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350th meeting of the Council
- ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS -

Brussels, 10 July 1975

President: Mr Emilio COLOMBO,
Minister for the Treasury of
the Italian Republic

880 e/75 (Presse 75)

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

Belgium:

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ	Minister for Finance
Mr André OLEFFE	Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Cécil DE STRYCKER	Governor of the National Bank of Belgium

Denmark:

Mr Per HAEKKERUP	Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Erik Ib SCHMIDT	State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs
Mr Erik HOFFMEYER	Governor of the National Bank

Germany:

Mr Hans APEL	Minister for Finance
Mr Otto SCHLECHT	State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs
Mr Karl-Otto POEHL	State Secretary, Ministry of Finance
Mr Karl KLASSEN	President of the Bundesbank

France:

Mr Jean-Pierre FOURCADE	Minister for Economy and Finance
Mr Bernard CLAPPIER	Governor of the Bank of France

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DILLON	Ambassador, Permanent Representative
Mr Charles MURRAY	Secretary-General, Ministry of Finance

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Italy:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
Mr Guido CARLI

Minister for the Treasury
Governor of the Bank of Italy

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER

Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr L. J. BRINKHORST
Mr J. ZIJSTRA

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs
President of the Nederlandse Bank

United Kingdom:

Mr Edmund BELL

Paymaster General

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI
Mr Wilhelm HANERKAMP

President
Vice-President

The meeting was also attended by:

Mr Rinaldo OSSOLA
Mr Erik HOFFMEYER
Mr Gastone MICCHI
Mr E. MALINVAUD

Monetary Committee
Chairman of the Committee of
Governors of the Central Banks
Chairman of the Co-ordinating
Committee on Short-Term Economic
and Financial Policies
Chairman of the Economic Policy
Committee

EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

At this meeting, the Ministers meeting as the Conference of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States adopted and then signed the Treaty amending certain provisions of the Protocol on the Statute of the European Investment Bank.

These amendments make it possible for the Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank to alter the definition of the unit of account and the method for converting sums expressed in units of account into national currencies and vice versa.

The national ratification procedures will be applied to this Treaty as soon as possible.

SECOND EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY

In accordance with Article 3 of its Decision of 18 February 1974 on the attainment of a high degree of convergence of the economic policies of the Member States, the Council proceeded to make a second examination for the year 1975 of the economic situation of the Community. The Council took as a basis for this examination a communication from the Commission on the economic policy to be pursued in 1975 and on the preparation of public budgets in 1976, which took into account the conclusions reached by the Council at its meeting on 16 June last.

The Council conducted a thorough exchange of views on this subject and as a result a number of constructive factors emerged which could serve as a basis for the discussions in the matter due to take place between the Heads of Government at the meeting in the Council of the Community on 16 and 17 July next.

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FLOATING OF EURATOM LOANS FOR THE FINANCING OF NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS

The Council took note of an interim report by the Permanent Representatives Committee on progress made in discussions on the draft decision enabling the Commission to float Euratom loans for purposes of making a Community contribution to the financing of Community nuclear power stations.

Following a brief exchange of views, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to submit to it a final report on this matter at the next Council meeting.

COMMUNITY LOANS

The Council authorized the Commission to initiate the formal negotiations required for the first loan-floating operation.

DISCUSSIONS ON THE IMF

Welcoming the progress achieved in this field, the Council took note of the report by the Monetary Committee on its task of preparing for the next meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund.

The Council proceeded to discuss this matter and in conclusion asked the Monetary Committee to expedite its work so as to enable a joint position to be adopted with regard to all the problems concerned at the next meeting of the Interim Committee of the IMF.

COMMUNITY EXCHANGE SYSTEM

The Council noted with satisfaction the decision of the French Government to re-introduce the French franc into the Community exchange system, i.e. the "snake".

It also noted with satisfaction the amendments adopted on 8 July 1975 by the Central Banks of the EEC and the Board of Governors of the EMCF to the system for narrowing the margins of fluctuation between the various currencies.

The amendments concern the initial term of a financing operation, automatic renewal, repayment of debts, automatic compensation, repayment in advance, renewal by mutual agreement, remuneration and means of settlement.

As regards the possible association of the Swiss franc with the Community exchange system, the Council noted that contacts with Switzerland would continue, it being understood that the final decision on the matter would rest with the Council.

