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1047th Council meeting

- Labour and Social Affairs -

Brussels, 5 December 1985

President: Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER

Minister for Labour
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Michel HANSENNE Minister for Labour and Employment
Mr Daniel COENS Minister for Education
Mr André DAMSEAUX Minister for Education

Denmark:

Mrs Grethe FENGER MØLLER Minister for Labour
Mr Bertel HAARDER Minister for Education

Germany:

Mrs Dorothee WILMS Federal Minister for Education and Science
Mr Wolfgang VOGT Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Labour and Social Security

Greece:

Mr Evangelos YANNOPOULOS Minister for Labour

France:

Mr Claude MARTIN Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mrs Gemma HUSSEY Minister for Education
Mr Ruairi QUINN Minister for Labour

Italy:

Mr Gianni DE MICHELIS Minister for Labour and Social Security
Mrs Franca FALUCCI Minister for Education

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER
Mr Fernand BODEN

Minister for Labour
Minister for Education and Youth

Netherlands:

Mr J. DE KONING
Mr W.J. DEETMAN

Minister for Employment and
Social Security
Minister for Education and Sciences

United Kingdom:

Mr Kenneth CLARKE
Mr George WALDEN

Paymaster General,
Department of Employment
Parliamentary Under-Secretary
of State,
Department of Education and Science

Commission:

Mr Alois PFEIFFER
Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

Member
Member

Present as observers:

Spain:

Mr José J. ALMUNIA AMANN
Mr Juan ROJO

Minister for Labour and
Social Security
State Secretary for Universities
and Research

Portugal:

Mr Luis MIRA AMARAL

Minister for Labour and
Social Security

PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE ON NOISE

The Council reached agreement on a proposal to give workers increased protection against one of the most widespread and major risks in industry.

The Directive's provisions will include:

- reduction of the risks resulting from workers' exposure to noise to the lowest level reasonably practicable;
- where exposure exceeds 90 dB(A), introduction of a programme of measures to reduce it and, if this is not possible, use of ear protectors, which must, in addition, be made available to workers as from 85 dB(A);
- checks on workers' hearing to diagnose any hearing impairment by noise;
- application of the principle of reducing risk to the lowest possible level in the design, building and construction of new plant;
- consultation of workers' representatives.

The text of the Directive will be adopted formally after legal and linguistic finalization.

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION ON THE COMETT PROGRAMME

The Council came to a political agreement, with a reservation from one delegation on one particular point, on the Commission proposal to increase, within the Community, co-operation between higher education and industry on technological training.

The COMETT programme, which is an important addition to the Community's research and development programmes, will last for four years: after a preparatory phase (1986), it will enter an operational phase (1987-1989).

It is estimated that an appropriation of 65 MECU will be needed for the four-year period; this amount will be divided among the different sections of the programme using a distribution scale.

A Committee of representatives from the Member States will assist the Commission with implementation of the programme.

The objectives of the COMETT programme include the following

- to promote a European dimension in co-operation between universities and industry in training related to innovation and the development and application of new technologies;
- to develop the level of training in response to technological and social change;
- to improve the opportunities for training at local, regional and national level.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the text of the decision so that it could be adopted formally as an "A" item.

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

Adaptation of certain rules in view of the accession of Spain and Portugal

Without prejudice to the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council took a favourable view of proposals for amending the Decision of 17 October 1983 on the tasks of the European Social Fund and Regulation No 2950/83 on the implementation of that Decision in order to make the adjustments necessary to enable Spain and Portugal to qualify, as planned, for Fund assistance from their accession.

Accordingly, the whole of Portugal and a number of Spanish regions (Andalucia, Canarias, Castilla-Leon, Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura, Galicia, Murcia and the towns of Ceuta and Melilla) would be included in the list of Community regions which are particularly disadvantaged economically and socially and which qualify for an increased rate of assistance and accelerated depreciation of training centres. At the same time, the percentage of Fund appropriations earmarked for operations to promote employment in top priority regions throughout the Community would be increased from 40% to 44,5% for the next three years. However, from 1987 onwards the Council may reconsider these arrangements on the basis of a Commission report, accompanied by proposals where appropriate.

Extension of the Fund's activities to the self-employed

The Council also took a favourable view of a proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation No 2950/83 on the implementation of the Decision on the tasks of the European Social Fund, the aim of which is to extend to the creation of jobs for the self-employed (except for professional people) the assistance for job-seekers and the long-term unemployed which is currently available solely for jobs for employed persons.

This measure, which is designed to increase the means available to the European Social Fund for reducing unemployment, should come into effect from 1986, on the basis of applications which, by way of exception, it will still be possible to make up until 31 January 1986.

As the Opinion of the European Parliament is expected in the next few days, the Council should be able to take a final decision on the draft Regulation before the end of the month.

POLICY PROPOSALS IN THE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission memorandum setting out policy proposals in the areas of employment, education and training of young people.

At the close of discussions, the Council requested the Commission to take account of the views which had been expressed when drawing up its future proposals.

PARENTAL LEAVE AND LEAVE FOR FAMILY REASONS

Following a detailed exchange of views, the President concluded that it had not been possible to reach agreement on this proposal for a Directive.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Education

The Council and the Ministers meeting within the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Resolution extending for one year, until 31 December 1987, certain measures taken to improve the preparation of young people for work and to facilitate their transition from education to working life. Final reporting and dissemination of the results of the programme will be completed by 30 June 1988.

Euratom loans

Following the political agreement reached in the Economic and Finance Council on 18 November, the Council adopted a Decision - amending Decision 77/271/Euratom - increasing from 2 000 to 3 000 MECU the amount of Euratom loans which the Commission is empowered to contract for the purpose of contributing to the financing of nuclear power stations.

The Decision also stipulates that when the total value of the transactions effected reaches 2 800 million ECU, the Commission shall inform the Council, which, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, shall decide on the fixing of a new amount as soon as possible.

Energy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Directive on crude-oil savings through the use of substitute fuel components in petrol. See press release 10237/85 (Presse 167) of 11 November 1985, p. 5.

Customs union

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for

- 2'-tert-pentylanthraquinone falling within subheading ex 29.13 F of the Common Customs Tariff
- certain hand-made products
- certain hand-woven fabrics, pile and chenille falling within headings ex 50.09, ex 55.07, ex 55.09 and ex 58.04 of the Common Customs Tariff
- certain grades of ferro-chrome falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff
- sweet clear-fleshed cherries, marinated in alcohol, falling within subheading ex 20.06 B I e) 2 bb) of the Common Customs Tariff, and
- boysenberries, preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar intended for any form of processing except for the manufacture of jam entirely from boysenberries, falling within subheading ex 08.10 D of the Common Customs Tariff.

The Council also adopted two amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff to take account of enlargement.

Appointments

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the German Government, Mr Klaus SCHMITZ, Leiter der Abteilung Strukturpolitik beim DGB-Bundesvorstand, member of the Economic and Social Committee in place of Mr Dieter CREMER, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 20 September 1986.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the Confédération française démocratique du travail, Mr Jacques DEZEURE, Secrétaire National of the Fédération Générale des Mines et de la Métallurgie CFDT, member of the ECSC Advisory Committee in place of Mr Jean-Marie SPAETH, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 17 February 1987.

Lastly, the Council appointed:

- Mr Antoine DONCK full member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Mr J. LABART for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 6 October 1987;
 - Mrs Anne Sylvie DELOUVRIER full member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Mr P. PADOVANI for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 6 October 1987.
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1048th meeting of the Council was cancelled.

PRESS RELEASE

11127/85 (Presse 190)

1049th Council meeting
- Economic and Financial affairs -
Brussels, 9 December 1985

President: Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Mark EYSKENS Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Anders ANDERSEN Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Rudolf SPRUNG Parliamentary State Secretary
to the Federal Minister for Economic
Affairs

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Constantin SIMITIS Minister for Economic Affairs and
Finance

France:

Mr Luc de LA BARRE de NANTEUIL Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Alan DUKES Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Domenico SUSI State Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER Minister for Finance

Mr Jacques F. POOS Minister for Economic Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING

Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter BROOKE

Minister of State at the Treasury

Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ

Member

Mr Alois PFEIFFER

Member

Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

Member

The following were also present as observers:

Spain:

Mr Miguel Angel FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ

State Secretary,
Ministry of Economic Affairs

Portugal:

Mr José de OLIVEIRA COSTA

State Secretary to the
Minister for Finance
with special responsibility for
taxation

The following also took part in the meeting:

Mr R. WEIDES

Chairman of the Co-ordinating
Group for Economic and
Financial Policies

Mr Hans TIETMEYER

Chairman of the Monetary
Committee

Mr I. BYATT

Chairman of the Economic Policy
Committee

ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT FOR 1985/1986

The Council approved the annual economic report for 1985/1986 as amended further to the proceedings of the Co-ordinating Group for Economic and Financial Policies on 11 November; the Council's approval covered the policy guidelines to be followed by the Community and the general economic policy guidelines to be followed by each Member State in 1986.

The annual economic report will be formally adopted, after linguistic finalization of the text, before the end of the year.

LABOUR MARKETS AND EMPLOYMENT

The Council took note of an interim report by the Economic Policy Committee entitled "Labour Markets and Employment"; it invited the Committee to continue its proceedings on this matter in the light of the European Council's conclusions on the economic and social situation and of the annual economic report.

EXPORT CREDITS: COMMERCIAL INTEREST REFERENCE RATES (CIRR)

The Council examined the Commission proposal concerning the position the Community should adopt in the negotiations in progress at the OECD on revision of the commercial interest reference rate (CIRR) system.

To allow the Member States to consider the matter in greater detail, the Council agreed to decide on the Community position at its forthcoming meeting on 20 January 1986.

ABOLITION OF TAX BORDERS

Following the exchange of views which it had had at its last meeting, on 18 November, on the tax measures necessary to achieve the objective of a single market, the Council agreed to set up an ad hoc Working Party of heads of tax administrations or other personal representatives of the Ministers for Finance in order to prepare the Council's proceedings on these matters. It would lay down the Working Party's terms of reference at its forthcoming meeting on 20 January 1986.

APPLICATION OF THE COMPETITION RULES TO THE INSURANCE SECTOR

The Council noted statements by the Belgian and German delegations on the application of the Treaty rules on competition to the insurance sector and the Commission's reply on the subject.

COMMUNITY LOAN TO THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

Further to the political agreement reached on 18 November 1985 (see Press Release 10429/85 (Presse 173)) the Council adopted the Decision on a Community loan to the Hellenic Republic in the official languages of the Communities.

PRESS RELEASE

11128/85 (Presse 191)

1050th meeting of the Council
- Agriculture -

Brussels, 9/10 December 1985

President: Mr Marc FISCHBACH,
Minister for Agriculture
and Viticulture
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 12 December 1985
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to 1050th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 9/10 December 1985

On page 10, the paragraph entitled "Residues in animals and fresh meat"
should be deleted.

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN

State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mr Henri NALLET Minister for Agriculture

Mr René SOUCHON State Secretary attached to the Minister for Agriculture, with responsibility for Agriculture and Forestry

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI Minister for Agriculture

Mrs Paola CAVIGLIASSO State Secretary,
Ministry of Health

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH Minister for Agriculture and Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John GUMMER

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

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The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA

Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARETTO

Minister for Agriculture

CEREAL AND COLZA/RAPE SEED PRICES

As agreed at its meeting on 25 and 26 July 1985, the Council reviewed the whole range of questions regarding the prices of cereals, colza and rape seed for the year 1985/1986.

It noted that since then no new factor likely to lead to an agreement had emerged.

It should be noted here that on 19 December 1985 the Council will hold a general debate, taking as its basis the Commission Green Paper, on the future of the common agricultural policy with particular reference to the review of the common organization of the market in cereals on the basis of the recent Commission memorandum.

SUGAR

Without prejudice to the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council agreed in principle on the main features of the future Community sugar arrangements. In particular, it:

- confirmed the principle of self-financing in the sugar sector;
- decided to introduce an absorption levy designed to cover an accumulated deficit of 400 MECU from the arrangements applying between 1981/1982 and 1985/1986;
- confirmed that the current system of quotas would be retained for the next five years;
- decided that for the 1986/1987 and 1987/1988 marketing years the quotas and production levy ceilings would remain unchanged; the following would also remain unchanged during these two marketing years:
 - = derogations from the system of differentiated contracts (mixed price system)
 - = the amount of the reserve quantity (quota transfers between undertakings), with a derogation for Spain
 - = the provisions for national aid which France and Italy are authorized to grant, on the understanding that in the case of Italy such aid might be adjusted to meet exceptional needs arising from the restructuring of the sugar industry.

