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- General Affairs -

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Minister of State,
Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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CONCILIATION WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The proceedings of this meeting were given over to a conciliation meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament headed by its President, Lord PLUMB, and comprising Mr DANKERT, rapporteur on budget discipline and the inter-institutional agreement, Mr LANGES, rapporteur on own resources, Mrs SCRIVENER, rapporteur on the financing of the common agricultural policy, Mr SCHON, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, and Mrs ANDRE, member of the Committee on Regional Policy.

The European Parliament had requested this conciliation, a procedure which applies to acts of general scope and with considerable financial impact, on all the common positions reached by the Council at its meeting on 13 and 14 June 1988 with regard to the implementation of the conclusions of the European Council meeting on 11 and 12 February 1988, viz. the following acts:

- reform of the structural funds
- specific industrial development programme for Portugal
- new own resources system
- amendment of the financial Regulation
- budgetary discipline
- two Regulations on certain financial aspects of the common agricultural policy
- financial compensation to Spain and Portugal for their financial participation in the depreciation of certain agricultural stocks
- harmonized establishment of GNP at market prices.

The proceedings of the conciliation meeting, conducted by both sides in a spirit of understanding and compromise and with the active support of the Commission, were successfully concluded when complete consensus was reached on all the problems at issue.

The Council will thus be able to proceed with the final adoption of the abovementioned acts, after linguistic finalization, at its meeting (Industry) on 24 June 1988 and the Member States will then be able to initiate the ratification process in their national parliaments on the new system of own resources.

Bruxelles, le 21 Juin 1988

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Special session of the General Council
(Conciliation meeting with the European Parliament,
Monday 20 June 1988) (S. SONDERGAARD)

At the conciliation meeting with the European Parliament, the Council gave the final touch to the remaining part of the DELORS package and the texts transforming the Brussels conclusions into binding legal texts, taking into account most of the amendments proposed by the European Parliament. The texts can now be adopted as A points on the forthcoming Industrial Council on Friday.

The nine dossiers discussed yesterday were :

1. The reform of the Structural Fund
2. The PEDIP (aid to industrial development programme for Portugal)
3. Own resources
4. The modification of the financial regulation
5. Harmonisation of GNP
6. Budgetary discipline
7. Financing of the CAP
8. Depreciation of stocks (FEOGA Guarantee)
9. Compensation to Spain and Portugal

At a joint Press conference with Vice-President CHRISTOPHERSEN and Lord PLUMB after the conciliation, the German President in office Mme ADAM-SCHWAETZER welcomed very much the result and the fact that these extremely important financial decisions will be taken before the Hannover Summit.

Lord PLUMB talked about a new situation and the possibilities for the Community. "For the first time in many years", he said, "we can look forward instead of backwards and set new goals for the Community".

The Vice-President of the Commission, Mr CHRISTOPHERSEN also called the result highly satisfactory and said that this very positive climate of co-operation and confidence between the institutions is promising for the 1989 Budget procedure which has just started.

Regards,


C. STATHOPOULOS