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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 8/74

COUNCIL MEETINGS POSTPONED

Elections in Britain and Belgium

There are no firm dates for the next important meetings of the Council of Ministers, because negotiations have been interrupted by the British General Election, next Thursday, February 28, and the Belgian elections, on Sunday, March 10.

Meetings waiting to be rescheduled include a Council of Ministers on the regional development fund, postponed from February 18; the Political Committee of the Nine, at the level of Foreign Ministers, originally set down for February 14 in Bonn; and the Council of Agricultural Ministers who suspended their negotiations on the annual farm price package on Tuesday last, February 19, because of the impending elections in Britain.

The next Agricultural Council will be on Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12.

A Council on Development and Cooperation has been postponed from next Tuesday, February 26, to Wednesday, March 20.

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FLASHBACK :

On Monday a Council of Finance Ministers agreed to double short-term Community credits for currency support, adopted a joint declaration against competitive devaluations and protective trade measures, and called for a report on fixing a new gold price to allow gold transfers between Central Banks.

President Ortoli was in Japan this week where he discussed oil and trade problems, and said it was hoped to open an office of the Commission in Tokyo by the autumn. He went on to Indonesia for a three-day unofficial visit.