The detailed arrangements to apply in the years 1988/1989 to 1990/1991 will be decided on by the Council (before 1 January 1988) on the basis of a Commission proposal.

SUGAR USED IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

After hearing a statement from the Chairman of the Special Committee on Agriculture on progress made on the proposal to grant a production refund on sugar used in the chemical industry, the Council requested the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine this question further in conjunction with the problems in the starch sector, and report back on the entire matter for its next meeting.

STARCH

After noting the progress made in this sector, the Council agreed to consider particular aspects of the future arrangements for starch products in the context of the Council's discussions on action to be taken on the Commission's Green Paper and memorandum on new arrangements for the common organization of the market in cereals. The details of the Commission proposals will be examined at the next Council meeting.

DISPOSAL OF ALCOHOL

The amendments introduced by the Council in 1982 to wine legislation increased Community responsibility for alcohol which is obtained by compulsory distillation and held by the intervention agencies.

With a view to organizing the disposal of this wine alcohol, the Council examined the proposal designed to:

- determine the procedures for selling such alcohol and the criteria for fixing minimum selling prices to be laid down before the start of each wine year;
- provide for other sectors to be used for the disposal of such alcohol, particularly the motor fuel sector.

At the conclusion of the debate, the Council arrived at a common approach on a compromise arrangement whereby the Regulation would be adopted for a period of one year.

Recognizing that there were further major problems in this sector, the Council asked the Commission to produce an exhaustive report covering all the problems involved in the marketing of alcohol stocks.

It requested the Special Committee on Agriculture to finalize a text reflecting the approach adopted and submit it to its meeting in January 1986.

BEEF AND VEAL

The Council adopted a common approach to the Regulations:

- opening a Community tariff quota for 1986 of 29 800 tonnes for high quality (Hilton beef), fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the common customs tariff at 20% duty;
- opening a Community tariff quota for 1986 of 2 250 tonnes for frozen buffalo meat falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) 4 bb) 33 of the common customs tariff at 20% duty.

These Regulations will be formally adopted on receipt of the Opinion of the European Parliament.

As regards the allocation to Member States of the frozen meat quota (50 000 tonnes) to be imported on preferential terms, the Council was obliged to note that no agreement was possible at this stage, for want of proposals on the estimates (some delegations continued to link these estimates and the quota allocation).

It accordingly agreed to resume examination of the GATT quota and the estimates at its meeting in January 1986.

SHEEPMEAT AND GOATMEAT

The consultation procedure requested by Spain and Portugal was completed on 3 December, those two countries had obtained assurances from the Commission that the regions eligible for the goat producers premium would be determined before 1 March 1986, whereupon the Council adopted by a qualified majority, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations (¹) extending the existing premium for sheepmeat producers.

- to goat producers and

- to the producers of ewes of the Herdwick Mountain breed bred in the Lake District.

LAYING HENS KEPT IN BATTERY CAGES

Concluding its discussions at this meeting, the Council was able to arrive at a very broad measure of agreement on the Directive laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens kept in battery cages.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the complete text of the Directive so that it could reach a final decision on the matter at a forthcoming meeting.

(¹) See press release 10189/85 (Presse 174) of 18 and 19 November 1985.

PLANT HEALTH/VETERINARY HARMONIZATION

Organisms harmful to plants or plant products

After hearing a progress report on this proposal by the Chairman of the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council examined the compromise submitted by that Committee.

Following its discussions, the Council noted that there was a common position on the Directive which is designed in particular to simplify the procedure for amending the Annexes listing organisms harmful to plants or plant products which must be refused entry into all the Member States or may be refused entry into some.

The text will be formally adopted by the Council at its next meeting.

Residues in animals and fresh meat

Deleted by Corrigendum

After hearing an introductory statement by the Chairman of the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council looked at the problem posed by the introduction of measures to control residues in animals and fresh meat.

At the close of its discussion the Council noted that there was agreement on the general principles of the Directive and the control frequencies.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the texts so that it could adopt them finally once the European Parliament's Opinion had been received.

Maximum levels for pesticide residues

The Council examined the proposal on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on

- cereals intended for human consumption
- foodstuffs of animal origin.

Progress was made at this meeting, opening the way for an agreement.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the questions outstanding and to report back at a forthcoming meeting.

Hormones

Following lengthy discussions on this proposal, the Council noted that there was a large majority in favour of the compromise text submitted by the Chief Veterinary Officers.

By and large, this text provides for the introduction on 1 January 1988 of a whole set of new arrangements (arrangements applicable to third countries, total ban in the case of the national market - including guarantees in intra-Community trade - and application of the controls laid down by the Directive on residues), on the understanding that until that date Member States which apply the total ban may make admission of animals and meat to their territory subject to the condition that such animals have not been treated with hormones and meat does not come from animals so treated.

The Council noted that the Commission would be submitting an amended proposal in the next few days incorporating the components of this compromise. It agreed to return to this issue at its next meeting.

OTHER DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation fixing for the 1986/1987 milk year the guideline figure for the fat content of standardized whole milk imported into Ireland and the United Kingdom. The figure is fixed at:

- 3,56% for Ireland
- 3,93% for the United Kingdom.

Relations with the United States

Steel

The Council adopted the legal texts for the conclusion and implementation of the arrangements with the United States in the iron and steel sector, namely:

- Regulations
 - = on the conclusion of an Arrangement extending and amending the Arrangement of 21 October 1982 concerning trade in certain steel products;
 - = amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2870/82 on the restriction of exports of certain steel products to the United States of America;
 - = on the conclusion of an Arrangement extending the Arrangement of 10 January 1985 concerning trade in steel pipes and tubes;
 - = amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 60/85 on the restriction of exports of steel pipes and tubes to the United States of America,

- its assent to the draft Commission decisions (ECSC)
- = on the conclusion of an Arrangement extending and amending the Arrangement of 21 October 1982 concerning trade in certain steel products;
- = amending Decision No 2872/82/ECSC on the restriction of exports of certain steel products to the United States of America.

The main features of this agreement provide that:

- the 1982 Carbon Steel Arrangement, which now incorporates the Complementary Arrangement covering "consultation" products in August 1985, and the Arrangement on Pipes and Tubes of January 1985 are extended separately without amendment, to 30 September 1989;
- the Carbon Steel Arrangement, in addition to the ten products in the 1982 Arrangement and the 11 "consultation" products is extended to cover 5 new products: stainless wire, fabricated structurals, wire strand, wire rope, and other stainless steel;
- in the case of products already subject to restrictions, the Commission has obtained an additional quantity of 150 000 N.T. divided up as follows: 125 000 N.T. for the 10 products under the 1982 Arrangement and 25 000 N.T. for the 11 "consultation" products. In the case of new products, the Community export level has been set on average at the level of our 1984 exports less 5%;

- for stainless steel products which the US Government made subject to safeguard measures in August 1983, the Commission has negotiated the following arrangements:
 - = for the category of flat products subject to tariff increases (except for certain qualities which will not be covered by voluntary restraint): a ceiling of 47 000 N.T.;
 - = for the category of long and "tool steel" products: a ceiling of 20 000 N.T. (as compared with the present unilateral quota of ± 16 000 N.T.);
 - = these quantitative arrangements will enter into force when the present unilateral measures have been cancelled. The Community, in turn, will terminate the retaliatory measures adopted in early 1984. Moreover, the anti-dumping measures and the countervailing duties which currently apply to some of our exports of these products will also be suspended.

It will also be remembered that semi-finished products are not subject to voluntary restraint and will remain, as at present, "consultation products", covered by the provisions of Article 10 of the Arrangement. In addition, the following products will be subject to the consultation clause: certain hand saw steel and galvanized wire fencing, oil rigs and conductor rails.

Canned fruit

The Council adopted the Decision on the conclusion of an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the EEC and the United States concerning canned fruit and dried grapes. This exchange of letters settles the trade dispute with the United States on the arrangements for aid for the processing of canned fruit.

Food aid

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision authorizing the Commission to participate in the negotiation of the extension or replacement of the Food Aid Convention 1980.

ECSC

The Council gave assents:

- pursuant to Article 54, 2nd paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty to the co-financing of the replacement of oil-fired boilers by five coal-fired boilers at the Aylesford Paper Mills site of Reed Paper and Board (UK) Ltd.;
 - pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 95 of the ECSC Treaty, to enable the Commission to take a decision amending Decision 528/76/ECSC concerning the Community system of measures taken by the Member States to assist the coal mining industry.
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PRESS RELEASE

11129/85 (Presse 192)

1051st Council meeting

- Research -

Brussels, 10 December 1985

President: Mr Fernand BODEN
Minister for Education
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr G. VERHOFSTADT Minister for Science Policy and Planning

Mr L. BRIL State Secretary, Science Policy

Denmark:

Mr Jacob Esper LARSEN Ambassador, Permanent Representation

Germany:

Mr Heinz RIESENHUBER Federal Minister for Research and Technology

Greece:

Mr Kyriakos PAPAILIOU Secretary-General, Research and Technology

France:

Mr Hubert CURIEN Minister for Research and Technology

Ireland:

Mr Edward COLLINS Minister of State, Department of Industry and Energy

Italy:

Mr Luigi GRANELLI Minister for the Co-ordination of Scientific and Technological Research

Luxembourg:

Mr Fernand BODEN Minister for Education

Netherlands:

Mr G.M.V. van AARDENNE Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Geoffrey PATTIE

Minister of State, Industry and
Information Technology

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Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

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The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Juan Manuel ROJO ALAMINOS

State Secretary, Universities and
Research

Portugal:

Mr Eduardo R. de ARANTES E
OLIVEIRA

State Secretary, Scientific
Research

DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION ADOPTING THE ESPRIT WORK PROGRAMME FOR 1986

The Council approved, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision adopting the 1986 work programme for the European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technologies (ESPRIT).

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES ON MATERIALS AND ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Pending receipt of the European Parliament's Opinion on these two programmes, the Council held a detailed discussion on their general lines of approach.

The MATERIALS programme comprises four subprogrammes: Primary raw materials, Secondary raw materials, Wood as a renewable raw material, Advanced materials (EURAM). The ENVIRONMENT programme covers the following topics: Environment protection, Climatology (including natural hazards), and Major technological hazards.

After the discussion, and subject to the European Parliament's Opinion, the Council was able to reach agreement in principle on the financial and technical scale of the two programmes. The Council will look at both programmes again when it has received the European Parliament's Opinions.

PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH CAPACITIES IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

In accordance with the undertaking given by the Council at its meeting on 4 June 1985 that it would examine the substance of the question before the end of the year, the Council, following discussion, invited the Commission to consider integrating into the revision of the STD programme a subsection dealing with the development of indigenous scientific and technical research capacities in the developing countries. The Council undertook to examine the Commission proposal in a positive light during 1986, taking into account, if appropriate, the possibility of seeking alternative sources of finance to fund this activity.

IRIS (INITIATIVE FOR RESEARCH IN INFORMATICS APPLIED TO SOCIETY)

At its meeting on 4 June 1985, the Council had noted that the Commission was to carry out studies of the topics raised in this initiative taken by the Italian Government in April 1985 and would be organizing a seminar on the subject in Venice at the beginning of December 1985.

Mr NARJES gave a report on the seminar proceedings, to which the Council members' reaction was largely positive.

The Council asked the Commission to complete the inventory of the initiatives existing in the Member States in this area by 1 March 1986, as a basis for considering the standardization measures which might be necessary and for defining the objectives and priorities of a future specific proposal covering informatics applied to society.

JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE (JRC) - PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MULTIANNUAL
PROGRAMME 1984-1987

The Council discussed the progress of the current multiannual research programme at the Joint Research Centre on the basis of a statement made on the subject by Mr NARJES announcing in particular:

- the proposal in 1986 of a new multiannual programme to run from 1 January 1987;
- rigorous management measures to achieve savings in 1986 and 1987.

Following the discussions, the Council, having noted the Commission statement, asked it to provide all the necessary information for a detailed discussion of the question at a future Council meeting, bearing in mind the comments made by members of the Council in this respect.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1052nd meeting of the Council

-Budget-

Strasbourg, 11 December 1985

No official press release was available. A summary of the meeting is reproduced from
Bulletin of the European Communities, No. 12-1985

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
1052nd Strasbourg 11 December	Budget	Mr Juncker	Mr Christophersen	Meeting with Parliament delegation — general budget for 1986 ⁷

4. Financing Community activities

Budgets

General budget

1986 budget

Second reading by Parliament

2.4.1. At its December part-session Parliament gave a second reading to the new draft general budget for 1986. The debate on 10 December (→points 2.5.9 and 2.5.10) showed that Members were generally dissatisfied at the outcome of the Council's second reading¹ from the point of view of the smooth operation of the structural Funds in 1986 (covering the 'cost of the past') and the integration of Spain and Portugal in the Community's financial mechanisms. Since Parliament's margin of manoeuvre under Article 203(9) EEC is not sufficient to finance this expenditure, the most Parliament could do would be to allocate the same percentage of appropriations as the Council has earmarked for this purpose.

