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President: Mr Joe WALSH

Minister of State at the Department of
Agriculture and Food of Ireland

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European Affairs
and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Laurits TOERNAES Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture
and Forestry

Mr Walter KITTEL State Secretary, Federal Ministry of
Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Stavros DIMAS Minister for Agriculture

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO-HERRERA Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mr Henri NALLET Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Joe WALSH Minister of State at the Department of
Agriculture and Food

Mr Seamus KIRK Minister of State at the Department
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Italy:

Mr Romeo RICCIUTI

State Secretary for
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Luxembourg:

Mr René STEICHEN

Minister for Agriculture and Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture, Nature
Conservation and Fisheries

Portugal:

Mr Arlindo CUNHA

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries
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United Kingdom:

Mr John Selwyn GUMMER

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Mr David CURRY

Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture

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Commission:

Mr R. MACSHARRY

Member

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES AND CERTAIN RELATED MEASURES (1990/1991)

The Council continued its discussions on agricultural prices and certain related measures for the marketing year 1990/1991. It discussed the following sectors in detail:

- cereals and rice
- sugar
- oilseeds and olive oil
- milk and milk products
- fresh and processed fruit and vegetables
- beef

At this stage the Council concentrated its discussions on the essential problems which had emerged when the Special Committee on Agriculture examined these various products.

The technical aspects of some of these sectors will require further study.

At the end of its discussions, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue examining the proposals for the other products and to submit to it for its next meeting on 5 and 6 March a full report on all the sectors covered by the Commission proposals.

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Agri-monetary measures

The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission's proposal relating to agri-monetary measures. Delegations stated their reactions.

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Financial implications

The Council took note of the report from the Permanent Representatives Committee on the financial implications of the Commission proposals on prices and of the various comments made by delegations.

It agreed to consider the report as a necessary background for the decisions it was required to take on prices and related measures.

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SUSPENSION OF THE IMPORT LEVY ON SHEEPMEAT AND GOATMEAT

The Council examined the proposal on suspension of the levy on imports of sheepmeat and goatmeat from certain third countries.

Since agreement could not be reached at this stage, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to study the matter further.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other decisions in the field of agriculture

The Council adopted Regulations:

- amending Regulation No 475/86 laying down general rules for the system for controlling the prices and quantities of certain products in the oils and fats sector released for consumption in Spain.

The purpose of this amendment is to create in Spain aid conditions similar to those in force in the other Member States for sunflower seeds directly incorporated into feedingstuffs.

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 on the common organization of the market in wine.

The purpose of this amendment is to extend until the end of the 1989/1990 wine year the derogation allowing compulsory distillation to be implemented in Greece in accordance with special provisions.

- on the monitoring of the payment of refunds or other amounts granted on export of agricultural products.

This Regulation sets down certain procedures for monitoring whether operations conferring entitlement to the payment of refunds or any other amounts in respect of export transactions have actually been carried out and executed correctly.

Its aim is to make export monitoring more effective and it provides for physical spot checks on goods at the time of export and scrutiny of payment application files.

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The Council also adopted a Decision amending, for the fourth time, Decision 88/303/EEC recognizing certain parts of the territory of the Community as being either officially swine-fever free (East Flanders) or swine-fever free (Toscana region and Sicilia region).

Draft supplementary and amending budget No 1

Following the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council on 12 February 1990 concerning a medium-term loan for Hungary, the Council agreed to the establishment of draft supplementary and amending budget No 1/90, comprising the Community budget guarantee both for the first tranche of that loan and for the European Investment Bank loans to Poland and Hungary (in accordance with the decision also taken by the ECOFIN Council as an "A" item).
