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Council conclusions of 30 May 1980 on the United Kingdom contribution to the financing of the Community budget

1. The net United Kingdom contribution for 1980 will be calculated on the basis of the present Commission estimate (1 784 MEUA). 1 175 MEUA will be deducted from this figure. This leaves a United Kingdom contribution of 609 MEUA for 1980.
 2. The net United Kingdom contribution for 1981 will be calculated on the basis of the Commission estimate of 2 140 MEUA. The United Kingdom's 1980 net contribution will be increased by a percentage equal to the difference between 1 784 and 2 140 MEUA, namely 19.9 % or 121 MEUA. The net United Kingdom contribution for 1981 therefore becomes 730 MEUA.
 3. The United Kingdom contribution, based on the above calculations, is reduced for 1980 and 1981 by 2 585 MEUA (1 175 plus 1 410).
 4. If the United Kingdom's actual contributions for 1980 and 1981 are higher than 1 784 and 2 140 MEUA respectively the difference will be split: for the first year 25 % will be borne by the United Kingdom and 75 % by the other eight Member States. For the second year: increase from 730 to 750 MEUA to be borne in full by the United Kingdom; from 750 to 850 MEUA, 50 % to be borne by the United Kingdom and 50 % by the other eight Member States; above 850 MEUA, 25 % to be borne by the United Kingdom and 75 % by the others.
 5. Payments over the period 1980 to 1982 should be made by means of the adapted financial mechanism and the supplementary measures proposed by the Commission. The financial mechanism will continue to function automatically until the end of 1982.
 6. The credits are entered in the budget of the following year, following the precedent of the financial mechanism.
- At the request of the United Kingdom the Council can decide each year on a proposal from the Commission to make advances to permit the accelerated implementation of the supplementary measures.
7. For 1982, the Community is pledged to resolve the problem by means of structural changes (Commission mandate, to be fulfilled by the end of June 1981: the examination will concern the development of Community policies, without calling into question the common financial responsibility for these policies which are financed from the Community's own resources, or the basic principles of the common agricultural policy. Taking account of the situations and interests of all Member States, this examination will aim to prevent the recurrence of unacceptable situations for any of them). If this is not achieved, the Commission will make proposals along the lines of the 1980 to 1981 solution and the Council will act accordingly.
 8. The Council reaffirms the conclusions adopted by it (in its composition of Ministers of Economic Affairs and Finance) on 11 February 1980 [see Annex to 5081/80 PV/CONS 5 ECOFIN 9], which included reference to the 1 % VAT own resources ceiling.
 9. It is important for the future well-being of the Community that day to day decisions and policy

making should function effectively, particularly during the period when the review provided for in paragraph 7 is under way. With this objective in mind all Member States undertake to do their best to

ensure that Community decisions are taken expeditiously and in particular that decisions on agricultural price fixing are taken in time for the next marketing year.

Council declaration of 30 May 1980 on the common fisheries policy

1. The Council agrees that the completion of the common fisheries policy is a concomitant part of the solution of the problems with which the Community is confronted at present. To this end the Council undertakes to adopt, in parallel with the application of the decisions which will be taken in other areas, the decisions necessary to ensure that a common overall fisheries policy is put into effect at the latest on 1 January 1981.

2. In compliance with the Treaties and in conformity with the Council Resolution of 3 November 1976 (the 'Hague agreement'), this policy should be based on the following guidelines:

- (a) rational and non-discriminatory Community measures for the management of resources and conservation and reconstitution of stocks so as to ensure their exploitation on a lasting basis in appropriate social and economic conditions;
- (b) fair distribution of catches having regard, most particularly, to traditional fishing activities, to the special needs of regions where the local populations are particularly dependent upon fishing and the industries allied thereto⁽¹⁾, and to the loss of catch potential in third country waters;

(c) effective controls on the conditions applying to fisheries;

(d) adoption of structural measures which include a financial contribution by the Community;

(e) establishment of securely-based fisheries relations with third countries and implementation of agreements already negotiated. In addition, endeavours should be made to conclude further agreements on fishing possibilities, in which the Community — subject to the maintenance of stability on the Community market — could also offer trade concessions.

3. Furthermore, Article 103 of the Act of Accession shall be applied in conformity with the objectives and provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, with the Act of Accession, *inter alia* Articles 100 to 102, and with the Council Resolution of 3 November 1976, and in particular Annex VII thereto.

4. The Council agrees to resume its examination of the Commission proposals for Regulations under (a) (technical conservation measures) and (c) (control) at its meeting on 16 June 1980, and also on this occasion to begin examination of other proposals, including a proposal on quotas for 1980 which the Commission undertakes to submit in good time.

⁽¹⁾ See paragraphs 3 and 4 of Annex VII to the Council Resolution of 3 November 1976.