At its meeting in Strasbourg on 11 and 12 December the Council proposed a compromise under which, in addition to more commitments to ensure the smooth operation of the structural Funds in 1986, the amount adopted in its second reading would be increased by 242 million ECU in appropriations for payments. Of this total 150 million would be for the 'cost of the past' and the remainder Parliament's margin of manoeuvre.

Parliament did not accept this offer and voted² increases in the amounts resulting from the Council's second reading³ of 472.7 million ECU in appropriations for commitments and 628.7 million ECU in appropriations for payments thus bringing the grand total of the 1986 budget to 35 120 million ECU in commitments and 33 314 million ECU in payments (see Table 10). Parliament considered that expenditure on the 'cost of the past' and enlargement was exceptional and was therefore not caught

by the procedure provided in the Treaties for fixing the new rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure.

On 18 December the President of Parliament, Mr Pierre Pflimlin, declared the 1986 budget finally adopted.⁴

On 19 December the Commission asked the Council and Parliament for a meeting between the three Presidents of the institutions (the *trialogue*)⁵ to avoid a legal dispute over the 1986 budget between the Council, or some of its members, and Parliament.

On 20 December the Council decided to bring an action before the Court of Justice against the 1986 budget as adopted by Parliament and against the declaration by the President of Parliament that the budget was adopted.

¹ Bull. EC 11-1985, point 2.4.3.

² OJ C 352, 31.12.1985.

³ Bull. EC 11-1985, point 2.4.3.

⁴ OJ L 358, 31.12.1985.

⁵ OJ C 194, 28.7.1982; Bull. EC 6-1982, point 1.1.1 *et seq.*

⁶ OJ C 125, 22.5.1985; Bull. EC 4-1985, point 2.3.4.

⁷ OJ L 356, 31.12.1985.

⁸ OJ L 336, 19.12.1977; OJ L 360, 23.12.1983.

⁹ OJ L 94, 28.4.1970.

¹⁰ Bull. EC 7/8-1980, point 2.3.77.

PRESS RELEASE

11331/85 (Presse 195)

1053rd meeting of the Council

- Internal Market/Consumer Affairs -

Brussels, 12 December 1985

Presidents: Mr Robert GOEBBELS,

State Secretary
for Foreign Affairs,

and

Mr Johnny LAHURE,

State Secretary
for Economic Affairs
of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER

State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Jakob RYTTER

Deputy Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT

State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Elias LYMBEROPOULOS

Deputy Permanent Representative

France:

Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE

State Secretary attached to the Minister for Foreign Relations, responsible for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr John BRUTON

Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism

Mr Edward COLLINS

Minister of State at the Department of Energy, and the Department of Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI

Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Mr Johny LAHURE

State Secretary for Economic Affairs

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Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr P.H. van ZEIL

State Secretary,
Ministry of Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr David ELLIOTT

Deputy Permanent Representative

Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

Mr Stanley CLINTON-DAVIS

Member

Also attending as observers:

Spain:

Mr Gabriel FERRAN de ALFARO

Head of Mission

Portugal:

Mr Carlos Alberto
MARTINS PIMENTA

State Secretary,
Ministry for the Environment
and Natural Resources

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COMPLETION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET

Implementation of the Luxembourg Presidency's action programme

The Presidency drew attention to the 1985 programme which it had drawn up concerning the completion of the internal market and to the reports which it submitted to the Internal Market Council on 7 October. In implementing this programme, it endeavoured in particular to keep pace with the timetable provided for in the White Paper on the completion of the internal market submitted by the Commission, the importance of which had been recognized by the Council at its last meeting. The outcome of the discussions held in the different sectors was summarized by the Presidency as follows:

- Customs Union

As for activities concerning the customs union, the Presidency, without neglecting the demands imposed by such union, has chiefly pursued measures aimed at strengthening and completing the internal market. It then stated its satisfaction at the results obtained, in particular the adoption of the Regulation on inward processing as well as the progress made on the CD project ⁽¹⁾. Furthermore, by adopting the Regulation on the standardization and simplification of statistics of Community trade, the Council has put in place the final part of the "single document" operation.

⁽¹⁾ See page 8

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- Technical barriers

The Presidency has also put a considerable amount of work into the 20 or so proposals for Directives on technical barriers which are still being actively discussed within the Council. Eight of these Directives have been referred to the Council for a decision and agreement has already been reached on a ninth by the Permanent Representatives Committee. As for the rest, work is well advanced and further positive results can be expected in the first half of 1986.

- Services, company law and liberal professions

Very considerable progress has also been achieved as regards a common market in services, company law and the liberal professions. The Presidency welcomes in particular the adoption of the Regulation on the European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG), the Directives on the right of establishment and freedom to provide services in the fields of architecture and pharmacy and the Directive relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities. Mention should also be made of the Directive on the approximation of the laws concerning liability for defective products. The draft Convention on the Community patent is being submitted for a decision to the Luxembourg Conference in December 1985.

- Foodstuffs sector

There has so far been agreement on three proposals, which the Council will be able to adopt shortly, subject to the procedure for consulting the acceding States.

= Amendments to the Directive on emulsifiers

In this Directive, the Council will lay down the status to be given to Karaya gum, oxidized soya bean oil and polysorbates for a period of three years, with a review clause. In addition, several other additives will be deleted permanently.

= Amendments to the Directive on coffee extracts and chicory extracts

In this Directive, the Council will adapt the current provisions to the general provisions of the Directive on labelling and to the requirements of technological progress and external competition.

= List of simulants (plastic materials in contact with foodstuffs)

This proposal will supplement the basic Directive on monitoring migration of constituents of plastic materials into foodstuffs, by giving a non-exhaustive list of the foodstuffs concerned, with the simulants to be used for migration tests in each case.

Two proposals are still being examined by the Permanent Representatives Committee:

= Community methods of sampling and analysis

There is only one remaining scrutiny reservation on this proposal, which is designed to establish Community methods of sampling and analysis for monitoring all foodstuffs, using the Standing Committee procedure.

= Preservatives (thiabendazole and natamycin)

1986 action programme

The Council took note of the action programme for the completion of the internal market in 1986 drawn up by the Luxembourg Presidency in consultation with the future Netherlands and United Kingdom Presidencies.

COMMUNITY PATENT

The Council and the two acceding Member States took note of a progress report on the Luxembourg Conference on the Community Patent. After a wide-ranging exchange of views, they noted the continuing difficulties in resolving the problem of the implementation of the Agreement on Community Patents.

The Council, convinced of the importance of this Agreement in the context of the completion of the internal market, confirmed its attachment to the objective which it had set itself at its meeting on 7 October 1985, viz. the swift entry into force of the Community patent. It therefore welcomed the progress achieved by the Conference in finalizing the instruments of the Agreement. Without prejudice to the final paragraph of these conclusions, the Council expects that by the time the Conference ends on the scheduled date of 18 December, it will have successfully concluded negotiations on the texts submitted to it for examination and that agreement on the latter will have been noted in the appropriate manner, for example by initialling by the twelve participating States.

In order to enable the twelve States to sign as soon as possible the texts thus drawn up, at its next Internal Market meeting the Council will continue the search for a solution to the problem of the Agreement's entry into force. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare for its discussions on this subject.

CD PROJECT

The Council arrived at a common position on the proposal for a Decision establishing the framework within which the measures required to computerize customs procedures in both intra-Community trade and trade with third countries will be defined and decided on. The proposal is a follow-up to the action initiated by the "single document" operation and marks a significant step forward in bringing about a situation where trade within the Community will be conducted without documentation.

ABOLITION OF CERTAIN POSTAL CHARGES FOR CUSTOMS PRESENTATION

The Council examined the proposal for a Regulation on the abolition of certain postal charges for customs presentation, which is one of the measures proposed by the Commission in its White Paper on the completion of the Internal Market, and on which the Council should decide in the first stage of the action timetable (1985-1986).

The Council concluded the discussion by calling upon the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume examining the question as a matter of urgency in order to settle the final problems.

REMOVAL OF TECHNICAL BARRIERS

The Council examined the following proposals for Directives, on which reservations are still outstanding;

- 4 tractor and construction plant Directives;
- hydraulic shovels.

Having noted that it was unable at this point to settle the final problems concerning these Directives, it asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to press ahead with its discussions so as to enable it to adopt the Directives in the near future.

Asbestos

The Council signified its agreement of principle to the Directive containing a list of 6 everyday products prohibited from containing asbestos fibres, in particular: toys, paints and varnishes and asbestos flocking processes. The adoption of this Directive will mark clear progress towards improving human and environmental health protection and will thus introduce rules into certain Member States where such extensive protection did not exist in this area. This Directive represents a second measure in the field of protection against asbestos and follows up the Directive adopted in September 1983.

It is understood that work in this area will continue in order to reach a solution embracing other asbestos-based products as quickly as possible.

DOORSTEP SELLING

The Council signified its agreement to the Directive to protect the consumer in respect of contracts negotiated away from business premises (doorstep selling).

This Directive applies to contracts concluded between a trader supplying goods or services and a consumer:

- during an excursion organized by the trader away from his business premises or
- during a visit by the trader to
 - = the house of the consumer or that of another consumer
 - = the consumer's place of work

where the visit is not at the consumer's express request.

In the case of the above transactions, the trader is required to inform the consumer in writing of his right to cancel the contract within at least 7 days.

The Directive will enter into force 2 years following its notification.

SYSTEM OF INFORMATION ON ACCIDENTS IN WHICH CONSUMER PRODUCTS ARE INVOLVED

The Council reached broad agreement on the proposal for a Decision introducing a system of information on accidents in which consumer products are involved.

It concentrated its discussions on the system's objectives and the procedure to be adopted for implementing them and on the financial endowment and proposed allocation.

Winding up the discussion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to press ahead with examination of this question on the basis of the Council's discussions and having regard also to the Opinion of the European Parliament, with a view to arriving at full agreement as quickly as possible.

A NEW IMPETUS FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION POLICY

The Council discussed the Commission communication to the Council on providing a new impetus for consumer protection policy.

It welcomed this initiative, which in its opinion formed a solid basis for continuing Community activities in this area.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Iron and steel - external aspects 1986

The Council confirmed its agreement on the directives for the negotiation by the Commission of the arrangements for steel imports into the Community with the following third countries: Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden, South Africa, Brazil, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Japan (special understanding).

In the case of Brazil, the two existing arrangements regarding respectively cast iron and the other iron and steel products will be consolidated.

Arrangements may also be agreed, on a proposal from the Commission and after the agreement of the Council's subordinate bodies, with other countries requesting them. The Council's subordinate bodies will decide on the form and content of arrangements to be agreed.

Technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Recommendation for a Decision authorizing the Commission to conduct negotiations to enable the European Economic Community to become a contracting party to the European Agreement limiting the use of certain detergents in washing and cleaning products.

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation definitively collecting the provisional anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of roller chains for cycles originating in the Soviet Union and extending the provisional anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of roller chains for cycles originating in the People's Republic of China.

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation allocating the 1986 Community catch quotas in Canadian waters among Member States. The allocation of fishing possibilities in Canadian waters among Member States under the EEC/Canada Fisheries Agreement is the same as that proposed by the Commission and adopted by the Council for 1985.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products (1986). In the context of its external fisheries relations, the Community has been led to undertake to open Community tariff quotas for certain (frozen) fishery products throughout the duration of the Agreement concluded in December 1981 with Canada and approved by the Council Decision of 29 December 1981. The Regulation aims at applying these provisions for 1986.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for:

- certain fishery products, salted, falling within subheadings ex 03.02 A I b) and ex 03.02 A II a) of the Common Customs Tariff (1986);
- certain fish preparations falling within heading No ex 16.04 of the Common Customs Tariff from Portugal (1986);
- cod, dried, salted or in brine, falling within subheading 03.02 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff;
- silver hake falling within subheading ex 03.01 B I t) of the Common Customs Tariff;
- frozen cod fillets falling within subheading ex 03.01 B II b) 1 of the Common Customs Tariff.

Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the classification of goods in subheading 27.03 A of the Common Customs Tariff: mixtures of peat (containing not less than 75% turf by weight) and other substances such as lime, sand, rotted leaf mould, marl, farmyard manure and small quantities of other fertilizers, with a total content of potassium (calculated as K₂O), nitrogen, phosphorus (calculated as P₂O₅) not exceeding 3% by weight.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation defining the conditions under which a person may be permitted to make a customs declaration.

