may have a significant impact on the establishment and development of trans-European networks;
7. Notes the Commission's intention of submitting to it guidelines concerning trans-European networks which can serve as a reference point for preparing, as soon as possible, the implementation of Title XII of the Treaty on Union;

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8. Calls on the Commission to submit regularly to the Internal Market Council a progress report, which the Council undertakes to examine.

INNOVATIVE FOOD PRODUCTS

At the request of the Netherlands delegation, the Commission confirmed that it would be submitting to the Council in the near future a proposal for a Directive on the regulation of new foodstuffs, which were becoming increasingly commonplace on the market.

OTHER DECISIONS IN THE FIELD OF THE INTERNAL MARKET

Motor vehicles

- Speed limitation devices

Following the co-operation procedure with the European Parliament, the Council definitively adopted the Directive relating to speed limitation devices or similar speed limitation on-board systems of certain categories of motor vehicles.

The Directive in question harmonizes the technical requirements which have to be met, as regards design and installation, by speed limitation devices intended as equipment on certain goods and passenger vehicles. It is directly linked with the Directive on the installation and use of such devices adopted by the Council on 10 February 1992.

- Masses and dimensions of motor vehicles of category M1
- Safety glazing and glazing materials on motor vehicles and their trailers
- Pneumatic tyres for motor vehicles and their trailers

Following completion of the co-operation procedure with the European Parliament, the Council definitively adopted these three Directives, which supplement the implementation of Community type-approval, thus allowing the free movement of motor vehicles within the framework of the internal market.

- Community type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers

The Council adopted the substance of the common position on the approximation

of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers.

It will be recalled that type-approval is defined as the procedure whereby a Member State records that a type of vehicle satisfies the technical requirements of the individual directives and the verifications provided for in the EEC type-approval certificate.

The purpose of this Directive is to adjust the administrative rules defined in the framework Directive adopted in 1970 in order to ensure the introduction of a modern, feasible and transparent procedure based on the principle of total harmonization and bringing to an end the system of optional harmonization. The twelve national procedures currently in force will therefore be abolished and replaced by a single type-approval procedure which is valid throughout the Community.

In particular, the Directive in question envisages that any type of vehicle which has been granted type-approval in a Community country may be freely marketed and registered throughout the Community territory without having to undergo other tests.

It should be noted that:

- the EEC type-approval procedure is restricted to harmonizing national type-approval systems, i.e. those applicable to vehicles manufactured and marketed in large numbers;
- the proposal is not directed towards harmonization of national registration procedures;
- until 31 December 1995 the new Directive will apply only at the request of the party seeking EEC type-approval; during the 3-year transitional period, the

manufacturer may continue to opt for national type-approval;

- national type-approval awarded before 1 January 1996 will remain valid until 31 December 1997, from which date the EEC type-approval procedure will be compulsory.

Medicinal products

- Rational use of medicinal products for human use

Following the co-operation procedure with the European Parliament, the Council definitively adopted Directives on:

- = wholesale distribution;
- = classification for supply;
- = labelling and package leaflets.

It will be recalled that the objective of these Directives is to facilitate the free movement of proprietary medicinal products while guaranteeing a high level of consumer protection (see Press Release 7450/91 Presse 131 of 22 July 1991).

- Advertising of medicinal products for human use

Following the co-operation procedure with the European Parliament, the Council also definitively adopted the Directive on the advertising of medicinal products for human use.

It will be recalled that this Directive is designed to harmonize the conditions under which pharmaceutical advertising is permitted and to lay down the

requirements to be met by such advertising (see Press Release 7450/91 Presse 131 of 22 July 1991).

- Homeopathic veterinary medicinal products

Following the substantive agreement reached at its meeting on 25 February 1992, the Council formally adopted the common position on the Directive widening the scope of Directive 81/851/EEC on the approximation of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to veterinary medicinal products and laying down additional provisions on homeopathic veterinary medicinal products.

Psychotropic substances

The Council adopted the Regulation amending Regulation No 3677/90 laying down measures to be taken to discourage the diversion of certain substances to the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

The main thrust of this Regulation is to extend Regulation No 3677/90 to take into account the recommendations of the Chemical Action Task Force set up by G7 at the Houston Summit in 1990. Those recommendations, in the preparation of which the Community and several Member States participated, were approved by G7 at the London Economic Summit in July 1991.

Through the new Regulation the Community intends to contribute to the efficiency of international efforts to combat the diversion of precursors to the illicit manufacture of drugs, taking into account the needs of the non-industrialised countries of Latin America and Asia concerned by the illicit manufacture of drugs such as cocaine and heroin. The Regulation reflects the awareness of the need

for shared responsibility between countries which produce chemical products and countries through which they transit and countries in which drugs are produced, as well as the need for greater export and import controls on chemical products.

The Regulation draws a distinction between three categories of substances.

Obligations regarding export formalities and the registration of operators with the competent authorities vary depending on the category of substance concerned.

The Council also agreed that the Commission should, at the 35th meeting of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (Vienna, 6 to 15 April 1992), adopt a position, on behalf of the Community, in favour of amending the tables annexed to the Convention to include the new products identified by the Chemical Action Task Force.

Security of information systems

In the light of the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council definitively adopted the Decision concerning the development of Community action to develop strategies to ensure security in the use of information systems throughout the Community, while enabling information to circulate freely within the single market. The Community action comprises:

- the development of overall strategies for the security of information systems for an initial period of 24 months, and
- the setting-up of a Senior Officials Group with a long-term remit to advise the

Commission on actions in the field.

The action plan includes preparatory work under the following themes:

- (1) development of a strategic framework for the security of information systems;
- (2) identification of user requirements for the security of information systems;
- (3) solutions for certain immediate and interim needs of users, suppliers and service providers;
- (4) development of specifications, standardization, evaluation and certification in respect of the security of information systems;
- (5) technological operational developments;
- (6) provision of security of information systems.