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The next Council meeting on financial and monetary questions will take place on 22 September 1975.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

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

- on the agricultural levies, compensatory amounts and other import charges applicable to agricultural products and to certain goods resulting from their processing, contained in **travellers' personal luggage**;
- on the importation of educational, scientific and cultural materials free of Common Customs Tariff duties;
- on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for ferro-chromium containing not less than 4% by weight of carbon, falling within subheading No ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff and extending this quota to certain imports of ferro-chromium containing between 3 and 4% by weight of carbon;
- on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for processing work in relation to certain textile products under the outward processing traffic arrangements of the Community;
- on the opening, allocation and administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for 1975 for
 - ferro-silicon falling within subheading No 73.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - ferro-silicon-manganese falling within subheading No 73.02 D of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - ferro-chromium containing not more than 0.10% by weight of carbon and more than 30% but not exceeding 90% by weight of chromium (super-refined ferro-chromium) falling within subheading No ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff.

Textiles

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities,

- the Regulations

- maintainig in effect rules whereby imports into the Federal Republic of Germany and the Benelux countries of synthetic socks originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorizations;
- on rules for imports of certain textile products originating in Taiwan;

- the Decisions

- on the conclusions of two Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Laos, one on trade in fabrics of silk or of waste silk other than noil, or of cotton, woven on handlooms and the other on trade in handmade products (handicrafts);
- on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Sri Lanka on trade in fabrics of silk or of waste silk other than noil, or of cotton, woven on handlooms.

The Council approved the directives authorizing the Commission to enter into negotiations with Japan on textiles.

Agriculture

The Commission adopted, in the official languages of the Communities,

- the Regulations
 - amending Regulations (EEC) No 267/75 and (EEC) No 1036/75 on table wine distilling operations;
 - fixing the amount of aid for the production of hard wheat for the 1975/1976 marketing year;
 - amending Regulation No 213/67/EEC establishing the list of representative markets for pigmeat in the Community;
- Directive amending Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat;
- the Interpretative Statement on the problem of the application of the provisions of Article 8 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1059/69 and Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 232/73 (application of the maximum rate of duty).

Food Aid

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decisions on the conclusion of Agreements between the European Economic Community and

- the Malagasy Republic on the supply of long-grained husked rice (6,000 metric tons - 1971/1972 Implementation Plan);
- the Republic of Zambia on the supply of common wheat (5,000 metric tons - 1972/1973 Implementation Plan);
- the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the supply of common wheat (150,000 metric tons - 1974/1975 Implementation Plan);
- the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the supply of common wheat flour (10,000 metric tons of common wheat in the form of 6,623 metric tons of common wheat flour - 1974/1975 Implementation Plan).

Second instalment of aid for South Vietnam

At its meeting on 14 April 1975 the Council agreed to grant emergency aid to the population of South Vietnam and noted the Commission's intention of submitting proposals for additional aid at a later date.

Following that guideline, the Council agreed to grant a second instalment of emergency aid in accordance with the proposals submitted to it by the Commission.

This aid consists of the following products and total quantities:

- 9,000 metric tons of wholly milled rice (equivalent to 12,726 metric tons of husked rice);
- 6,000 metric tons of wheat flour (equivalent to 9,060 metric tons of wheat);
- 1,000 metric tons of butteroil.

It will be implemented by the ICRC and the UNHCR under the following arrangements:

- ICRC under the Agreement of 3 February 1975:
 - 7,000 metric tons of wholly milled rice (equivalent to 9,827 metric tons of husked rice);
 - 500 metric tons of butteroil.
Delivered cif to the ICRC.
- UNHCR:
 - 2,000 metric tons of wholly milled rice (equivalent to 2,899 metric tons of husked rice);
 - 6,000 metric tons of flour (equivalent to 9,060 metric tons of wheat);
 - 500 metric tons of butteroil
Delivered fob to the UNHCR.
- Sources:
 - cereals ICRC : 1973/74 Plan
UNHCR : 1972/73 and 74/75 Plans (reserves)
 - butteroil ICRC : 1974 Programme (Decision of 4.3.74)
UNHCR : 1975 Programme (Decision of 16.6.75).

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SHIPYARDS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on aids to shipbuilding.

The Directive is in keeping with the 1972 Directive, which was last extended in 1974. It constitutes a further stage towards the abolition of distortions of competition on the shipbuilding market, while taking into account the objective of ensuring the existence of a healthy and competitive shipbuilding industry in the Community. The conditions under which aids and intervention for shipbuilding may be considered as compatible with the common market under the Directive are specified in the latter.

