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A WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

Brussels	January 23/24	Foreign Affairs
	January 26	Steel
	January 31	Fisheries

Other Events

European Parliament: January 16-20 (Strasbourg)

Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Finance Council:	Feb 6, March 12	
Agriculture Council:	Feb 6/7, Feb 27/28, March 12/13	
	March 26/27	
ACP/EEC Council:	Feb 9/10	
Energy Council:	Feb 14	
Foreign Affairs Council:	Feb 20/21, March 5/6	
Research Council:	Feb 28	
Development Council:	Feb 28	
Environment Council:	March 1	
Consumer Affairs Council:	March 2	
Fisheries Council:	March 5	
Social Affairs Ministers (informal meeting):	Feb 2	(France)
Women's affairs (informal meeting):	March 8	(Paris)
European Parliament:	Feb 13-17	(Strasbourg)
	March 12-16	(Strasbourg)
European Council (summit):	March 19-20	(Brussels)
Western Economic Summit:	June 7-9	(London)
European Elections:	June 14+17	

THE WEEK AHEAD

The plans of the French presidency will be presented to the European Parliament by French foreign minister Claude Cheysson at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. A report on women's questions will be debated on Tuesday. No Council meetings will be held next week.

We shall hold our normal Friday press briefing at this office at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow.

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FLASHBACK

FARM STRUCTURES: Agriculture ministers failed to reach agreement on extension to the farm modernisation and other structural aids which expired at the end of 1983. There is some difference of view within the Community institutions as to whether some existing provisions laid down in the measures, such as direct aids in less favoured areas, can continue until a decision has been taken.

SPENDING ON AGRICULTURE: Commission President Gaston Thorn told the farm ministers that agricultural expenditure this year could exceed budget provisions by 10 per cent. The only solution, he said, would lie in the Council adopting the proposals for reform put forward by the Commission.

£149M FROM REGIONAL FUND: The European Commission announced an allocation of £149m from the European Regional Development Fund.

FAST BREEDERS: Five member countries, including the United Kingdom, have signed a collaboration agreement on fast breeder reactor development. The scheme provides for a global pooling of resources and programmes.

BACKGROUND REPORTS ISSUED:

ISEC/B1/84 Community aid for jobs - Local employment initiatives and help for women

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