

PRESS RELEASE

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747th meeting of the Council

- Transport -

Brussels, 15 December 1981

President: Mr David HOWELL,
Minister of Transport
of the United Kingdom

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

Belgium:

Mr Valmy FEAUX
Minister of Communications

Germany:

Mr Volker HAUFF
Federal Minister of Transport

France:

Mr Charles FITERMAN
Minister of State,
Ministry of Transport

Italy:

Mr Antonio CALDORO
State Secretary,
Ministry of Transport

Netherlands:

Mr J.C.F. van den DOEF
State Secretary,
Ministry of Transport
and Water Control

Denmark:

Mr Knud HEINESEN
Minister of Transport

Greece:

Mr Evangelos YANNOPOULOS
Minister of Transport
Mr Efstathios YIOTAS
Minister of Shipping

Ireland:

Mr Noel McMAHON,
Secretary,
Department of Transport

Luxembourg:

Mr Josy BARTHEL
Minister of Transport,
Communications and Informatics

United Kingdom:

Mr David HOWELL
Minister of Transport
Mr Kenneth CLARKE
Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Transport
Mr Iain SPROAT
Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Trade

Commission:

Mr George CONTOGEOORGIS
Member

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON PORT STATE CONTROL

In the Council's discussions on the Commission proposal for a Council Directive concerning the enforcement, in respect of shipping using Community ports, of international standards for shipping safety and pollution prevention, the Netherlands and French delegations first of all informed the Council of the progress of the preparatory work on the second Regional Ministerial Conference on Shipping Safety (Paris, 26 January 1982).

The Council then adopted the Resolution on port State control given in the Annex to this press release. In that Resolution the Council asks Member States and the Commission to play a full and active part in the second Regional Conference of Ministers in Paris for the establishment of a co-ordinated system of port State control in the European region. Moreover, the Council stated that it would subsequently examine what additional measures might prove necessary in this area at Community level. The Council also expressed the hope that the second Regional Ministerial Conference in Paris would be crowned with success.

COMMUNITY RAILWAY POLICY

The Council adopted a Resolution on Community railway policy, the text of which is given in the Annex to this press release. The Council asked the Commission actively to continue to implement the Community's railway policy and to submit a report with any appropriate proposals before 1 July 1982.

SHIPPING RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND THIRD COUNTRIES

The Council discussed shipping relations between Member States and third countries. At the end of the discussion the Council noted that the trades to which the Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences should not apply seemed to call for a more detailed examination. The Council also noted that all the Member States, in accordance with their undertaking to ratify the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences, or to accede to it, were currently preparing the national legal instruments necessary for the implementation and ratification of this Convention. The Council asked all the Member States to speed up this work as much as possible. It also noted that the Commission intended to submit a progress report on the ratification of this Convention to the next meeting of the "Transport" Council.

DEVELOPMENT OF COMBINED TRANSPORT THROUGH INVESTMENT AID

At this meeting the Council examined a proposal for a Regulation supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70 on aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway by the addition of provisions on combined transport.

The Council agreed to continue its work on this subject in the context of examining the proposal for a Directive on certain measures to promote the development of combined transport.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND WATERWAY VESSELS

Following an exchange of views on the proposal for a Directive laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work on this subject in order to overcome the final obstacles which were preventing the adoption of this Directive so that it might be adopted as soon as possible.

INTER-REGIONAL AIR SERVICES

The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the authorization of scheduled inter-regional air services of passengers, mail and cargo between Member States.

This exchange of views made it possible to identify the delegations' main preoccupations and to provide some guidelines for further discussions in the Permanent Representatives Committee.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRIA

In order to intensify relations with Austria in the land transport sector, the Council adopted a Decision on the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Austria in this field.

The negotiations will be conducted by the Commission in conjunction with the Member States and will cover a wide range of transport topics of concern to both parties, the purpose being to identify specific problems and to seek possible solutions.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMON RULES FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF CARRIAGE OF GOODS
BY ROAD BETWEEN MEMBER STATES

The Council adopted a Directive amending the first Council Directive of 23 July 1962 on the establishment of common rules for certain types of carriage of goods by road between Member States.