Appointments

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision appointing members and alternate members of the European Social Fund Committee for the period 12 December 1985 to 11 December 1987, viz:

I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternate members</u>
Belgium	Mr J. DENYS	Mr M. ANDRE	Mr P. CHEVREMONT
Denmark	Mrs B. KONDRUP	Mr H. BOSERUP	Mrs D.N. ANDERSEN
Germany	Mr O. SCHULZ	Mr SOMMER	Mr G. FAUST
Greece	Mr A. BOUGAS	Mrs M. PATOULA	Mrs V. STAVRIANOPOULOU
France	Mr BUREAU	Mr M. THEROND	Mr R. COTTAVE
Ireland	Mr P. LEONARD	Mr M. SHERLOCK	Miss M. CULLINAN
Italy	Mr G. CACOPARDI	Mr L. DE ANGELIS	Mr L. TASSONI ESTENSE DI CASTELVECCHIO
Luxembourg	Mr R. SCHINTGEN	Mr Y. MERSCH	Mr P. WISELER
Netherlands	Mr A.B. VAANDRAGER	Mrs M.E. VAN RIJN- VAN DER TAS	Mr J.W.S. PABON
United Kingdom	Mr J.S. LAMBERT	Mr R.H. NIBLETT	Mr J.H. CURRIE

II. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternate members</u>
Belgium	Mr D. DE NORRE	Mr J. BELLEFROID	Mr G. OTTENBOURGH
Denmark	Mr N.J. HANSEN	Mrs B. JOHANSEN	Mr H. MØRKEBERG
Germany	Mr G. PREUSS	Mr R. EBERT	A.F. Prinzessin zu SCHOENAICH-CAROLATH
Greece	Mr M. TANES	Mr A. SYMEONOGLOU	Mr I. STASINOPOULOS
France	Mr J.-F. RETOURNARD	Mr D. DELAGE	Mr C. AMIS
Ireland	Mr J.F. O'BRIEN	Mr C. POWER	Mr A. O'BOYLE
Italy	Mr F. MONDELLO	Mr G. CAPO	Mr M. MASELLI
Luxembourg	Mr L. JUNG	Mr M. SAUBER	Mr A. ROBERT
Netherlands	Mrs C. HAK	Mr S.J.H. HUIJBEN	Mr B.J. VAN DER TOOM
United Kingdom	Mr H.M.L. MORTON	Mr A. MOORE	Mr N. PARKIN

III. REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternate members</u>
Belgium	Mr. VAN DEPOELE	Mr J.C. VANDERMEEREN	Mr A. VAN DER HAEGEN
Denmark	Mr N.J. HILSTRØM	Mr P. KARLSEN	Mr H. HINRICH
Germany	Mr F. KEMPF	Mr O. SEMMLER	Mr H.-H. RUBBERT
Greece	Mr P. EVSTATHIOU	Mr G. MAVRIKIOS	Mr G. MARTZOS
France	Mr G. COSYNS	Mr B. DIZIER	Mr A. FAESCH
Ireland	Mr W.A. ATTLEY	Mr D. NEVIN	Mr D. MURPHY
Italy	Mr G. DI PALMA	Mr G. COCCO	Mr A. SERGI
Luxembourg	Mr R. PIZZAFERRI	Mr H. DUNKEL	Mr A. GROBEN
Netherlands	Mrs K. ADELMUND	Mr G.A. CREMERS	Mr H. WEGGELAAR
United Kingdom	Mr W.H. KEYS	Mr K. GRAHAM	Mr F.A. BAKER

PRESS RELEASE
11335/85 (Presse 199)

1054th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 17 December 1985

President: Mr Jacques F. POOS

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for External Relations

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN (*) Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER (*) Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Lutz STAVENHAGEN Minister of State,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Jürgen RUHFUS (*) State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Théodoros PANGALOS Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS (*) Minister for Foreign Relations
Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Foreign Relations
with responsibility for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY (*) Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jim O'KEEFFE Minister of State,
Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI (*) Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mario FIORET State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(*) CONF-RGMS only.

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Robert GOEBBELS	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. VAN DEN BROEK	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr W.F. VAN EEKELEN (*)	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE (*)	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Mr Paul CHANNON	Minister for Trade

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS (*)	President
Mr Willy DE CLERCQ	Member
Mr Carlo RIPA DI MEANA (*)	Member
Mr Grigoris VARFIS	Member

The following also participated as observers:

Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES	State Secretary for Relations with the European Communities
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Portugal:

Mr Pedro PIRES DE MIRANDA	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Victor MARTINS	State Secretary for European Affairs

(*) CONF RGEMs only.

CONFERENCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
MEMBER STATES

As instructed by the Heads of State and Government, the Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States met on 16 and 17 December 1985.

Discussions resulted in a number of texts, which constitute the final outcome of proceedings of the Intergovernmental Conference convened following the European Council in Milan.

Certain proposals, which were tabled at the Conference but could not be dealt with, in particular on cultural affairs were sent back to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs who will decide what the follow-up should be.

The texts resulting from the Conference will be sent immediately to Member States, acceding States, the European Parliament and the Commission.

The Presidency will make the provisions necessary for legal/linguistic preparation and finalization of the texts.

RENEWAL OF THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN
TEXTILES

The Council was given an introductory account by Commissioner DECLERCQ of the Commission proposals for renegotiating the MFA.

The Council held a brief discussion on this, which enabled the delegations to indicate their initial reactions.

In conclusion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the proposals in preparation for the substantive debate to be held at its meeting on 27 and 28 January 1986.

RELATIONS WITH THE EFTA COUNTRIES

The Council summed up on negotiations with the EFTA countries concerning the Protocols of Adaptation of the Free Trade Agreements consequent upon the accession of Spain and Portugal.

The Council requested the Commission to continue its talks with the EFTA countries in order to reach a swift, balanced and mutually acceptable solution, and said it was convinced that all parties concerned would be suitably flexible on the various topics covered by the negotiations.

ERDF - ACCESSION OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

The Council recorded its agreement ⁽¹⁾ to the adaptations to the Regulation on the European Regional Development Fund necessary to take account of the accession of Spain and Portugal.

In the main, the amending Regulation includes the two new Member States in the range system of the ERDF and makes them eligible for aid from the Fund from the time of accession.

The new ranges for use of ERDF resources are as follows:

%

Member State	Lower limit	Upper limit
Belgium	0,61	0,82
Denmark	0,34	0,46
Germany	2,55	3,40
Greece	8,36	10,64
Spain	17,97	23,93
France	7,48	9,96
Ireland	3,82	4,61
Italy	21,62	28,79
Luxembourg	0,04	0,06
Netherlands	0,68	0,91
Portugal	10,66	14,20
United Kingdom	14,50	19,31

The Regulation also stipulates that, until 31 December 1990 by way of derogation from the general rules, the rates of the ERDF's contribution to the financing of projects or programmes in the Portuguese regions may be increased by 20 points up to a maximum rate of 70%.

This will be formally adopted in the next few days.

⁽¹⁾ One delegation maintained a reservation at the Council, but this was subsequently withdrawn on Wednesday morning.

COMBATING RACIALISM AND XENOPHOBIA

The Council held a discussion on ways of combating racialism and xenophobia on the basis of the Commission proposal forwarded to the Parliament and the Council and the draft declaration submitted by France.

It said it would like a solemn declaration on this by the three Institutions to be adopted, rejecting all forms of racial or xenophobic intolerance, suspicion and hostility, reaffirming the need for measures to facilitate the protection of individuals, their integration in society and respect for their identity and stressing the importance of keeping citizens adequately informed.

It was decided that the three Institutions would reach agreement as soon as possible so that this joint document could be adopted next January after the next part-session of the Parliament.

CANCER CONTROL

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs discussed the problem of cancer control following an initiative by France and Italy at the European Council in Milan, which was re-examined by the European Council in Luxembourg. That initiative included proposals for a cancer control programme and dealt more especially with prevention and research.

The Commission has already made proposals, and these are currently being examined by the Council.

The Ministers decided to speed up work on this and requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to report back to the Council as quickly as possible.

During the Council's discussions, a Group of High-Level Experts will also be meeting at the initiative of the Commission to examine the French and Italian suggestions. The first meeting has been fixed for 24 January 1986.

The aim is to work out practical details for action in this sphere before the end of February.

DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEERS

The Council took note of an initiative by France and Germany, which proposed that the other Member States should participate in their European Development Volunteers Programme.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Generalized Scheme of Preferences for 1986

In accordance with the common position established for the Generalized Scheme of Preferences for 1986 at its meeting on 25 and 26 November (see Press Release 10707/85 (Presse 179)), the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities three Regulations applying the 1986 Scheme to industrial, textile and agricultural products.

Furthermore, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the ECSC, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision applying for 1986 the generalized tariff preferences for certain steel products originating in developing countries.

Mediterranean and Financial Protocols

The Council approved as a common policy the draft Regulation on application of the Financial Protocols with Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, the Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Malta and Cyprus; the text will be forwarded to the European Parliament.

ERDF

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations:

- on the establishment of specific Community regional development measures in 1985 and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1787/84;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2617/80 instituting a specific Community regional development measure contributing to overcoming constraints on the development of new economic activities in certain zones adversely affected by restructuring of the shipbuilding industry;

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 219/84 instituting a specific Community regional development measure contributing to overcoming constraints on the development of new economic activities in certain zones adversely affected by restructuring of the textile and clothing industry;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2619/80 instituting a specific Community regional development measure contributing to the improvement of the economic and social situation of the border areas of Ireland and Northern Ireland;
- establishing a specific Community regional development measure contributing to the development of new economic activities in certain zones affected by the implementation of the Community fisheries policy

These four measures are a final series of non-quota measures, which were already envisaged at the time of the second series of measures decided on in 1984. In the case of shipbuilding, the textile and clothing sector and the border areas of Ireland and Northern Ireland, they are an extension of measures already begun, and in the case of fisheries, the measure is a new one.

As there was no longer provision for this type of measure in the new ERDF Regulation which entered into force at the beginning of 1985, it was necessary to make special provision so that these measures would still be possible.

Estimated expenditure for the measures over the five years needed to implement them was 144 MECU.

The countries concerned are:

Denmark	: fisheries
Germany	: shipbuilding, textile and clothing, fisheries
France	: shipbuilding, fisheries
Ireland	: border areas of Ireland and Northern Ireland
Italy	: shipbuilding
United Kingdom:	shipbuilding, fisheries, border areas of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations:

- amending for the eighth time Regulation (EEC) No 351/79 concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector. This Regulation extends for 9 months (until 30 September 1986) present rules concerning the addition of alcohol, which expire on 31 December 1985;
- opening a Community tariff quota (2 250 t) for frozen buffalo meat falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) 4 bb) 33 of the Common Customs Tariff, with a duty of 20% (1986);
- opening a Community tariff quota (29 800 t) for high-quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal (Hilton beef) falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and b) of the Common Customs Tariff, with a duty of 20% (1986).

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations:

- fixing for the 1986 fishing year the guide prices for fishery products listed in Annex I(A) and (D) to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81:

(ECU/tonne)

Species	Commercial specifications (*)			Guide price
	Freshness category	Size	Presentation	
1. Herrings	Extra, A	1	Whole fish	326
2. Sardines (<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>):				
(a) Atlantic	Extra	3	Whole fish	537
(b) Mediterranean	Extra	3	Whole fish	459
3. Dogfish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	Extra, A	2	Whole fish Gutted fish with head	861
4. Dogfish (<i>Scyliorhinus</i> spp)	Extra, A	1	Whole fish Gutted fish with head	814
5. Redfish (<i>Sebastes</i> spp)	A	2	Whole fish	854
6. Cod	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	1 183
7. Saithe	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	843
8. Haddock	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	868
9. Whiting	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	791
10. Ling	Extra, A	1, 2	Gutted fish with head	902
11. Mackerel	Extra or A	1 2	Whole fish Whole fish	283
12. Anchovies	Extra	2	Whole fish	578
13. Plaice	A or A	2 3	Gutted fish with head Gutted fish with head	1 January to 30 April 1986 } 766 1 May to 31 December 1986 } 1 045
14. Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	A	2	Gutted fish with head	2 528
15. Shrimps of the genus <i>Crangon crangon</i>	A	1	Simply boiled in water	1 530

(*) The freshness categories, sizes and presentation are defined pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81.