The budget provided for the initial 24-month period is ECU 12 million, including ECU 2 million for 1992.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Child care

Following the political agreement reached at the meeting on 3 November 1991, the Council formally adopted the Recommendation on child care.

This Recommendation, which is provided for in the Commission's action programme for implementation of the Community Charter of the fundamental social rights of workers, provides for a series of initiatives in the field of child care to enable parents better to reconcile their vocational, family and education responsibilities.

Medical treatment on board vessels

Following completion of the co-operation procedure with the European Parliament, the Council definitively adopted the Directive on the minimum safety and health requirements for improved medical treatment on board vessels (see Press Release 7142/91 Presse 119 of 25 June 1991).

Relations with the former USSR and Montenegro

The Council adopted a Regulation and a Decision aimed at adapting current Community legislation to the situation resulting from the dissolution of the USSR and from certain recent developments in Yugoslavia. These acts are directed towards:

- on the one hand, replacing the word "USSR" by the names of the new Independent States in regulations on imports originating in State-trading countries;
- on the other hand, granting Montenegro the suspension of the residual quantitative restrictions applicable to Yugoslavia, as has already been done for other Yugoslav Republics which have contributed to progress towards peace.

Additional Opinion sought from the Court of Auditors

The Council specified the exact terms of the request for an additional Opinion which it was sending to the Court of Auditors in the context of its examination of the Delors II Package.

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ECONOMIE SOCIALE - DEBAT D'ORIENTATION (J. VALE DE ALMEIDA)

LE SECTEUR DE L'ECONOMIE SOCIALE (COOPERATIVES, MUTUELLES, ASSOCIATIONS, FONDATIONS) MERITE UN TRAITEMENT PARTICULIER DANS LE CADRE DU MARCHÉ INTERIEUR AFIN DE POUVOIR BENEFICIER PLEINEMENT DES POSSIBILITES OUVERTES PAR L'ABOLITION DES FRONTIERS INTERNES DE LA COMMUNAUTE. C'EST A PARTIR DE CE CONSTAT QUE LA COMMISSION, A L'INITIATIVE DE M. CARDOSO E CUNHA, A PRESENTE AU CONSEIL DES PROJETS DE DIRECTIVES CONSACRANT DES 'STATUTS EUROPEENS' POUR CES ENTITES. LA PERSONNALITE JURIDIQUE QUI DECOULERA DE CES STATUTS PERMETTRA AUX COOPERATIVES, MUTUELLES, ASSOCIATIONS ET FONDATIONS QUI VOUDRONT L'ADOPTER, DE DEVELOPPER DES ACTIVITES TRANSNATIONALES SANS METTRE EN CAUSE LEUR SPECIFICITE.

M. CARDOSO E CUNHA PRESENTERA LES PROPOSITIONS DE LA COMMISSION AU CONSEIL MARCHÉ INTERIEUR. LE DEBAT D'ORIENTATION QUI S'ENSUIVRA PERMETTRA AU COMMISSAIRE DE PRENDRE CONNAISSANCE DES PREMIERES REACTIONS DES ETATS MEMBRES AVANT DE PARTICIPER A LA 3EME CONFERENCE EUROPEENNE DE L'ECONOMIE SOCIALE, LE 1ER AVRIL A LISBONNE (1.400 DELEGUES PREVUS). UN DEBAT DE FOND AU CONSEIL EST PREVU POUR LE MOIS DE JUIN.

LUTTE CONTRE LA DROGUE ET PRECURSEURS (I. LE MOAL-OLLIVE)

LE CONSEIL MARCHE INTERIEUR ADOPTERA MARDI EN POINT A UNE MODIFICATION DU REGLEMENT DE DECEMBRE 1990 SUR LA SURVEILLANCE DES SUBSTANCES CHIMIQUES -'PRECURSEURS'- SUSCEPTIBLES D'ETRE UTILISES POUR LA FABRICATION DE STUPEFIANTS ET DE PSYCHOTROPES. CETTE MODIFICATION VISE A RENFORCER CONSIDERABLEMENT LE

DISPOSITIF COMMUNAUTAIRE EN VIGUEUR ET NOTAMMENT EN DOUBLANT PRESQUE LE NOMBRE DE PRODUITS SOUMIS A SURVEILLANCE. EN EFFET 10 PRODUITS SERONT AJOUTES A LA LISTE DES 12 DEJA ETABLIE, IL S'AGIT ENTRE AUTRES DE L'ACIDE CHLORHYDRIQUE, DE L'ACIDE SULFURIQUE, DU TOLUENE, DU PERMANGANATE DE POTASSIUM, QUI ENTRENT DANS LA FABRICATION DE LA COCAINE.

EN OUTRE LE DISPOSITIF DE SURVEILLANCE QUI PREVOIT L'ENREGISTREMENT DES TRANSACTIONS COMMERCIALES DE CES PRODUITS, LE CONTROLE DES EXPORTATIONS, ET LA POSSIBILITE DE STOPPER CELLES-CI EN CAS DE SOUPCON SERA RENFORCE PAR CETTE MODIFICATION DU TEXTE DE BASE.

ENFIN, LE TEXTE PREVOIT LE RENFORCEMENT DE LA COOPERATION INTERNATIONALE AVEC LES PAYS OU REGIONS IMPLIQUES DANS LA LUTTE CONTRE LA DROGUE, NOTAMMENT PAR LA CONCLUSION D'ACCORDS DE COOPERATION SUR LES IMPORTATIONS ET EXPORTATIONS DE CES

'PRECURSEURS'.

AMITIES,
B. DETHOMAS

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