The Council has thus further liberalized carriage by exempting a number of other categories of carriage from all quota and/or authorization arrangements and in particular carriage:

- of spare parts for sea-going vessels and aircraft;
- of supplies for sea-going vessels and aircraft;
- by vehicles replacing vehicles which have broken down;
- of works of art for exhibition or for commercial purposes;
- of information material;
- of material, properties and animals for cultural or sporting events.

SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The Council adopted the Resolution concerning Community support for transport infrastructure given in the Annex to this press release.

COMMUNITY QUOTA

The Council, subject to the European Parliament's Opinion, adopted a favourable attitude to a 5% increase in the Community quota for eight Member States. Half of this increase would be distributed between these Member States across the board and half in proportion to their utilization of existing quotas.

A 15% increase would be granted to Ireland and Greece in view of their special geographical situation.

The Council noted that the Commission would submit by July 1982, and sooner if possible, a report on the Community's railways policy and, by the summer of 1982, a report on social policy in the road transport sector (Regulation No 543/69).

COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORT
INFRASTRUCTURE

The Council

- recalling its agreement at its meeting on 26 March 1981 to discuss the proposal for a Council Regulation on support for projects of Community interest in transport infrastructure at a forthcoming meeting on transport questions, together with the conclusions adopted at its meeting on 4 December 1980 comprising guidelines for the continuation of work on this subject;
- having taken note of the Commission's report on the application of the Council Decision of 20 February 1978 instituting a consultation procedure and setting up a committee in the field of transport infrastructure, believes that the Transport Infrastructure Committee has made a useful contribution to the achievement of the aims set out in that Decision and looks forward to its continuing to do so;
- emphasizes the importance for the Community both of a continuous exchange of information on plans and programmes for transport infrastructure development and of the timely submission of projects of Community interest for consultation;

- takes note of the Commission's Report on the criteria for the evaluation of projects of Community interest, which meets the Council's request of 23 November 1978;
- sees this Report, which should be considered in relation with the Commission's Report of 19 June 1980 on bottlenecks in transport infrastructure, as an important stage in the discussion of this subject;
- asks the Commission, in collaboration with the Transport Infrastructure Committee, to apply on an experimental basis the methods of appraising Community interest in infrastructure projects recommended in the Report on the criteria for the evaluation of projects of Community interest to a limited number of specific projects and requests the Commission to submit its conclusions on this work by 1 October 1982;
- instructs the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the Commission proposal particularly as regards:
 - = the scope of the Regulation;
 - = the possible forms of financial support for projects of Community interest and the conditions which should be attached to them;
 - = the suggested decision-making procedure with special reference to the role of the Council in this respect.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other decisions concerning transport

- AETR

The Council adopted a Decision authorizing the United Kingdom, as the Member State holding the Presidency, to communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations draft amendments to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). The purpose of the draft amendments is to adapt the Agreement to the changes made to Community rules on the social aspects of road transport, particularly as regards use of the tachograph. The amendments in question were drawn up in the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe.

- Combined road/rail carriage by containers

The Council adopted a Directive amending Directive 75/130/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined road/rail carriage of goods between Member States, which provides inter alia for the freeing of such carriage from any quota or authorization arrangements.

By this Decision the Council has permanently extended the common rules of the Directive to combined road/rail carriage by containers of 20 feet and more and swap bodies which have no supports. Under Directive 79/5/EEC the rules in question only applied to this form of carriage on an experimental basis until 31 December 1981.

- Decision on the signing of the ASOR

In 1975 the Council authorized the Commission to negotiate an Agreement between the European Economic Community and third countries (all of which are members of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport - ECMT) on the arrangements applicable to the international carriage of passengers by road by means of occasional coach and bus services (ASOR).

These negotiations were begun in 1976 and concluded in 1980. At the present meeting the Council decided to sign the Agreement subject to approval and to authorize its President to designate the persons empowered to sign on behalf of the Community.

The Agreement lays down harmonized provisions on liberalization for occasional international road passenger services, on the facilitation of checks and on the reduction of administrative formalities. The Agreement will thus facilitate the operation of the services in question and will allow more effective and rational organization of this type of transport.