- fixing for the 1986 fishing year the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81;

Group of products	Commercial specifications	Guide price (ECU per tonne)
1. Sardines	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	389
2. Sea-bream of the species <i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus spp</i>	Frozen, in lots or in original packages containing the same products	1 249
3. Squid (<i>Loligo vulgaris</i>)	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	2 498
4. Squid (<i>Todarodes sagittatus</i>)	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	1 151
5. Squid (<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>)	Frozen, not cleaned, in original packages containing the same products	1 208
6. Cuttlefish of the species <i>Sepia officinalis</i> , <i>Rossia macrosoma</i> and <i>Sepiolo rondeletti</i>	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 594
7. Octopus	Frozen, in original packages containing the same products	1 223

- fixing for the 1986 fishing year the Community producer price (1479 ECU/tonne) for tuna intended for the canning industry (whole albacore weighing more than 10 kg each).
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for herrings, fresh or chilled, falling within subheading ex 03.01 B I a) 2 aa) of the Common Customs Tariff: 15 000 tonnes allocated as follows: Denmark (7 910 tonnes for whole herring and 130 tonnes for flaps of herring), Germany (2 290 tonnes for whole herring and 1 670 tonnes for flaps of herring), reserve (2 550 t and 450 t respectively);

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for deep-frozen fillets and minced blocks of Alaska pollack (*Theragra chalcogramma*) falling within subheadings ex 03.01 B I n) 2 and ex 03.01 B II b) 14 of the Common Customs Tariff: 4 500 (allocated as follows: Germany (1 800 t), France (1 450 t), United Kingdom (1 000 t), reserve (250 t);

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for deep-frozen fillets and minced blocks of hake (*Merluccius* spp) falling within subheadings ex 03.01 B II b) 9 and ex 03.01 B I t) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff: 1 300 tonnes allocated as follows: Germany (1 000 t), France (200 t), reserve (100 t).

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal amending, for the second time, the Agreement on fishing off the coast of Senegal, and the conclusion of the new Protocol thereto.

Social Affairs

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the organization of a labour force sample survey in the Spring of 1986.

Appointments

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision appointing:

- Mr K.G. KRACHTEN a member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of Mr R. RADDATZ for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 14 July 1987, and
- Mr R. RADDATZ an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of Mr K.G. KRACHTEN for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 14 July 1987.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision renewing the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training for the period from 17 December 1985 to 16 December 1988, namely the following members:

I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Belgium	Mr Alphonse VERLINDEN
Denmark	Ms Birgit BUDUDU
Germany	Mr Alfred HARDENACKE
Greece	Mr Yakovos YAKOVIDIS
France	Mr André RAMOFF
Ireland	Mr Arthur P. O'REILLY
Italy	Mr Giuseppe CACOPARDI
Luxembourg	Mr Norbert HAUPERT
Netherlands	Mr Th. de KEULENAAR
United Kingdom	Mr J.K. FULLER

II. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS

Belgium	Mr Alfons DE VADDER
Denmark	Mr Preben KRISTIANSEN
Germany	Mr Helmut BRUMHARD
Greece	Mr Evangelos BOUMIS
France	Miss Marie-José MONTALESCOT
Ireland	Mr Anthony BROWN
Italy	Mr Vincenzo ROMANO
Luxembourg	Mr Eugène MULLER
Netherlands	Mr J.B. DE LEEUWE
United Kingdom	Mr Tony JACKSON

III. REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS

Belgium	Mrs Anne-Françoise THEUNISSEN
Denmark	Mr Christian Aagaard HANSEN
Germany	Mr Felix KEMPF
Greece	Mr Georgios DASSIS
France	Mr Michel TISSIER
Ireland	Mr Tom McGRATH
Italy	Mr Carmelo CEDRONE
Luxembourg	Mr Jean REGENWETTER
Netherlands	Mr G.A. CREMERS
United Kingdom	Mr Fred JARVIS

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work for the period from 17 December 1985 to 16 December 1988, namely:

I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>	
Belgium	Mr BENS	Mr DENONNE	Mr DE GREVE	Mr CAJOT
Denmark	Mr GROVE	Mr ANDERSEN	Mr SAXILD	Mr HANSEN
Germany	Mr NOETHLICHS	Mr WOLFF	Mr OPFERMANN	Mr HORNEFFER
Greece	Mr VASSILOPOULOS	Mrs GEORGOPOULOU	Mrs KAFETZOPOULOU	Mr ZORBAS
France	Mr JEAN	Mr LAROQUE	Mr ERNST	Mr ROBERT
Ireland	Miss O'CALLAGHAN	Mr WALSH	Mr NEVILLE	Mr O'BRIEN
Italy	Mr FIORE	Mr FREDELLA	Mrs ROCCA	Mr GUERRIERI
Luxembourg	Mr SCHUSTER	Mr RUME	Mr GLODT	Mr DEMUTH
Netherlands	Mr DE ROOS	Mr SICCAMA	Mr RIKMENSPOEL	Mr VOS
United Kingdom	Mr MARTIN	Mr BURGESS	Mrs CATTO	Mr CARTER

II. EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>	
Belgium	Mr CORDY	Mr LEONARD	Mr BORMANS	Mr HARDY
Denmark	Mr FALK	Mr JEPSEN	Mr LINIUS	Mr DALBERG
Germany	Mr von HASSELL	Mr BOESHAGEN	Mr MUELLER	Mr HARTMANN
Greece	Mr TSAMADO- POJLOS	Mr ZIMALIS	Mr KALDIS	Mr VGOZAS
France	Mr PEYRICAL	Mr TASSIN	Mrs CORMAN	Mr FRUCHET
Ireland	Mr RICE	Mr O'CONNOR	Mrs CARROLL	Mr CASSIDY
Italy	Mr GIUSTI	Mr BUSSETTI	Mr GARLANDA	Mr SCARFINI
Luxembourg	Mr FERRY	Mr OLINGER	Mr BERWEILER	Mr BEFFORT
Netherlands	Mr DEN BOER	Mrs DE MEESTER	Mr KORTEN	Mrs VAN WAGENBURG
United Kingdom	Miss MACKIE	Mr DAVIS	Mr EBERLIE	Miss WEBSTER

III. WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>	
Belgium	Mr SILON	Mr THYRE	Mr KENNES	Mr HAAZE
Denmark	Mr BØGH	Mrs CHRISTENSEN	Mr HEEGAARD	Mrs SVANHOLT
Germany	Mr KONSTANTY	Mr PARTIKEL	Mr HINNE	Mr EGELKRAUT
Greece	Mr LAIMOS	Mrs VASSILAKOU	Mr CHRISTO- DOULOU	Mr GERANIOS
France	Mr MARTIN	Mr GUEVEL	Mr SAÏU	Mr SEDES
Ireland	Mr BRANIGAN	Mr O'SULLIVAN	Mr O'HALLORAN	Mr KEATING
Italy	Mr LELI	Mrs TOMASSINI	Mr STANZANI	Mrs BRIGHI
Luxembourg	Mr NURENBERG	Mr GROBEN	Mr DUNKEL	Mr GIAFDIN
Netherlands	Mr BUNT	Mr VAN DE KAMP	Mr SCHMITZ	Mr MULLER
United Kingdom	Mr GREENDALE	Mr JACQUES	Mr BUCKTON	Mr HAMILTON

PRESS RELEASE

11334/85 (Presse 198)

1055th meeting of the Council
- Fisheries -
Brussels, 16, 17 and 18 December 1985

President:

Mr René STEICHEN,
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture
and Viticulture
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER

State Secretary for European Affairs
and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE

Minister for Fisheries

Mr Thomas LAURITSEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Wolfgang von GELDERN

Parliamentary State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr George MORAITIS

Deputy Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mr Guy LENGAGNE

State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Town Planning, Housing
and Transport, with responsibility
for Maritime Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Paddy O'TOOLE

Minister for Fisheries and Forestry

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI

Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr René STEICHEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr A. PLOEG

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Mr John GUMMER

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Lord GRAY

Minister of State for Scotland

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

Mr Jorge M. de OLIVEIRA GODINHO

State Secretary for Fisheries

The Council made considerable progress in its discussions on all the items on the agenda and agreed to resume its proceedings at 11.00 on Friday 20 December with a view to reaching a decision.

PRESS RELEASE

11571/85 (Presse 203)

1055th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 20 December 1985

President: Mr René STEICHEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture
and Viticulture
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Léon VAN DEN MOORTEL Secretary-General,
Ministry of Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE Minister for Fisheries

Mr Thomas LAURITSEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Wolfgang von GELDERN Parliamentary State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Elias LYMBEROPOULOS Deputy Permanent Representative

France:

Mr Claude MARTIN Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Paddy O'TOOLE Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr René STEICHEN State Secretary,
Ministry for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr A. PLOEG State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

The following also took part as observers:

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO

Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

COMMUNITY FISHERIES POLICY

The Council held a very thorough exchange of views on the basis of a series of Commission proposals concerning the pursuante of the Community fisheries policy by the Community of Twelve from 1 January 1986.

The discussion concentrated essentially on problems arising over the fixing of TACs and the allocation of quotas between the Member States. Account obviously had to be taken of the outcome of the negotiations in particular with Norway, the Faroe Islands, Sweden and Greenland.

A number of measures were also discussed concerning access for vessels of the present Member States to Spanish and Portuguese waters, and access for Portuguese vessels to the waters of the Community of Ten ⁽¹⁾. Certain structural and control measures concerning both the Community of Ten and the two new partners were also adopted.

Lastly, the Council broached the subject of under-utilization of quotas and relations with a series of third countries.

At the close of its proceedings the Council reached overall agreement on these issues, as summarized below.

⁽¹⁾ Access for Spanish vessels to the waters of the Community of Ten was dealt with in the Act of Accession itself.

TACS AND QUOTAS FOR 1986

The Council reached agreement on the TACs and quotas for 1986 for the twelve Member States. (See Annex I and Annex II, the latter amending the former.)

This year the TAC and quota arrangements no longer cover the fishing zone around the Saint Pierre and Miquelon archipelago. It was decided not to include it pending a statement expected shortly from the Council concerning the transformation under Community law of this territory from a FOD to an OCT within the meaning of the EEC Treaty.

In that connection, the Commission confirmed that the allocation of quotas for certain stocks or groups of stocks provided for for the first time in the Regulation fixing total allowable catches for 1986 prejudged neither TACs nor the future allocation of those stocks, which would be determined on the basis of experience.

Technical measures

The Council adopted the Regulation supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 171/83 with technical conservation measures applicable to maritime waters falling within the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Spain and Portugal.

Fishing by vessels of the Community of Ten in Spanish waters

The Council adopted the Regulation establishing, for 1986, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of a Member State other than Spain and Portugal, in waters falling under the sovereignty or within the jurisdiction of Spain.

Fishing by the vessels of the Community of Ten in Portuguese waters and fishing by Portuguese vessels in the waters of the Community of Ten

The Council adopted two Regulations:

- establishing, for 1986, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of a Member State other than Spain and Portugal, in waters falling under the sovereignty or within the jurisdiction of Portugal;
- establishing, for 1986, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Portugal, in waters falling under the sovereignty or within the jurisdiction of other Member States apart from Spain and Portugal.

UNDER-UTILIZATION OF QUOTAS

The Council referred to its statement of 25 January 1983 to the effect that the full utilization of available resources contributed to the balance and development of the fishing industries of the Community. In this connection, the Commission undertook, when forwarding to the Member States the cumulative catch figures for the period up to the end of September each year, to indicate the main cases in which there appeared to be scope for exchanges of all or part of quotas as laid down in Article 5(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 170/83 and to make recommendations in order to assist the Member States in reaching decisions, on the understanding that the allocation scale resulting from the 25 January compromise could under no circumstances be affected.

NORWAY, FAROE ISLANDS AND SWEDEN

The Council adopted the proposals for Council Regulations:

- allocating certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian economic zone and in the fishing zone around Jan Mayen
- laying down, for 1986, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway
- allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the waters of the Faroe Islands.

- laying down, for 1986, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of the Faroe Islands
- allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish waters
- laying down, for 1986, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden.

GREENLAND

The Council approved the proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) allocating Community catch quotas in Greenland waters for 1986. These catch possibilities for Community vessels are given in Annex III.

FLAT-RATE AMOUNTS

The Council adopted the proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) fixing the flat-rate amounts of hake, horse mackerel and blue whiting allocated to Spain for 1986 in the waters of the Community of Ten.

MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES
APPLICABLE TO VESSELS FLYING THE FLAG OF CERTAIN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES
IN THE 200 NAUTICAL MILE ZONE OFF THE COAST OF THE FRENCH DEPARTMENT
OF GUIANA

The Council adopted the Regulation laying down the fishing arrangements for vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200 nautical mile zone off the coast of the French department of Guiana for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1986.

