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The Week in Europe - ISEC/WT44/83

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A WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

Brussels	January 9/10	Agriculture
	January 17	Consumer Affairs
	January 17	Industry
	January 23/24	Foreign Affairs
	January 31	Fisheries

Other Events

European Parliament: January 12-20 (Strasbourg)

Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Finance Council:	Feb 6, March 12
Agriculture Council:	Feb 6/7, March 12/13, March 26/27
Energy Council:	Feb 14
Foreign Affairs Council:	Feb 20/21, March 12/13
Research Council:	Feb 28
Development Council:	Feb 28
Environment Council:	March 1
Fisheries Council:	March 5
Social Affairs Ministers (informal meeting):	Feb 2
European Parliament:	Feb 13-17 (Strasbourg)
	March 12-16 (Strasbourg)
European Council (summit):	March 19/20 (Brussels)

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WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFINGS

During 1984 we plan to hold a regular weekly press briefing at this office where journalists with general or specialised interests will be able to keep up to date with current Community developments. The first of these briefings will be on Friday January 6 at 11.30 a.m., and we plan to hold a similar open house to journalists at the same time each week. We would be glad if news editors would note this in the diary. Readers are warmly invited to attend.

We would like to wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and an interesting and happy New Year. The next Week in Europe will be issued on January 5 1984.

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FLASHBACK

BUDGET FOR 1984: European Parliament President Mr Pieter Dankert signed the Community's 1984 budget, as amended by the Parliament the previous week, in spite of a letter from the Council of Ministers recalling its own amendments. It is not yet clear how the Council will react to the Parliament's action. The budget stands adopted.

SPAIN: Negotiations continued on transitional arrangements for Spanish entry, covering trade relations with Japan and Spanish membership of Euratom.

TRADE: Foreign ministers agreed that the Community should speed up the application of tariff reductions which had been agreed in the Tokyo Round of GATT. These will take effect from the beginning of 1985 provided the Community's other trading partners do the same and provided the economic recovery continues. As far as possible quantitative restrictions on imports from the least developed countries will be removed.

CYPRUS: The foreign ministers reached no decision on how goods from the Turkish Cypriot region of Cyprus would be treated following the introduction of new export documents by the Cyprus government.

GREENLAND: Negotiations should be concluded by March on the future relationship between the Community and Greenland, so that the new arrangements can be ratified by parliaments in time for January 1 1985.

TOURISM: A resolution has been adopted by the Council of Ministers setting out guidelines for a tourism policy for the Community.

REBATES FOR THE UK: The European Commission has authorised grants of £65m for energy projects and £113m as supplementary measures for infrastructure investment in the United Kingdom. This brings total payments relating to the level of Britain's 1982 budget contribution to £767m.

BACKGROUND REPORTS ISSUED:

ISEC/B32/83 Co-operative scope for biotechnology

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