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3449/80 on the implementation of the agreement on trade in industrial products with Romania;
- the Regulation on the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters with Romania, amending certain Annexes to the Agreement on trade in industrial products between the Community and Romania;
- the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2940/81 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on p-xylene (paraxylene) originating in Puerto Rico, the United States of America and the United States Virgin Islands.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the import quotas to be opened by the Member States in respect of State-trading countries in 1982.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation postponing the date for the review of the common arrangements applicable to imports from State-trading countries and imports from the People's Republic of China.

Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations:

- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duty on certain red or green peppers falling within subheading ex 07.04 B of the Common Customs Tariff;
- amending for the second time Regulation (EEC) No 222/77 on Community transit;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for
 - = certain fish of the species *sardinops sagax* or *ocellata*, whole or headless, intended for processing, falling within subheading ex 03.01 B I q) of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = sides of fish of the species *sardinops sagax* or *ocellata*, intended for processing, falling within subheading ex 03.01 B I q) of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = certain anchovies (*Engraulis* spp.) salted or in brine, in packagings of a net capacity of 8 kg or more, falling within subheading ex 03.02 A I c) of the Common Customs Tariff.

Textiles

The Council formally adopted the conclusions reached by the Council at its meeting on 8 December 1981 with regard to the problem of textiles: multifibre arrangement/preferential countries/economic outward processing traffic.

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision laying down the schedule of calls for Member States' contributions under the fourth European Development Fund for the financial year 1982.

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations:

- concluding the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on the control and reciprocal protection of quality wines and certain wines bearing a geographical ascription;
- on the application of Decisions No 1/81 of the EEC-Austria and EEC-Switzerland Joint Committees - Community transit - amending Appendix II to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Austria and Switzerland on the application of the rules on Community transit.

Relations with the Mediterranean countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations:

- on the importation into the Community of certain agricultural products originating in Turkey (suspension of the application of the preferential tariff to imports of certain agricultural products originating in Turkey if the import price laid down in Community rules is not respected) ⁽¹⁾;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 562/81 on the reduction of customs duties on imports into the Community of certain agricultural products originating in Turkey:
 - = follow-up to the multilateral trade negotiations 1973/1979;
 - = follow-up to the suspension of CCT duties decided on in Council Regulation No 3152/81 of 3.11.1981 (preserved herring);

⁽¹⁾ Provisional reservation by the Greek delegation.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations:

- establishing ceilings and Community supervision for imports of certain goods originating in Yugoslavia (1982);
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 438/81 establishing the arrangements applicable to imports originating in Yugoslavia consequent upon the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities (1);
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3508/80 (autonomous extension of arrangements applicable to trade with Malta until 30 June 1982 (1));
- on certain tariff quotas, ceilings or import arrangements for certain products originating in various Mediterranean countries (Malta, Turkey, Yugoslavia) for 1982 (3rd series) (1);
- laying down the arrangements applicable to trade with the Republic of Cyprus after 31 December 1981 (2);
- on the arrangements applicable to imports of wines originating in Algeria;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain wines of designated origin falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the common customs tariff and originating in Algeria (1981/1982).

Freedom to provide services

The Council approved the substance of the Council Directive amending Directive 75/362/EEC concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in medicine, including measures to facilitate effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services, and Directive 75/363/EEC concerning the co-ordination of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in respect of activities of doctors (formal adoption will take place following legal and linguistic finalization).

(1) Provisional reservation by the United Kingdom delegation.
(2) Provisional reservations by the United Kingdom and Greek delegations.

Research

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision adopting a second research and development programme for the European Economic Community in the field of textiles and clothing (Indirect Action 1981-1983).

The Council also noted the Commission's intention to sign the Implementing Agreement drawn up within the framework of the International Energy Agency (IEA), relating to co-operation in energy technology systems analysis.

Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the conclusion of the Community-COST concertation agreement on a concerted action project in the field of treatment and use of sewage sludge (COST Project 68 ter).

