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Subject: 7th meeting of the EEC-Malta Association Council at ministerial level
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The EEC-Malta Association Council held its 7th meeting at ministerial level in Luxembourg on 6 April 1992; the meeting was chaired by Mr João PINHEIRO, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic and President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities.

The Maltese delegation was headed by Prof. Guido de MARCO, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta.

The Commission of the European Communities was represented by Mr Abel MATUTES, Member, and the European Investment Bank by its Vice-President, Mr Alain PRATE.

1. The Association Council heard a general statement by Prof. de MARCO on current and future relations between Malta and the Community, in particular further to recent general elections in Malta.

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2. Having examined the developments in EEC-Malta relations, the Association Council expressed its satisfaction at the significant progress in trade relations where the Community's position as Malta's main partner has been consolidated.

In response to recent Maltese suggestions to develop this co-operation further by additional reciprocal concessions, the Association Council noted that the Community would give its reply as quickly as possible once the Commission of the European Communities had examined these suggestions in detail.

3. The Association Council expressed satisfaction that the funds made available under the Financial Protocols concluded between the Community and Malta had made a significant contribution to modernizing Malta's infrastructures; it was likewise very satisfied with the overall rate of commitment of the funds provided for in the third Financial Protocol covering the period 1988 to 1993.
4. The Association Council considered that the opening of the Commission delegation in Valetta would further speed up and facilitate relations between the two parties.
5. The Association Council welcomed with satisfaction the Maltese Government's efforts to harmonize its legislation with that of the Community.
6. The Association Council noted Malta's desire to become a member of COST and to participate in the Community's programmes for co-operation in the field of scientific and technological development.

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7. The Association Council heard a statement from Prof. de MARCO on Malta's efforts to move closer to Europe through participation in several European bodies, such as EUROCONTROL, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Energy Charter and the European Patent Convention.
 8. The Association Council took note of the regular dialogue between Malta and the Twelve in the framework of Political Co-operation.
 9. The Association Council noted Malta's wish to begin accession negotiations rapidly following the forthcoming opinion of the Commission of the European Communities on Malta's application for accession.
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