The Regulation is based on the principles already applied in the past. However, it differs in three important aspects from the Regulation in force for 1985:

- to take account of a process of registering as French, vessels flying the flag of non-member third countries, and, for the time being, of Japanese vessels, the Regulation gives these vessels a system of temporary licences (maximum number of licences proposed for vessels from non-member countries other than shrimp-fishing vessels from ACP States: 55 licences, of which 21 are temporary);
- for the first time, shark fishing is authorized under certain conditions;
- provision has been made to reopen the quota last allocated to Barbados in 1981;

SPECIAL CARRY-OVER PREMIUM FOR MEDITERRANEAN ANCHOVIES

The Council adopted the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2204/82 laying down general rules for the granting of a special carry-over premium for Mediterranean anchovies.

Regulation (EEC) No 2204/82 provided for the grant of a special carry-over premium for Mediterranean sardines and anchovies, payable either to processors who had concluded a purchase contract with producers' organizations or to producers' organizations in respect of the quantities processed directly by such organizations or under their responsibility. However, since such producers' organizations did not exist in Greece the Regulation also provided for a two-year derogation covering individual producers and processors established in Greece. This derogation was extended for 1985 and, when it was extended this derogation, the Council agreed that before 31 December 1985 it would conduct a review of the procedure for the grant of this premium in 1986 with an eye to extending the 1985 Greek derogation for a further year.

This Regulation extends the derogation in respect of anchovies only for 1986, which will be the last year in which the special carry-over premium is granted.

STRUCTURAL POLICY

Structural aid for the conversion of sardine-canning plants

The Council adopted the Regulation on a system of structural aid for the conversion of sardine-canning plants.

This Regulation follows the Council's statements of 18 and 19 December 1984 and 22 and 23 July 1985 in which it was announced that the measures agreed upon within the framework of the accession negotiations in order to integrate Spanish and Portuguese sardine production into the Community should be accompanied by specific transitional measures to assist the sardine industry in the present Community. One specific measure, introducing compensatory indemnities, has already been adopted ⁽¹⁾. The present Regulation provides for flat-rate structural aid of 10 MECU over 3 years to be granted to sardine-canning plants in the Member States of the present Community.

⁽¹⁾ See Press release 10090/85 (Presse 157) of 4 November 1985.

Restructuring, modernization and development of aquaculture

The Council adopted the Regulation extending the common measure for restructuring, modernizing and developing the fishing industry and for developing aquaculture.

The period envisaged for carrying out the common measure for restructuring, modernizing and developing the fishing industry and for developing aquaculture established by Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 comes to an end on 31 December 1985.

The other structural policy measures introduced in the fisheries sector in 1983 (Regulation (EEC) No 2909/83 and Directive 83/515/EEC of 4 October 1983) expire at the end of 1986.

In order to be able to start a comprehensive study of the results of these measures in 1986 and to be in a position to make proposals to the Council relating to the continuation of this structural policy from 1987 onwards, the Commission considered it advisable to extend the validity of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 for one year. That is the aim of the present proposal, which also contains certain financial adjustments necessitated by the accession of Spain and Portugal and the withdrawal of Greenland from the Community; the additional cost for 1986 is estimated at 74 MECU.

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= Exploratory fishing and co-operation through joint ventures in the fishing sector

= Measures to adjust capacity in the fisheries sector

The Council adopted the Regulation and the Directive designed to provide additional finance for these two measures in order to offset in 1986 the additional costs arising from the accession of the new Member States.

The total estimated cost will therefore be increased:

- Regulation (EEC) No 2909/83 : from 18 to 23 MECU
- Directive 83/515/CEE : from 76 to 106 MECU.

CONTROL MEASURES

The Council adopted the Regulation amending the Regulation on control measures for fishing activities by vessels of the Member States. This new Regulation is intended to make the controlling compliance with conservation measures more effective in the light of experience acquired since the implementation of the common fisheries policy.

The Council also adopted another Regulation laying down the measures to be taken in respect of operators who do not comply with certain provisions relating to fishing contained in the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal.

RELATIONS AS REGARDS FISHERIES WITH CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Council took note of an oral report by the Commission representative concerning relations between the Community and certain third countries, in particular Canada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Gambia, Cape Verde, Tanzania, Kenya, Somalia, Mozambique, Mauritania and Japan.

ANNEX 1

TACs by stock and by area for 1986 and shares available to the Community of Ten

Species	Zone	TAC 1986 (in tonnes)	Shares available to the Community for 1986 (in tonnes)
Cod	IIIa) Skagerrak	29 000 (*)	23 920
Cod	IIIa) Kattegat	17 000 (*)	10 250
Cod	IIIb), c), d) (EC zone)	127 000	126 000
Cod	IIa) (EC zone), IV	170 000	161 300
Cod	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	25 000	25 000
Cod	VII except VIIa); VIII (EC zone)	16 000 (*)	16 000
Cod	VIIa)	15 000	15 000
Haddock	IIIa); IIIb), c), d) (EC zone)	11 500 (*)	9 930
Haddock	IIa) (EC zone), IV	230 000	195 200
Haddock	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	34 500	34 500
Haddock	VII; VIII (EC zone)	6 000 (*)	6 000
Saithe	IIa) (EC zone), IIIa); IIIb), c), d) (EC zone), IV	240 000	120 200
Saithe	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	27 800	27 800
Saithe	VII; VIII (EC zone)	9 000	9 000
Whiting	IIIa); IIIb), c), d) (EC zone)	22 150 (*)	19 650
Whiting	IIa) (EC zone), IV	135 000	101 480
Whiting	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	18 400	18 600
Whiting	VIIa)	18 170	18 170
Whiting	VII except VIIa)	20 500 (*)	20 500
European plaice	IIIa) Skagerrak	14 500 (*)	13 580
European plaice	IIIa) Kattegat	5 500 (*)	4 950
European plaice	IIa) (EC zone), IV	180 000	177 400
European plaice	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	1 810 (*)	1 810
European plaice	VIIa)	5 000	5 000
European plaice	VIIb), c)	200 (*)	200
European plaice	VII d), e)	8 900	6 900
European plaice	VII f), g)	1 800 (*)	1 800
European plaice	VII h), j), k)	800 (*)	800
European plaice	VIII (EC zone)	250 (*)	250
Common sole	IIIa); IIIb), c), d) (EC zone)	600 (*)	600
Common sole	II, IV	20 000	20 000
Common sole	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	70 (*)	70
Common sole	VIIa)	1 900	1 900
Common sole	VIIb), c)	60 (*)	60
Common sole	VII d)	3 200	3 200
Common sole	VIIe)	1 300	1 300
Common sole	VII f), g)	1 500	1 500
Common sole	VII h), j), k)	600 (*)	600
Common sole	VIII (EC zone)	3 305 (*)	3 305
Mackerel	IIa) (EC zone), IIIa); IIIb), c), d) (EC zone), IV	55 000	15 000
Mackerel	II (exc. EC zone), Vb) (EC zone), VI, VII; VIII (EC zone), XII	362 000	334 000
Sprat	IIIa)	80 000	52 600
Sprat	IIIb), c), d) (EC zone)	8 000	8 000

TACs by stock and by areas for 1986 and shares available to the Community of Ten

Species	Zone	TAC 1986 (in tonnes)	Shares available to the Community for 1986 (in tonnes)
Sprat	IIa) (EC zone), IV (EC zone)	100 000 (*)	87 000
Sprat	VII d) e)	5 000 (*)	5 000
Horse mackerel	IIa) (EC zone), IV (EC zone)	30 000 (*)	30 000
Horse mackerel	Vb) (EC zone), VI, VII, XII, XIV	85 000 (*)	78 250
Horse mackerel	VIII (EC zone)	4 000 (*)	4 000
Hake	IIa), II(b), c), d) (EC zone)	1 500 (*)	1 500
Hake	IIa) (EC zone), IV (EC zone)	2 360 (*)	2 360
Hake	Vb) (EC zone), VI, VII, XII, XIV		19 000
Hake	VIII (EC zone)		12 500
Anchovy	VIII (EC zone)	3 200 (*)	3 200
Norway pout	IIa) (EC zone), IIIa), IV (EC zone)	368 000	300 000
Blue whiting	IIa) (EC zone), IV	100 000	50 000
Blue whiting	Vb) (EC zone), VI, VII	500 000	252 000
Blue whiting	VIII (EC zone)	13 000 (*)	13 000
Anglerfish	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV		7 500
Anglerfish	VII		28 980
Anglerfish	VIII (EC zone)		7 640
Herrim	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV		3 900
Herrim	VII		10 110
Herrim	VIII (EC zone)		900
Redfish	NAFO 3Ps (EC zone)		
Common prawn	French Guyana	3 850 (*)	2 000
Herring	IIa)	48 000	19 500
Herring	II(b), c), d) (EC zone)	38 000	36 180
Herring	IIa) (EC zone), IVa) (EC zone), IVb) (EC zone)	500 000	288 425
Herring	IVc) except Blackwater stock VII d)	70 000	70 000
Herring	Vb) (EC zone), VIa) North VII b)	51 850	46 200
Herring	VIa) South, VII b), c)	17 000	17 000
Herring	VIa) Clyde stock	3 100	3 100
Herring	VII a) (1)	6 300	6 300
Herring	VII a) 2)	500 (*)	500
Herring	VII a) to h) (12)	17 200	17 200
Capelin	IIb)		0
Atlantic salmon	II(b), c), d) (EC Zone)	870 (*)	870

(*) Precautionary TAC

Amendment of the Regulation on TAC/QUOTAS for 1986 for the Community of Ten following the accession
of Spain and Portugal

Species	Area	TAC 1986 (in tonnes)	Shares available to the Community for 1986	B	D	ESP	F	IRL	NL	UK
Common Sole	VIII	3.400 (*)	3.400	10(2)		95 (3)	3.190		105 (2)	
Hake	Vb (EC area), VI, VII XII, XIV	25.190(*) (1)	25.190	240		6.190(1)(4)	12.430	1.550	110	4.670
Hake	VIII except VIIIc	19.810(*) (1)	19.810	10(2)		7.310 (1)	12.480		10 (2)	
Anchovy	VIII	32.000	32.000			28.800	3.200			
Anglerfish	Vb (EC area), VI XII, XIV	7.820 (*)	7.820	280	320	320 (4)	3.450	780	270	2.400
Anglerfish	VII	30.070 (*)	30.070	2.780	310	1.090 (4)	17.840	2.280	360	5.410
Anglerfish	VIII except VIIIc	9.010 (*)	9.010			1.370	7.640			
Megrin	Vb (EC area), VI XII, XIV	4.400 (*)	4.400			500 (4)	1.950	570		1.380
Megrin	VII	14.440 (*)	14.440	390		4.330 (4)	5.260	2.390		2.070
Megrin	VIII except VIIIc	2.020 (*)	2.020			1.120	900			

(*) Precautionary TAC.

(¹) Not including the flat-rate amounts allocated under Council Regulation (EEC) No / , OJ No L , p. .

(²) May be fished for only in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of France, or in the international waters of the area in question.

(³) May be fished for only in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member State concerned, or in the international waters of the area in question.

(⁴) Excluding the area situated south of 56°30'N, east of 12°00'W and north of 50°30'N.

Species	Area	TAC 1986 (in tonnes)	Shares available to the Community in 1986 (in tonnes)	B	ESP	F	IRL	P	UK
Pollack	vb (EC Area), VI, XII, XIV	715 (*)	715		5 (1)	350	10		350
Pollack	VII	8.670 (*)	8.670	300	20 (1)	7.100	50		1.200
Pollack	VIIIa, b	3.700 (*)	3.700		630	3.070			
Pollack	VIIIc	800 (*)	800		720	80			
Pollack	VIII d, e	200 (*)	200			200			
Pollack	IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	400 (*)	400		200 (2)			200 (2)	
Whiting	VIII	5.000 (*)	5.000		2.000(2)	3.000			
Whiting	IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	3.000 (*)	3.000					3.000 (2)	
Sole	IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	1.600 (*)	1.600		400(2)			1.200 (2)	
Mackerel	VIIIc, IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	24.700 (*)	24.700		19.000(2)	200		5.500 (2)	
Horse mackerel	VIIIc	27.500 (*)	27.500		27.000(2)	500			
Horse mackerel	IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	45.000 (*)	45.000		12.000(3)			33.000 (4)	
Hake	VIIIc, IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	29.300 (*)	29.300		18.750(5)	1.800		8.750 (6)	
Anchovy	IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	3.000 (*)	3.000		1.000(2)			2.000 (2)	
Blue Whiting	VIIIc, IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	40.000 (*)	40.000		30.000(2)			10.000 (2)	
Anglerfish	VIIIc, IX, X; CECAF	12.000 (*)	12.000		10.000(2)	10		1.990 (2)	
Megrim	VIIIc, IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	13.000 (*)	13.000		12.000(2)	600		400 (2)	
Norway lobster	vb (EC Area), VI	14.800 (*)	14.800		30 (1)	120	200		14.450
Norway lobster	VII	24.700	24.700		1.500(1)	6.000	9.100		8.100
Norway lobster	VIIIa, b,	7.500 (*)	7.500		450	7.050			
Norway lobster	VIIIc	400 (*)	400		380	20			
Norway lobster	VIII d, e	100 (*)	100			100			
Norway lobster	IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Area)	4.000 (*)	4.000		1.000(2)			3.000 (2)	

- (*) Precautionary TAC.
- (1) Excluding the zone situated south of 56°30'N, east of 12°00'W and north of 50°30'N.
- (2) May be fished for only in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member State concerned, or in the international waters of the area in question.
- (3) May be fished for only in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member State concerned, or in the international waters of the area in question, except for 2 250 tonnes which may be fished for in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Portugal.
- (4) May be fished for only in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member State concerned, or in the international waters of the area in question, except for 2 250 tonnes which may be fished for in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Spain.
- (5) May be fished for only in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member State concerned, or in the international waters of the area in question, except for 850 tonnes which may be fished for in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Portugal.
- (6) May be fished for only in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member State concerned, or in the international waters of the area in question, except for 850 tonnes which may be fished for in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Spain.