Atomic questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision approving the conclusion by the Commission of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Government of Canada intended to replace the "Interim Arrangement concerning enrichment, reprocessing and subsequent storage of nuclear material within the Community and Canada" constituting Annex C of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters of 16 January 1978 between Euratom and the Government of Canada.

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the modification of the Agreement establishing fishing arrangements between the Community and the Kingdom of Norway for 1981.

Appointments

The Council appointed Mr H.M.L. MORTON a full member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers to replace Dr C.A. JAMES, a full member who has resigned, pending the replacement of the members of the Committee.

Lastly, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, appointed Mr J.Ph. van HASSELT a member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency to replace Mr H. HOOG, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 28 March 1983.

Bruxelles, le 14 decembre 1981.

Note BIO (81) 495 aux Bureaux Nationaux
cc. aux Membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

PREPARATION DU CONSEIL TRANSPORTS DU 15 DECEMBRE 1981 (C. Boon)

Le Conseil transports a lieu MARDI a 10 heures. 433

12 points sont a l'ordre du jour dont un (le dernier) est un point divers.

1. Controle dans les ports

Se trouvera sur la table du Conseil un projet de resolution sur l'application par les etats membres en tant qu'etats du port (cad etats possedant des ports de mouillage) des normes internationales pour la securite des transports maritimes et la prevention de la pollution.

Cette resolution sera vraisemblablement adoptee.

2. Relations maritimes entre les etats membres et les pays tiers

La resolution proposee a l'adoption du Conseil porte sur une serie de questions de politique maritime concernant entre autres le code de conduite des conferences maritimes des Nations-Unis.

3. Services aeriens internationaux

La Commission propose l'adoption par le Conseil d'un reglement dont l'objet est d'introduire de plus larges possibilites de developpement des services aeriens internationaux pour les passagers, les postes et le fret.

4. Politique ferroviaire

Le Conseil sera invite a adopte une resolution a ce sujet. On y insiste plus particulierement sur la necessite de la promotion de la cooperation entre entreprises de chemins de fer.

5. Formation des prix des transports de marchandises par chemin de fer

La Commission soumet au Conseil une proposition de decision qui est pour la troisieme fois a l'ordre du jour. Elle vise a octroyer ou renforcer la liberte de l'entreprise de chemins de fer pour l'etablissement de ses prix.

6. Aides aux transports terrestres

La Commission soumet au Conseil une proposition de reglement afin de permettre l'octroi d'aides a la promotion du transport combine (une voiture sur train)

7. Prescriptions techniques des bateaux de navigation interieure

Le Conseil devrait adopter une directive contribuant a la securite de navigation et a l'egalisation des conditions de concurrence dans ce secteur.

8. Contingent communautaire

Il est propose au Conseil de modifier le reglement relatif au contingent communautaire d'autorisations pour les transports de marchandises par route entre etats membres afin que soit augmente l'actuel contingent de 20 %.

9. Proposition de modification de la lere directive transport par route

La Commission propose d'etudier cette directive de liberation de transports routiers d'un certain nombre de marchandises a d'autres marchandises.

10. Infrastructures de transports

Le Conseil devrait adopter une resolution reprimant son intention de poursuivre l'examen d'une proposition de reglement relatif au soutien financier de projets d'infrastructures de transport d'interet communautaire.

11. Negociations avec l'Autriche

Le Conseil discutera d'un projet de decision concernant l'ouverture de negociations entre la CEE et l'Autriche.

12. Divers

Amities,
Manuel SANTARELLI. Comeur 12h /////



Bruxelles, le 16 decembre 1981.

Note BIO (81) 495 (suite 1 et fin) aux Bureaux Nationaux
cc. aux Membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole.

CONSEIL TRANSPORTS DU 15 DECEMBRE 1981 (C. Boon)

Le Conseil Transports s'est termine hier soir a 19h30. Tous les points de l'ordre du jour ont ete traites a l'exception, sur demande danoise, du point 5 de la Bio 495.