The Directive also provides for notification to the Commission, under certain conditions, of the decisions taken by the Member States in respect of aid measures for investments in the shipyards and notification of aid and intervention of a conservatory nature. The Directive will apply until 31 December 1977.

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The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on the simplification of formalities in respect of goods traded between the European Economic Community on the one hand, and Greece and Turkey on the other hand when the said goods are forwarded from Austria.

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The Council gave the Assents requested by the Commission pursuant to

- Article 56 (2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty (Société Nouvelle de Roulement, France);
- Article 55 (2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty to the allocation of funds from ECSC levies to coal research programmes;
- Article 54 (2) of the ECSC Treaty for the financing by the Bong Mining Company, Monrovia (Liberia) of an investment to increase the mining capacity of the Bong mineworks and to double its pelletization capacity.

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Acting on a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Fuldmægtig E. EDELBERG, Arbejdministeriet, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers, to replace Mr RAASCHOU-NIELSEN, an alternate member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 28 April 1976.

Acting on a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Fg. Chef for arbejds- og socialministeriernes internationale afdeling N. RAASCHOU-NIELSEN, Socialministeriet, as a full member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers, to replace Mr KIRSTEIN, a full member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 28 April 1976.

Acting on a proposal from the Industriebond C.N.V., the Council appointed Mr J. BOSCH, vice-voorzitter van de Industriebond NKV, as a member of the ECSC Consultative Committee, to replace Mr de GRAAF, a member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 24 June 1976.

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting in Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decisions

- concerning exports of ferrous scrap to third countries
- concerning temporary imports of ferrous scrap
- concerning temporary exports of ferrous scrap
- concerning exports of alloy steel scrap
- concerning exports of rolling-mill cylinders
- in respect of exports of ferrous scrap to third countries
- concerning certain tariff measures for the second half of 1975.

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351st meeting of the Council
-- Foreign Affairs --
Brussels, 15 and 16 July 1975
President: Mr Mariano RUMOR,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Renaat VAN ELSLANDE Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Ivar NØRGAARD Minister for External Economic
Relations and Nordic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Hans MATTHOFER Minister for Scientific Research
Mr Hans-Jürgen WISCHNEWSKI Minister of State,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

France:

Mr Bernard DESTREMAU State Secretary, Ministry for
Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Garret FITZGERALD Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Justin KEATING Minister for Industry and Commerce

Italy:

Mr Mariano RUMOR Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Ambassador,
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Netherlands:

Mr M. VAN DER STOEL

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr L.J. BRINKHORST

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr James CALLAGHAN

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

President

Sir Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Mr Guido BRUNNER

Member

JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE AND NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THE PETTEN ESTABLISHMENT

The Council held a discussion, which ended in its approving the new activity programmes for the Petten establishment, and noted that the Commission would enter the appropriations required to implement them in the preliminary draft budget for the financial year 1976.

The Council also approved the Commission proposal regarding the review of certain objectives of the multiannual programme without altering the programme appropriation.

It noted that the Commission would, before the end of October 1975, submit to it an overall scheme for the next multiannual programme, which it agreed to discuss as soon as possible as part of the examination of the development of Community research policy.

The Council also noted the Commission's intention of:

- submitting to it as early as possible programme proposals based on the guidelines emerging from this discussion. The Council agreed to discuss such proposals at the earliest opportunity;
- including an amount of 900,000 UA in the preliminary draft budget for 1976 to cover preparations for the next multiannual programme;
- including in the preliminary draft budget for 1976 the resources needed to ensure that the Joint Research Centre functioned normally.

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PROGRAMME OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Council approved the programme of energy research and development projects proposed by the Commission, involving a maximum amount of 59 MUA, a staff complement of 27 and an implementation period of 4 years from 1 July 1975.

This programme comprises the following objectives in particular:

- energy saving
- the production and use of hydrogen
- solar energy
- geothermic energy.

The programme will be implemented in two stages: the first stage will run from 1 July 1975 to 31 December 1975 and will include an appropriation of 12 MUA while the second stage will run from 1 January 1977 to 30 June 1979 and will include an appropriation of 47 MUA.

The programme will be subject to review at the end of the first stage in order that any alterations to the programme as a result of the review may be implemented by no later than the beginning of 1977.