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Allocation of Community catch quotas in Greenland waters for 1986

Species	Area	Community catch quotas (tonnes)	Member State shares (tonnes)	Norwegian shares (tonnes) (shown for information only)	Faroese quotas in Greenland waters according to EC/Greenland Fisheries Protocol (1) (tonnes) (shown for information only)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Cod	NAFO I ICES XIV/V	D.M. 11 500	Germany 10 000 United Kingdom 1 500	—	
Redfish	NAFO I ICES XIV/V	10 000 57 820	Germany 9 810 United Kingdom 190 Germany 57 140 France 410 United Kingdom 270	— —	300
Greenland halibut	NAFO I ICES XIV/V	1 870 2 730	Germany 1 575 United Kingdom 75 Germany 3 375 United Kingdom 175	— 200 200	150 150
Halibut	NAFO I	200	—	200 (2)	
Deep-water prawns	NAFO I ICES XIV/V	2 000 1600 2 000 3 350	France 575 Denmark 575 France 650 Denmark 650	450 (2) 2 050	475 (3) 675
Carfish	NAFO I	2 000	Germany 2 000	—	
Blue whiting	ICES XIV/V	30 000	Denmark 3 000 France 3 000 Germany 24 000	—	
Capelin	ICES XIV/V	20 000	Denmark 20 000		10 000

(1) These Faroese quotas are additional to the Community catch quotas and form part of the fishery arrangement for 1986 agreed on by the Community and the Faroe Islands.

(2) Only to be fished by long-liners.

(3) South of 68° N.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

General budget of the European Communities for 1986

The Council agreed to appeal against the 1986 budget as adopted by the European Parliament and the declaration of this adoption by the President of the European Parliament.

Agriculture

As a result of the accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Communities, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations:

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain types of manufactured tobacco falling within heading No 24.02 of the Common Customs Tariff and processed in the Canary Islands (1986);
- on stocks of agricultural products in Spain;
- on stocks of agricultural products in Portugal;
- laying down the arrangements applying to trade in agricultural products between Spain and Portugal;
- laying down detailed rules concerning quantitative restrictions on imports into Portugal from third countries of certain agricultural products subject to the system of transition by stages;
- laying down detailed rules concerning quantitative restrictions on imports into Spain of certain fruits and vegetables from third countries;
- adapting, on account of the accession of Spain and Portugal, certain agricultural acts as regards the voting procedure of the Committees;
- adapting certain Regulations relating to the eggs and poultry sector consequent upon the accession of Spain and Portugal;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 43/81 establishing the list of representative markets for pigmeat in the Community on account of the accession of Spain;

- on the disposal by the Kingdom of Spain of the raw tobacco stored in that country from harvests prior to accession;
- adapting Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 on the common organization of the market in hops on account of the accession of Spain and Portugal;
- adapting Regulation (EEC) No 1674/72 laying down general rules for granting and financing aid for seed on account of the accession of Spain and Portugal;
- adapting, on account of the accession of Spain, Regulation (EEC) No 985/68 laying down general rules for intervention on the market in butter and cream;
- fixing the basic duties levied on imports into Spain of certain products in the oils and fats sector;
- adapting certain Regulations on oils and fats on account of the accession of Spain and Portugal;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on account of the accession of Spain;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3103/76 as regards the list of durum wheat production regions in which aid for durum wheat is granted in Spain;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2742/75 as regards production refunds applicable in Spain in the cereals sector;
- adjusting, on account of the accession of Spain, Regulation (EEC) No 1357/80 in the beef and veal sector;
- laying down the provisions enabling the origins of Spanish red table wines to be determined and their commercial movements to be followed;
- listing the areas under wine in certain Spanish regions for which table wines may have an actual alcoholic strength less than that required by Community rules;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1678/85 fixing the conversion rates to be applied in agriculture;

- amending, consequent upon the accession of Spain and Portugal, Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 as regards the financial framework of the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund;
- adapting the acts taken by the Community in the field of agricultural structures consequent upon the accession of Spain and Portugal;
- adapting, consequent upon the accession of Spain, Council Regulation (EEC) No 777/85 on the granting, for the 1985/1986 to the 1989/1990 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of certain areas under vine;
- setting up a specific development programme for agriculture in Portugal;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for agricultural products originating in the Canary Islands (1986):
 - = for tomatoes, cucumbers and aubergines falling within heading ex 07.01 of the Common Customs Tariff
 - = for new potatoes and avacados falling within subheadings ex 07.01 A II and 08.01 D of the Common Customs Tariff
 - = for certain live plants falling within subheadings ex 06.01 A, 06.02 A II and ex 06.02 D of the Common Customs Tariff
 - = for beans (of the species phaseolus), onions and sweet peppers falling within heading ex 07.01 of the Common Customs Tariff
 - = for fresh flowers falling within subheading 06.03 A of the Common Customs Tariff;
- concerning certain national aids in the agricultural sector which are incompatible with the common market but which the Kingdom of Spain is authorized to maintain on a transitional basis;
- concerning certain national aids in the agricultural sector which are incompatible with the common market but which the Portuguese Republic is authorized to maintain on a transitional basis;
- adapting Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 and Regulation (EEC) No 1985/82 as regards the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector following the accession of Spain and Portugal;

- adapting, on account of the accession of Spain and Portugal, certain Regulations relating to the wine sector.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the decisions amending, on account of the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic:
 - = Council Decision 78/476/EEC on the equivalence of checks on practices for the maintenance of varieties carried out in third countries;
 - = the seventh Council Decision 85/356/EEC on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries;
 - = the seventh Council Decision 85/355/EEC on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops.
- the Directive introducing technical adjustments to Directives 64/432/EEC, 64/433/EEC, 77/99/EEC, 77/504/EEC, 80/217/EEC and 80/1095/EEC on veterinary matters following the accession of Spain and Portugal.

The Council also took note of the Commission communication concerning an action programme for fruit and vegetables as a result of the accession of Spain.

Finally, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Directives:

- amending Directive 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption;
- concerning the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs intended for human consumption.

PRESS RELEASE

L11570/85 (Presse 202)

1056th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 19 and 20 December 1985

President: Mr Marc FISCHBACH

Minister for Agriculture
and Viticulture
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mr Henri NALLET Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO

Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARETTO

Minister for Agriculture

PERSPECTIVES FOR THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY (GREEN PAPER)

Following consultations held with the agricultural sectors concerned on the green paper, the Commission submitted to the Council a communication setting out a series of guidelines for the future of European agriculture. The communication was accompanied by a memorandum on beef and veal which, like the memorandum on cereals submitted on 18 and 19 November, provided for a series of adjustments to the market organization for beef and veal.

The guidelines worked out by the Commission identified the following priorities in particular:

- gradual adjustment of production in sectors in surplus;
- greater diversity and improvement of the quality of production;
- consideration of the income problems of small family farms;
- support for agriculture in areas where it is essential for land-use planning, maintenance of social balance and protection of the environment and the landscape;
- making farmers more aware of environmental issues;
- contribution to the development in the Community of industries which process agricultural produce and involvement of agriculture in the profound technological changes of our time.

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As the communication had just been submitted, the Council confined itself at this meeting to an initial, general reaction. The discussion which took place indicated the need for the Community to have a general strategy for the development of markets and agricultural structures designed to restore market balance, within the framework of the Community budget, for the various agricultural products in structural surplus.

At the end of its discussion the Council noted the Commission's intention of submitting concrete proposals concerning adjustments to the market organization for cereals and meat before the end of January 1986, with submission of the proposals concerning 1986/1987 prices being scheduled for February 1986.

TABLE OLIVES

Given the lack of a market organization for table olives, Greece had been authorized, on the basis of Article 70 of the Accession Treaty, to maintain its own system of market organization for that product until 31 December 1985.

Since the Commission considered at this juncture that it was not necessary to set up a market organization for that product, under Article 93(2) of the EEC Treaty the Council adopted, a Decision authorizing Greece to maintain until 31 December 1987 the national aid measures that were strictly necessary in order to maintain the present income of a producer of table olives.

REGULATIONS TO BE ADOPTED IN PREPARATION FOR THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN
AND PORTUGAL

The Council recorded its agreement in principle to the level of the tariff quotas to be opened for the Canary Islands for the following products:

- tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines;
- new potatoes and avocados;
- beans, onions and sweet peppers;
- fresh flowers and certain other floricultural products.

These quotas are based on Article 4 of Protocol No 2 to the Treaty of Accession.

The Council agreed that it would adopt these Regulations at a forthcoming meeting.

The Council also recorded its agreement to other items still outstanding, namely:

- national aids which the two acceding countries are authorized to maintain on a transitional basis in the agricultural sector;
- premiums for the abandonment of wine-growing. This Regulation basically adapts the level of the premiums for the abandonment of vineyards in the case of Spain in order to take account of the specific wine-growing conditions in that country;
- the Regulation making the adaptations necessary for application of the provisions for the common organization of the market in sheepmeat in the acceding States.

These Regulations will be formally adopted at a forthcoming meeting, after finalization of the texts.

In the sphere of veterinary harmonization, the Council recorded its agreement to a Decision enabling Spain and Portugal to benefit from the Community's financial programme for the eradication of classical swine fever. The Decision will be formally adopted at a forthcoming meeting.

HORMONES

Following lengthy discussion, the Council decided to apply the written procedure to the amended Commission proposal, which was examined at the present meeting, and in the main incorporated the elements of the compromise to which a large majority had agreed at the Council's last meeting.

This text introduces as from 1 January 1988 a series of measures concerning the treatment of animals with hormonal substances, in particular:

- a total ban for all Community production on administering such substances for fattening purposes;
- a restriction on the possibility of therapeutic treatment using only natural substances (Oestradiol 17B, Testosterone and Progesterone);
- the setting up, after negotiations between the Commission and the third countries concerned, of a system of import guarantees to be adopted using the Veterinary Committee procedure, or failing that, suspension of imports from those third countries which do not provide the guarantees requested;
- establishing the inspection procedures for this ban by bringing into force on 1 January 1987 Directive 85/358/EEC, which lays down general rules for inspection, and agreement in principle on the frequency of inspection (in the context of the Directive on residue-inspection, which can be formally approved only after receipt of the Opinion of the European Parliament). Basically, the Council approach regarding the latter text is for each Member State to submit an inspection plan to be approved under the Standing Veterinary Committee procedure.

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In connection with this Decision, the Council noted that the Commission would be submitting a proposal to the Standing Veterinary Committee under Article 9 of the Directive, granting the United Kingdom a derogation for application of the ban to the United Kingdom market, and would ensure that such a derogation did not result in distortions of competition.

Pending introduction of the new arrangements, those Member States already applying a total ban will be able to make the introduction of animals and meat into their territory subject to the condition that such animals have not been treated and that meat does not come from treated animals.

LAYING HENS

The Council agreed to defer examination of this item to a forthcoming meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations:

- amending Regulation No 79/65/EEC setting up a network for the collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the European Economic Community;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables;
- concerning the import arrangements applicable to certain third countries in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector as from 1986;
- extending Regulation (EEC) No 3310/75 on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directives:

- amending Directive 64/432/EEC as regards the definitive arrangements made in relation to enzootic bovine leucosis as laid down by Directive 80/1102/EEC;
- laying down the list of simulants to be used for testing migration of constituents of plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs;
- amending Directive 77/436/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to coffee extracts and chicory extracts;
- amending Directive 77/93/EEC on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products.