1. Controle dans les ports

Le Conseil a adopte une resolution sur l'application par les Etats membres en tant qu'etats du port des normes internationales pour la securite des transports maritimes et la prevention de la pollution. Nous vous rappelons que lors de la 2e conference ministerielle regionale sur la securite maritime qui doit se tenir a Paris le 26 janvier prochain sera adopte un memorandum sur le controle dans les ports. La Commission sera membre du comite qui sera cree en vue de surveiller la mise en oeuvre des dispositions prevues au memorandum.

2. Relations maritimes entre les etats membres et les pays tiers

La resolution proposee au Conseil n'a pas ete adoptee, certaines delegations estimant que cela etait premature avant la ratification par chacun des Etats membres du code de conduite des conferences maritimes des Nations-Unies. Le Conseil a invite tous les Etats membres a acclerer autant que possible les procedures a cet effet et a pris acte de l'intention de la Commission de soumettre a la prochaine session du Conseil un rapport sur l'etat de ratification de ce code.

3. Services aeriens inter-regionaux

Le Conseil n'a pu se mettre d'accord sur le contenu de la proposition de reglement de la Commission. Les travaux a ce sujet doivent se poursuivre au sein du Coreper.

4. Politique ferroviaire

Le Conseil a adopte une resolution sur la politique ferroviaire aux termes de laquelle il exprime son accord pour que soit poursuivi actuellement dans la Communaute la mise en oeuvre d'une politique ferroviaire. La Commission fournira un rapport a ce sujet et presentera eventuellement des propositions notamment en matiere de cooperation au plus tard le 1er juillet 1982.

5. Formation des prix des transports de marchandises par chemin de fer

Non traite

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6. Aides aux transports terrestres

Le Conseil n'a pu se mettre d'accord sur une proposition de règlement completant le règlement no 1107/70 relatif aux aides accordées dans le domaine des transports par chemins de fer, par routes et par voies navigables au moyen de transports combinés. Le Conseil doit poursuivre ses travaux en la matière.

7. Prescriptions techniques des bateaux de navigation intérieure

Le Conseil n'a pu se mettre d'accord sur la proposition de directive dont il s'agit, notamment du fait d'une réserve française. La délégation française a en effet demandé un délai pour examiner les conséquences de la directive sur la batellerie française.

8. Contingent communautaire

Le règlement relatif au contingent communautaire d'autorisation pour les transports de marchandises par routes entre Etats membres a été modifié comme suit : il est accordé une augmentation de 15 % à l'Irlande et à la Grèce étant donné leur situation géographique particulière au sein de la Communauté et 5 % d'augmentation pour les autres Etats membres dont 2,5 % de façon linéaire et 2,5 % qui seront utilisés en fonction des utilisations réelles. Le Parlement européen n'ayant pas encore donné son avis sur la modification de ce règlement, il ne peut donc s'agir à ce stade que d'une orientation du Conseil.

9. Proposition de modification de la 1ère directive transport par route

Une directive modifiant la 1ère directive du Conseil du 23 juillet 1962 a été adoptée. L'objet de cette modification est d'exonérer outre les transports routiers pour lesquels c'était déjà le cas un certain nombre d'autres catégories de transports de tout régime de contingentement ou d'autorisation.

10. Infrastructures de transports

Le Conseil a adopté la résolution qui lui était proposée.

11. Négociations avec l'Autriche

La Commission a obtenu du Conseil mandat de négocier de concert avec les Etats membres en vue d'intensifier des relations avec l'Autriche dans le secteur des transports terrestres et d'identifier les problèmes spécifiques qui se posent et de rechercher des solutions possibles.

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12. Divers

Sous divers ont ete faites trois declarations qui sont annexees au proces-verbal dont 2 declarations de la Presidence, l'une sur les tarifs aeriens et l'autre sur les poids et dimensions des vehicules routiers et la troisieme emanant de la Republique Federale d'Allemagne sur la reduction de la consommation d'energie.

La presente bio est succinte. C'est a dessein car la DG VII avait prepare des notes tout a fait completes, lesquelles doivent etre en votre possession maintenant. Ces notes et la presente bio vous donneront selon nous une information entiere sur les evenements du Conseil.

Amities,

Manuel SANTAKELI. Cœur 17h /////