Projects already begun will continue in operation within the scope of the resources granted until the decision is taken to review the first stage.

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The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives to proceed with giving formal shape to the decisions concerning the JRC and the new activities for Petten, as well as the programme of research and development projects in the field of energy, with a view to their official adoption by the Council as soon as possible.

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OVERALL MEDITERRANEAN APPROACH

The Council noted a statement by the Chairman of the Permanent Representatives Committee on the various aspects of this matter, with particular reference to the progress made in the negotiations with the Maghreb countries and Spain, the stage reached in examination of the Commission's proposals concerning Malta, and the "second generation" Mediterranean countries, i.e. the Machrek countries: Egypt, Libya, Jordan and Syria.

The Council agreed to hold a full discussion of the essentially political problems arising in this area at its next meeting, to be held on 22 July 1975.

PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

The Council thoroughly prepared the topics likely to be discussed by the Heads of Government meeting in the Council of the European Communities in the context of political co-operation.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

In accordance with the undertakings entered into under the Treaty of Accession on the subject of India's sugar exports to the Community following expiry of the term of validity of the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision concluding the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on cane sugar. This arrangement is similar to that made with the ACP sugar-producing countries.

Under this Agreement the Community undertakes to buy and import, for an indefinite period and at guaranteed prices, 25,000 metric tons of white sugar per year (22,000 metric tons for the marketing year ending on 31 July 1975), which India undertakes to supply.

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The Council gave the Community's agreement to the list of projects submitted by the WFP in the context of two supply agreements (15,000 metric tons of butteroil and 30,000 metric tons of cereals) as food aid for developing countries.

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ENVIRONMENT

The Council adopted the Directive on waste, in the official languages of the Communities.

Under the provisions of this Directive the Member States take appropriate measures to promote the prevention, recycling and processing of waste, the use of waste for obtaining raw materials and possibly energy, and any other means whereby waste may be re-used. The Directive lays down for the whole Community uniform technical conditions under which these objectives are to be attained without endangering human health and the environment.

The competent authorities are required to draw up, as soon as possible, plans concerning:

- kinds and quantities of waste to be disposed of,
- general technical requirements
- appropriate disposal sites,
- ~~any~~ special provisions for particular kinds of waste.

This Directive forms a general framework for specific schemes carried out in the Community for the disposal and recycling of waste. The first Directive on this matter, which has already been adopted, concerns used oils.

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The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Community, the Resolution on the adaptation of Directives and other Community rules on the protection and improvement of the environment in the light of technical progress.

This Resolution adopts a procedure by Committees which are to consist of representatives of the Member States to be chaired by a Commission representative as the solution in principle for adapting certain provisions laid down by Community rules to this end.

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352nd Council meeting
- Agriculture -
Brussels, 21 and 22 July 1975
President: Mr Giovanni MARCORA,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Italian Republic

920/75 (Presse 83)

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

Belgium:

Mr Albert LAVENS Minister for Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTEL Minister for Agriculture

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR State Secretary, Ministry for Agriculture

France :

Mr Christian BONNET Minister for Agriculture

Mr Jean-François DENIAU State Secretary, Ministry for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Mark CLINTON Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

Italy :

Mr Giovanni MARCORA Minister for Agriculture

Mr Arcangelo LO BIANCO State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

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State Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. VAN DER STEE

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Frederick PEART

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr P.J. LARDINOIS

Member

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COMMON WHEAT NOT SUITABLE FOR MAKING BREAD

The following Recommendation on common wheat not suitable for making bread was approved by the Council by a majority:

"The Council hereby invites the parties concerned to take account of the fact that, in future, prices will be fixed within the framework of the common organization of the markets in such a way that the producers of wheat not suitable for making bread cannot expect it to be valued at more than the equivalent feed grain value."

The Council adopted the following Resolution on the same subject:

"The Council hereby calls upon the Commission to submit to it, no later than its price proposals for the 1976/77 marketing year, appropriate measures to deal with the various problems raised by the development of wheat varieties not suitable for making bread, with due regard to practical management and control."

GREEN POUND

The Council signified its agreement on the Regulation concerning the exchange rates to be applied in the agricultural sector in respect of the Irish pound and the pound sterling.

Under this Regulation, the new rate for the Irish pound will be 1.76843 UA and for the pound sterling, 1.86368 UA. These new rates, which will take effect on 4 August 1975, involve a 5% devaluation of the "green" pound.

