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President: Mr Humphrey ATKINS,  
Lord Privy Seal of the  
United Kingdom

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

Belgium :

Mr Robert URBAIN Minister for External Trade

Denmark :

Mr Flemming HEDEGAARD Deputy Permanent Representative

Germany :

Otto Graf LAMBSDORFF Federal Minister for Economic Affairs

Greece :

Mr Dimitrios PITSIORIS State Secretary for Industry and Energy

France :

Mr Pierre DREYFUS Minister for Industry

Ireland :

Mr Edward COLLINS Minister of State for Industry and Energy

Italy :

Mr Giovanni MARCORA Minister for Industry

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK

State Secretary for Foreign  
Affairs

Mr W. DIK

State Secretary for Economic  
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Humphrey ATKINS

Lord Privy Seal

Mr Peter REES

Minister of State,  
Department of Trade

Commission:

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

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TEXTILES

Multifibre Arrangement

The Council continued its discussion of the problems arising in connection with renewal of the MFA, in preparation for the planned resumption of negotiations in Geneva on 18 November.

During the discussion the Commission submitted a number of suggestions to take account of the views expressed and will in the next few days be submitting a further document giving specific form to its ideas.

The Council will resume its discussions on the afternoon of Tuesday 17 November.

STEEL

The Council heard an outline by Viscount DAVIGNON of the recent measures taken by the USA on exports of Community steel. He was seriously concerned by these measures and gave his full support to the approach being made by the Commission to the United States authorities with a view to finding a solution to the whole problem.

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