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on import quotas to be opened by Member States in respect of State-trading countries in 1986.

PRESS RELEASE

11572/85 (Presse 204)

1057th meeting of the Council
and the Ministers for Culture
meeting within the Council
Brussels, 20 December 1985

President: Mr Robert KRIEPS
Minister for Culture
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Philippe MONFILS	Minister - Chairman of the French Community Executive
Mr P. DEWAELE	Minister - Member of the Flemish Community Executive
Mr M. LEJOLY	Minister - Member of the German-speaking Community Executive
Mr Marc LEPOIVRE	Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Jakob RYTTER	Deputy Permanent Representative
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Germany:

Mr Martin BANGEMANN	Federal Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Lutz STAVENHAGEN	Minister of State Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Konrad MOHR	State Secretary, Rhineland Palatinate Ministry of Cultural Affairs

Greece:

Mrs Melina MERCOURI	Minister for Culture and Science
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France:

Mr Jack LANG	Minister for Culture
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Ireland:

Mr Edward NEALON	Minister of State, Department of the Prime Minister
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Italy:

Mr Giuseppe GALASSO	State Secretary, Ministry for Cultural Assets
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Luxembourg:

Mr Robert KRIEPS	Minister for Culture
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Netherlands:

Mr L.C. BRINKMAN

Minister for Welfare, Health and
Cultural Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Richard LUCE

Minister for the Arts

Commission:

Mr Carlo RIPA DI MEANA

Member

The following also took part as observers:

Spain

Mr Javier SOLANA MADARIAGA

Minister for Culture

Portugal

Mrs Theresa GOUVEIA

State Secretary,
Ministry of Culture

GREATER SUPPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN AUDIOVISUAL PROGRAMME INDUSTRY

- (1) The Council and the Ministers meeting within the Council held a detailed exchange of views on the Commission's proposal concerning a Community aid scheme for non-documentary cinema and television co-productions.

This showed that there was a broad consensus on the aims of the proposal but that more detailed consideration was required to determine the best ways of achieving this aim.

The Ministers concluded by calling on the Commission to see how the various views stated during the discussion could be taken into account.

- (2) It was also agreed that the Commission would continue its studies concerning the European audiovisual programme industry, taking account of the obstacles to the completion of the internal market in this industry and the need to encourage joint ventures by the industry and the movement of products across frontiers and language barriers. The Commission's proposals on the subject would have to take account of the specific nature of the cultural sector.

- (3) Lastly, the Ministers noted the Working Party's conclusions concerning the setting up of a consortium of six European television channels - Antenne 2 (France), Channel 4 (UK), ORF (Austria), RAI (Italy), SRG-SSR (Switzerland), ZDF (Germany) - to carry out co-productions.

BOOKS

The Council and the Ministers meeting within the Council held a broad exchange of views on the Commission's communication on the European dimension with regard to books and two notes from the French delegation on the problems of translation and co-operation between European libraries with a view to the use of new technologies.

After the discussion they called on the Commission to take account of the views expressed at the meeting when drawing up its proposals in this area.

TRANSNATIONAL CULTURE ITINERARIES

The Ministers meeting within the Council agreed to the following Resolution on the
"ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSNATIONAL CULTURAL ITINERARIES

Having regard to the Solemn Declaration on European Union of 19 June 1983, and in particular Section 3.3 thereof devoted to cultural co-operation,

Having regard to the final report on a People's Europe approved by the European Council at its meeting on 28 and 29 June 1985,

Whereas the establishment of transnational cultural itineraries can contribute to:

- an intensification of knowledge about Europe's history and culture, thereby promoting European awareness,
- an increase in tourism and hence a stimulus to the economic development of the regions concerned, including the creation of jobs,

Bearing in mind nevertheless the need to avoid disturbance of the cultural identity and environment of the areas concerned, as well as to avoid damage of fragile monuments and cultural institutions by over-visiting;

Welcoming the presentation by the Italian authorities of a system of cultural itineraries covering Community Europe, which provides a useful reference point for further initiatives in this field;

Considering that itineraries are being envisaged by the authorities of a numebr of Member States;

Considering in particular that the scheme for itineraries presented by the authorities of Luxembourg (Grand Duchy) and adjacent areas provides a good example of what could be done in this field;

Taking into account the work accomplished by the Council of Europe and the potential role of the European Foundation in this field;

THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL

AGREE both to stimulate activities in the field of transnational cultural itineraries by encouraging the competent authorities of the Member States to co-operate across frontiers in the study and possible development of itineraries of European interest, and to leave such co-operation open to other European countries;

NOTE that such schemes may be eligible for support from the various existng Community instruments;

UNDERTAKE to review progress in this area within two years."

TAX QUESTIONS IN THE CULTURAL SECTOR

The Council and the Ministers meeting within the Council held an exchange of views on tax questions in the cultural sector.

This showed that there was broad agreement on the need to encourage the development of cultural activities by means of tax relief.

The Ministers called on the Commission to update the list of tax relief measures already granted in the Member States.

ACCESS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

The following Resolution was adopted:

"THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

Having decided, in accordance with paragraph 3.12 of the Report from the ad hoc Committee on a People's Europe, approved by the European Council at its meeting on 28 and 29 June 1985, to promote access for young people to museums and cultural events,

HEREBY AGREE to extend, or to encourage the competent bodies to extend, to young people from all other Member States, the special conditions and reductions for admission to museums and cultural events available to their young nationals."

FIRST EUROPEAN SCULPTURE COMPETITION

The Ministers meeting within the Council accepted the Netherlands delegation's offer for the first European sculpture competition to be hosted by the Netherlands in 1987 in conjunction with the "Amsterdam, City of Culture, 1987" events.

They accordingly instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the work on this matter as soon as possible.

EUROPEAN FOUNDATION

The Ministers meeting within the Council noted the ratification situation with regard to the Agreement setting up the Foundation.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Council and the Ministers meeting within the Council took note of communications from:

- the Presidency
 - = Community history in people's lives and socio-cultural forum
- the Commission
 - = Conference of Intellectuals in Madrid, 17 and 18 October 1985
 - = European Year of Cinema and Television (1988)
- the Greek delegation
 - = Athens, European City of Culture, 1985
- the Italian delegation
 - = Florence, European City of Culture, 1986
 - = European Information Centre on Stolen Works of Art.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

(Adaptations in consequence of the accession of Spain and Portugal)

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- Directives:

- = amending Council Directives 74/561/EEC and 74/562/EEC on admission to the occupations of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator;
- = amending Directive 84/634/EEC on summertime arrangements;
- = amending Directive 85/203/EEC on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide;
- = amending Directive 85/210/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the lead content of petrol;
- = amending Directive 85/433/EEC concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in pharmacy, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment relating to certain activities in the field of pharmacy;
- = amending Directive 85/384/EEC concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in architecture, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services;

- Regulations:

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 3164/76 on the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States;
- = amending Annexes I and III to Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83 on import arrangements for products originating in state-trading countries, not liberalized at Community level;
- a Decision amending Decision 83/516/EEC on the tasks of the European Social Fund;
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2950/83 on the implementation of Decision 83/516/EEC on the tasks of the European Social Fund.
See press release 10710/85 (Presse 182) of 5 December 1985.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- Regulations

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 543/69 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1463/70 on the introduction of recording equipment in road transport;
- a Resolution of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, to improve the implementation of the social regulations in road transport.

Environment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- a Decision concerning the adoption, on behalf of the Community, of programmes and measures relating to mercury and cadmium discharges under the Convention for the prevention of marine pollution from land-based sources (Paris Convention).

Tax questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- a Directive amending Directive 78/1035/EEC on the exemption from taxes of imports of small consignments of goods of a non-commercial character from third countries;
- a Regulation extending the term of validity of Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2892/77 implementing in respect of own resources accruing from value added tax the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Community's own resources.

Economic and financial questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision adopting the annual report on the economic situation of the Community and laying down economic policy guidelines for 1986.

Relations between the Community and EFTA countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Council Regulation (EEC) and a Decision of the Member States and the Commission (ECSC) concerning the conclusion with each EFTA country (Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Swiss Confederation) of an agreement on the arrangements (standstill) applicable from 1 January 1986 to 28 February 1986 to trade between Spain and Portugal, on the one hand, and each EFTA country, on the other.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities Decisions:

- on the conclusion of an agreement in the form of agreed minutes extending the Temporary Arrangement for a concerted discipline between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria concerning reciprocal trade in cheese;
- on the conclusion of the mutual restraint arrangement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland on trade in cheese.

Trade questions and Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for:

- = certain plywood of coniferous species falling within heading ex 44.15 of the common Customs Tariff
- = newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff and extending this quota to certain other paper
- = ferro-silicon falling within subheading 73.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff
- = ferro-silico-manganese falling within subheading 73.02 D of the Common Customs Tariff
- = ferro-chromium containing, by weight, not less than 0.10% of carbon and more than 30% but not more than 90% of chromium (low-carbon ferro-chromium) falling within subheading ex 73.02 E 1 of the Common Customs Tariff
- = certain catalysts falling within subheading ex 39.19 G of the Common Customs Tariff

- Regulations

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 918/83 setting up a Community system of reliefs from customs duty
- = amending the Common Customs Tariff duties for certain electronic products
- = on export arrangements for certain types of non-ferrous metal waste and scrap
- = tariff quotas, ceilings and import arrangements to be provided for certain Mediterranean countries for 1986 (third series of Regulations)

Textiles

The Council adopted Regulations concerning the conclusion of textile agreements with

- Bangladesh
- Singapore
- India
- Hungary

and authorized the signing of these agreements for the purposes of committing the Community.

The Council approved the outcome of the negotiations with Morocco and Tunisia to renew for two years the voluntary restraint arrangements negotiated earlier with those countries and expiring on 31 December 1984; it decided to adjust the overall ceilings where so required by the negotiations.

The Council adopted the necessary texts to determine the arrangements for imports from certain third countries into Spain and Portugal following accession.

To this end it adopted Regulations amending:

- Regulation (EEC) No 3589/82 on common rules for imports of certain textile products originating in third countries
- Regulation (EEC) No 3588/82 on common rules for imports of certain textile products originating in Yugoslavia
- Regulation (EEC) No 3587/82 on the arrangements for imports of certain textile products originating in Taiwan.

It will adopt on 1 January 1986 by the written procedure a Regulation making the importation into Spain and Portugal of textile products originating in certain third countries subject to quantitative limitations.

Relations with Malta

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3508/80 extending the term of validity of the arrangements applicable to trade with Malta beyond 31 December 1985.

Relations with Cyprus

The Council adopted a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3700/83 laying down the arrangements applicable to trade with the Republic of Cyprus until the entry into force of trade arrangements on a contractual basis.

UCITS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- a Directive on the co-ordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to certain undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS);
- a Recommendation concerning Article 25(1), second subparagraph, of that Directive;
- an amendment to the Directive of 11 May 1960 for the implementation of Article 67 of the Treaty (elimination of the restrictions on the free movement of units of UCITS).

Consumer protection

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Directive to protect the consumer in respect of contracts negotiated away from business premises (door-to-door sales). See press release 11331/85 (Presse 195) of 12 December 1985.

Technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Directive amending for the seventh time (asbestos) Directive Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (see press release 11331/85 (Presse 195) of 12 December 1985).

Energy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations:

- on a programme of support for technological development in the hydrocarbons sector
- on the promotion, by financial support, of demonstration projects and industrial pilot projects in the energy field.

The Council also gave the consultation requested by the Commission on the financial aids granted by the Federal Republic of Germany, France and Belgium to the coal industry in 1985 and on the additional financial aids granted by the United Kingdom to the coal industry in 1984; it endorsed the Commission's conclusions to the effect that the action by the abovementioned Member States was compatible with Decision No 528/76 ECSC and with the functioning of the common market.

Atomic questions

The Council noted the Commission's intention of concluding, pursuant to Article 101(3) of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, a co-operation agreement in the field of radioactive waste management with the Swedish nuclear fuel and waste management company - SKB.

Regional policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1787/84 on the European Regional Development Fund.

Social affairs

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending, with a view to its extension to the self-employed, Regulation (EEC) No 2950/83 on the implementation of Decision 83/516/EEC on the tasks of the European Social Fund.

Munich European Patent Convention

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States and the acceding States, meeting within the Council, adopted the text of the declaration on the Hellenic Republic's ratification of the Munich European Patent Convention.

ECSC

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on certain measures to be applied, in respect of state-trading countries, to trade in iron and steel products covered by the ECSC Treaty, including pig iron, cast iron and high-carbon ferro-manganese.
