

**COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

685<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

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President: Mr. Van der Klaauw  
Netherlands Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Table 1 — Council meetings in January

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
685th Brussels 20.1.1981	Foreign affairs	Mr Van der Klaauw, Netherlands Minister of Foreign Affairs	Mr Thorn, President Mr Haferkamp, Mr Tugendhat, Mr Cheysson and Mr O'Kennedy, Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Special measures for Italy.</i> Formal adoption of decision on exceptional Community aid for reconstruction of devastated areas.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• <i>Yugoslavia.</i> Establishment of unilateral arrangements for import into Community of Ten of baby beef from Yugoslavia until 31 March.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Aid to non-associated developing countries.</i> Examination of unresolved questions concerning framework regulation for financial and technical aid.</li> <li>• <i>ACP States and OCT.</i> Establishment of temporary arrangements<sup>3</sup> for trade between Greece and ACP States and arrangements for trade between Greece and OCT.</li> <li>• <i>Social policy.</i> Random survey of workforce to be carried out in spring 1981.</li> <li>• <i>Food aid.</i> Agreement on plan for implementing national actions under 1980 cereal aid programme.<sup>4</sup></li> <li>• <i>Fishery products.</i> Guide and intervention prices for period from 2 February to 31 December fixed.<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>

## Exceptional aid to Italy

2.3.35. On 20 January the Council adopted a decision on exceptional Community aid for the reconstruction of the areas devastated by the earthquake in Italy in November 1980.<sup>6</sup> The Luxembourg European Council on 1 and 2 December had decided to grant this exceptional Community aid in addition to the emergency aid already given.<sup>7</sup>

Italy will be given loans of up to 1 000 million ECU to finance investment for the reconstruction of means of production and of economic and social infrastructures. The Commission, acting on behalf of the Community, is empowered to borrow the necessary funds on the capital markets under the New Community Instrument, though some loans will be made by the EIB out of its own resources. The NCI and EIB loans will both be eligible for an interest subsidy of 3% per annum to be borne by the Community budget for a maximum of twelve years. It will be for the Commission to decide every year on the interest subsidies on the basis of plans submitted by the Italian authorities.

<sup>3</sup> Point 2.3.3.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 131, 20.5.1976.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 284, 29.10.1980; Bull. EC 10-1980, point 2.3.46.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 32, 4.2.1981.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 37, 10.2.1980.

<sup>7</sup> Bull. EC 12-1980, point 1.1.5.

## Markets and structures

### *Common organization of the market*

2.1.50. On 20 January the Council fixed the guide prices and intervention prices for fishery products for the period 2 February to 31 December 1981.<sup>1</sup> Prices of certain species such as mackerel and anchovies were kept at the same level as last year, while those for other species such as cod, saithe, haddock and hake were increased, in some cases by as much as 14%.

A number of implementing regulations were adopted by the Commission, adjusting the technical provisions on the intervention system and imports.<sup>2</sup> On the basis of the new technical provisions, the Commission fixed the withdrawal prices and reference prices applicable from 2 February. The marketing standards for certain fresh and frozen products were adjusted.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 37, 10.2.1981.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 30, 2.2.1981.

## Yugoslavia

2.2.28. On 20 January the Council adopted a regulation establishing autonomous arrangements for products originating in Yugoslavia, pending the conclusion of a protocol to adapt the EEC-Yugoslavia Agreement in the light of Greek accession.

The arrangements will remain in force until 31 March; they provide, among other things,

for total Yugoslav exports of 8 700 t of baby beef to the ten-member Community.

The Council agreed to decide in February on the content of the directives to be given to the Commission for negotiation of the protocol of adaptation.

### *Greek accession protocols*

2.2.31. On 20 January the Council adopted a regulation laying down the provisional arrangements for trade by Greece with the ACP States and a decision laying down the arrangements for trade by Greece with the OCT.

## Food aid, emergency aid and exceptional aid

### Food aid

2.2.12. On 20 January the Council agreed the plan for implementing national measures under the 1980 cereals aid programme.<sup>5</sup> The breakdown per Member State is as follows: Belgium - 34 250 t; Denmark - 12 300 t; Germany - 150 800 t; France - 147 800 t; Ireland - 3 100 t; Italy - 82 000 t; Luxembourg - the equivalent of LFR 15 million; Netherlands - 38 830 t; United Kingdom - 100 600 t.