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The text concerning the Court of Auditors is incorrect: the Council's decision on the replacement of Mr BRIXTOFTE, member of the Court of Auditors, at that stage concerned the consultation of the European Parliament; the decision on the appointment will not be taken until the Parliament has delivered its Opinion.

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

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mrs Irmgard ADAM-SCHWAETZER Minister of State,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

Spain:

Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ ORDÓÑEZ Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Pedro SOLBES MIRA State Secretary for Relations with the
European Communities

Mr Apolonio RUIZ LIGERO State Secretary for Trade

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS Ministre d'Etat,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mrs Maire GEOGHEGAN-QUINN	Minister of State for European Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Renato RUGGIERO	Minister for Foreign Trade

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Netherlands:

Mrs Y.M.C.T. van ROOY	Minister for Foreign Trade
B.J.M. Baron van VOORST tot VOORST	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Joao de DEUS PINHEIRO	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Vitor MARTINS	State Secretary for European Integration

United Kingdom:

Mrs Lynda CHALKER

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS
Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN
Mr Abel MATUTES

President
Vice-President
Member

UNITED STATES - HORMONES: COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

The Council took stock of the situation. It took note of the practical arrangement reached with the United States regarding a period of grace until 31 January 1989 for goods despatched by either side before 1 January 1989. It also noted applications made by American producers to export to the Community beef and veal meeting the criteria of Community legislation and it encouraged the Commission to conclude its examination of these applications rapidly.

The Council called upon the Commission to continue the action initiated in GATT seeking condemnation of the unilateral retaliatory measures introduced by the United States in breach of the rules of the General Agreement. It called upon the Commission also to continue bilateral efforts with the American authorities to reach an amicable settlement to the dispute. The Council invites the new United States Administration to suspend the unilateral measures in the meantime.

The Council approved the revised list of Community counter-measures taking account of the reduced volume of trade affected by the American measures. These counter-measures consist in raising customs duties to 100% for walnuts in shell and the following dried fruit: apricots, peaches, prunes, apples and pears, papaws, fruit salads.

The Council will take stock of the situation at its session on 20 February and the counter-measures will be put into effect unless there is satisfactory progress in GATT or in bilateral negotiations with the United States.

RELATIONS WITH THE EFTA COUNTRIES

The Council took stock of relations with the EFTA countries, on the basis of an oral report from the Commission.

It was pleased to note that substantial progress had been made towards creating the European economic area provided for in the Luxembourg Declaration, and with the current work programme.

The Council confirmed its determination to extend and strengthen co-operation with the EFTA partners, in line with the conclusions of the European Council in Rhodes.

It called upon the Permanent Representatives Committee, together with the Commission, to keep a careful watch on the current discussions and provide them with the necessary stimulus.

The Presidency informed members of the Council that it intended to organize a meeting between the Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the EEC and EFTA in Brussels on 20 and 21 March 1989.

FINANCIAL PROTOCOLS WITH CYPRUS AND MALTA

The Council adopted Decisions authorizing the Commission to negotiate with Cyprus and Malta the conclusion of a Third Financial Protocol between these countries and the European Economic Community and laying down negotiating directives for the purpose.

**VOTING RIGHTS FOR COMMUNITY NATIONALS IN LOCAL ELECTIONS IN THEIR MEMBER STATES
OF RESIDENCE**

The Council heard a statement by the President drawing the attention of the Member States to the political importance of this issue in making the people of Europe aware that Europe was moving forward.

The Council agreed that examination of the Commission proposal for a Directive on the subject should begin as soon as the European Parliament's Opinion had been received, so that it could be discussed at the Council's meeting in May.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONSTrade Policy

- Trade agreements

The Council adopted a Decision authorizing extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between Member States and third countries (4th tranche 1988).

- Anti-dumping

The Council adopted Regulations

= extending - for a maximum of two months from 4 February 1989 - the anti-dumping duty on imports of paint, distemper, varnish and similar brushes originating in the People's Republic of China;

= imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of copper sulphate originating in Bulgaria and the Soviet Union.

The rate of duty is equal to the following percentages of the free-at-Community-frontier price for:

. Bulgaria	58%
. Soviet Union	56%

OECD - negotiations concerning good laboratory practice

The Council authorized the Commission to participate, on behalf of the Community, in the negotiations within the OECD on a Decision-Recommendation on Compliance with Principles of Good Laboratory Practice, and approved directives for the purpose.

Iron and steel: external aspects 1989

The Council authorized the Commission to conduct negotiations on the external aspects of steel for 1989 and adopted negotiating directives for the purpose.

Research

The Council adopted a Decision approving the conclusion by the Commission of the Agreement for co-operation between the EAEC and the Government of Japan in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion.

Appointments

- Economic and Social Committee

Acting on proposals from the French and Netherlands Governments respectively, the Council appointed Mr Joel DECAILLON in place of Mr André DUNET and Mr G.W.M. LUSTENHOUWER in place of Dr L.N. GORIS for the remainder of their terms of office, which run until 20 September 1990.

- Court of Auditors

Acting on a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mr Ole WARBERG as member of the Court of Auditors in place of Mr BRIXTOFTE with effect from 18 April 1989 and for the remainder of the latter's term of office.

- Other appointments

The Council adopted a Decision renewing the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers.

The Council also took Decisions on the replacement of two members - one has died and the other has resigned - of the Euratom Supply Agency Advisory Committee for the remainder of their terms of office, which run until 28 March 1989.