They will apply from that date to all products in respect of which the marketing year 1975/1976 has already begun and in particular to beef and veal. The new rates will apply to other products, in accordance with Article 2 of Regulation No 475/75 from the beginning of the relevant marketing year.

The Council was also presented with a proposal from the Commission for a Regulation concerning subsidies to cereal production in the United Kingdom.

It agreed to consider this proposal in greater detail as soon as it has received the Opinion of the European Parliament.

OVERALL MEDITERRANEAN APPROACH

Within the context of the overall Mediterranean approach, the Council implemented certain decisions adopted in Luxembourg on 23 and 24 June relating, in particular, to fruit, vegetables and wine.

At the end of its discussions on the fruit and vegetable sector, the Council adopted Regulations in the official languages of the Communities:

- concerning the arrangements for trade with non-member countries in the market in processed fruit and vegetable products;
- laying down detailed rules for applying protective measures in the market in processed fruit and vegetable products;
- establishing a system of production aids for tinned pineapple;
- laying down special provisions for trade in tomato concentrates between the Community as originally constituted and the new Member States;
- fixing the minimum price and the special minimum price for tomato concentrates (minimum price for founder Member States: 60.00 UA/100 kg, special minimum price for new Member States: 40.00 UA/100 kg).

As regards wine, the Council adopted Regulations in the official languages of the Communities:

- amending Regulation 816/70 (definition of Article 33a of the basic Regulation, on special distillation);
- on general rules governing the special distillation of table wines specified in Article 33a of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70.

In view of the fact that the European Parliament has not yet given its Opinion on four other Regulations concerning wine and fresh and processed fruit and vegetables, namely the Regulations:

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables;
 - amending Regulation (EEC) No 2601/69 laying down special measures to encourage the processing of certain varieties of oranges;
 - amending Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruits;
 - laying down special rules for the importation of products of the vine sector, originating in certain third countries,
- the Council discussed them without having recourse to any formal conclusions.

This body of rules, which translates into legal form the agreement in principle reached in Luxembourg on 23 and 24 June last, is indispensable for the implementation of the agricultural concessions made as part of the agreement signed recently with Israel and the progress of negotiations with other countries covered by the overall Mediterranean approach.

The Council has agreed to act on the four Regulations in question as soon as it has received the Opinion of the European Parliament.

VINE SECTOR (1)

As part of a general discussion of the situation on the market in vine products and the various proposals submitted to it by the Commission (amendments to the basic regulations and arrangements for the planting and replanting of vineyards), the Council, being aware of the present difficult situation on that market,

- signified its agreement to the granting of aid for the storage of table wines of the 1974/1975 harvest, the detailed rules for the application of which will be drawn up by the Commission according to the Management Committee procedure;
- agreed to meet on 9 September 1975 to consider the vine sector exclusively and to prepare statutory decisions necessary for the re-organization of the market in vine products in the short and longer terms.

(1) See also the Council's other decisions concerning this sector referred to under "Overall Mediterranean approach".

MILK PRODUCTS

On the basis of a Commission communication, the Council conducted an exchange of views on the situation on the market in milk products.

It discussed a number of measures and approved Regulations:

- on the grant of aids for the private storage of skimmed milk powder;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 135/75 on the sale of skimmed milk powder from public stocks for supply to developing countries;
- on the exclusion of certain milk products from inward processing arrangements.

Together with a number of other measures to be adopted at Commission level, these Regulations are intended to improve the situation on the milk market, particularly as regards skimmed milk powder.

The Council agreed to instruct the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine other proposals for Regulations in this sector.

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CEREALS AND RICE

The Council undertook an initial discussion on certain proposals for Regulations concerning the reintroduction of a production refund on maize groats and meal and broken rice for the brewing industry as well as on maize, soft wheat and broken rice for the manufacture of starch.

At the conclusion of that discussion, the Council signified its agreement on the Regulation on production refunds in the cereals and rice sector which includes, inter alia, a refund of 15.10 UA per tonne on potato starch and 10 UA per tonne on maize starch and a minimum price for potatoes of 162 UA per tonne.

The Council further agreed to return to the other proposals at one of its forthcoming meetings after the European Parliament has delivered its Opinion.

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MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council took note of various statements and communications concerning

- application of the safeguard clause for cultivated mushrooms
- the situation on the beef and veal market
- the situation on the egg market
- certain difficulties with Spain regarding exports of certain Italian products
- the common organization of the market in mutton and lamb.

REARING METHODS

The Council noted that the German delegation had submitted a memorandum calling for the establishment of a common position regarding the rearing of certain domestic animals, using modern methods.

The Commission stated that it intended to set up a working party with experts from the Member States, with a view to the examination of problems raised and, possibly, the preparation of proposals to the Council on the matter.

SUGAR

The Council conducted a broad exchange of views on the provisions supplementing the Regulation on the common organization of the market in sugar.

The discussion covered the regulations concerning sugar from the French Overseas Departments and the preferential import arrangements (Title V of the basic Regulation).

In conclusion, the Council agreed to instruct the Special Committee on Agriculture to finalize the questions still remaining unresolved, so as to enable the Council to adopt the Regulations in question at a forthcoming meeting.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities.

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- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2133/74 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of wines and grape musts;
 - laying down, for the 1975/76 wine-growing year, the price to be paid for alcohol delivered to intervention agencies under the obligation to distil the by-products of wine-making (0.85 UA/°/hl) and the maximum amount of the contribution towards this price by the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund;
 - **determining**, for the 1975/76 marketing year the threshold prices for husked rice (25.72 UA/100 kilos) and broken rice (16.045 UA/100 kilos) and the protective amount to be included in the threshold price for milled rice (1.15 UA/100 kilos);
 - determining, for the 1975/76 marketing year, the monthly price increases for paddy (0.172 UA/100 kilos) and husked rice (0.215 UA/100 kilos);
- the Decision on common and co-ordinated research programmes in the fields of animal leucoses, livestock effluents, beef production and plant protein production.

The Council took note of the Commission report on the conditions under which the provisions of Protocol No 18 to the Act annexed to the Treaty concerning the Accession of the new Member States to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community were applied in 1974.

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353rd Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 22 July 1975

President: Mr Mariano RUMOR,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Italian Republic

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

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Italy:

Mr Mariano RUMOR Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr L.J. BRINKHORST

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Roy HATTERSLEY

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

President

Sir Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

Mr Albert BORSCHETTE

Member

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

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STRENGTHENING THE BUDGETARY POWERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
AND SETTING UP A COURT OF AUDITORS

The Conference of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States adopted by mutual agreement the amendments to certain financial provisions of the Treaties establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities as regards the strengthening of the budgetary powers of the European Parliament and the setting up of a Court of Auditors.

This Treaty was signed:

- on behalf of Belgium: by Mr Renaat VAN ESLANDE, Minister for Foreign Affairs
- on behalf of Denmark: by Mr Niels ERSBØLL, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the European Communities
- on behalf of Germany: by Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER, Minister for Foreign Affairs
- on behalf of France: by Mr Jean-Marie SOUTOU, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the European Communities
- on behalf of Ireland: by Mr Garret FITZGERALD, Minister for Foreign Affairs
- on behalf of Italy: by Mr Mariano RUMOR, Minister for Foreign Affairs
- on behalf of Luxembourg: by Mr Jean DONDELINGER, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the European Communities
- on behalf of the Netherlands: by Mr L.J. BRINKHORST, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs
- on behalf of the United Kingdom: by Sir Michael PALLISER, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the European Communities.

The Council made the following statement regarding the Treaty signed by the Governments of the Member States:

"The Council expresses its satisfaction at the signing of the Treaty giving the European Parliament wider budgetary powers and establishing a European Communities Court of Auditors. Coming as it does after the Treaty signed on 22 April 1970, this Treaty represents a further step forward in the continuously developing process envisaged by the Conference of Heads of Government held at Paris on 9-10 December 1974. The Council looks forward to harmonious co-operation with the Parliament on the basis of its new powers."

The Treaty is subject to ratification by the Member States; its main provisions may be summarized as follows:

Strengthening of the budgetary powers of the European Parliament

In order to fully appreciate the changes to be brought about in this regard, it should be remembered that at present:

- all expenditure in the draft budget forwarded by the Council to the European Parliament is classified as compulsory expenditure (necessarily resulting from the Treaty or from acts adopted in accordance therewith) or non-compulsory expenditure
- the European Parliament, acting by a majority of its members, may amend the non-compulsory expenditure. The Council, acting by a majority of its members, may subsequently modify these amendments. The Treaty which has just been signed does not make any change in this respect

- the European Parliament may propose, by an absolute majority of the votes cast, that obligatory expenditure be modified. The Council then acts on these proposals by a qualified majority.

It is on this point above all that changes are made by the Treaty:

- where a modification proposed by the Parliament does not have the effect of increasing the total amount of expenditure, owing in particular to the fact that the increase would be expressly compensated by one or more modifications correspondingly reducing expenditure, in order to overrule the position adopted by the Parliament, the Council has to reject the proposed modification acting by a qualified majority. In the absence of a decision to reject it, the proposed modification will stand as accepted;
- where a modification proposed by the Parliament has the effect of increasing the total amount of expenditure, the Council may, acting by a qualified majority, accept the proposed modification. In the absence of a decision to accept it, the proposed modification will stand as rejected;
- where, in pursuance of the preceding provisions, the Council has rejected a proposed modification, it may, acting by a qualified majority, either retain the amount shown in the draft budget or fix another amount.

From then on, the existing procedure again applies. Accordingly, the draft budget, modified or not in accordance with the aforementioned rules, is returned to the European Parliament together with an account of the Council's deliberations. After a debate, the Parliament will act, by a majority of its members and three fifths of the votes cast, on the modifications made by the Council to its amendments concerning non-obligatory expenditure. These amendments must always comply with the rule of the maximum rate, i.e. if the actual rate of increase in the draft budget established by the Council is over half the maximum rate, the Parliament may, exercising its right of amendment, further increase the total amount of that expenditure to a limit not exceeding half the maximum rate.

In the normal course of events, the Parliament would then finally adopt the budget. However, under the new provisions, it has power to reject it in toto: acting by a majority of its members and two thirds of the votes cast, it may, if there are important reasons, reject the draft budget and ask for a new draft to be submitted to it.

The new Treaty also confers on the Parliament the right, acting on a recommendation from the Council, to give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget.

Court of Auditors

The purpose of setting up a Court of Auditors is to reinforce the financial audit of Community expenditure and revenue.

The Court of Auditors will consist of nine members, chosen from among persons who belong in their respective countries to external audit bodies or who are especially qualified for this office. They will be appointed for a term of six years by the Council, acting unanimously after consulting the Assembly, and, in the general interests of the Community, will be completely independent in the performance of their duties, neither seeking nor taking instructions from any Government or from any other body.

The Court of Auditors will examine the accounts of all expenditure and revenue of the Community including that of all bodies set up by it. It will also examine whether all revenue and expenditure has been received and incurred in a lawful and regular manner and whether the financial management has been sound.

The audit of revenue shall be carried out on the basis both of the amounts established as due and the amounts actually paid; the audit of expenditure shall be carried out on the basis both of commitments undertaken and payments made. These audits may be carried out before the closure of accounts for the financial year in question. The audit shall be based on records and, if necessary, performed on the spot in the institutions of the Community and in the Member States. In the Member States the audit shall be carried out in liaison with the national audit bodies.

The Court of Auditors will draw up an annual report after the close of each financial year. It shall be forwarded to the institutions of the Community and shall be published, together with the replies of these institutions to the observations of the Court of Auditors, in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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OVERALL MEDITERRANEAN APPROACH

The Council took stock of the negotiations in progress with the Maghreb countries and agreed to adopt by means of the written procedure, on a proposal to be made by the Commission, provisions extending the present arrangements governing trade with Morocco and Tunisia for a limited period beyond 31 August 1975.

After considering the Community's relations with Malta, the Council also invited the Commission to meet the Maltese delegation and report back to it at its next meeting.

Finally, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination, in the light of the Council's discussions, of the Commission proposals concerning the development of the overall Mediterranean approach and to submit drafts in the near future for the directives to be given to the Commission concerning the various headings under which the Community intends shortly to open negotiations with the Maghreb countries.

22.VII.75

YUGOSLAVIA

The Council held an exchange of views in preparation for the next meeting of the EEC - Yugoslavia Joint Committee to be held at ministerial level on 24 July 1975 in Brussels.

RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

Following the discussions at the meeting of the European Council on 16 and 17 July 1975, the Council was asked to bring to a conclusion the discussions on the definition of a common position to be adopted by the Community and its Member States as regards raw materials and development co-operation in view of forthcoming meetings at international level to deal with relations between the industrialized countries and developing countries.

The Council reached common standpoints on all the problems before it.

The object of this common position is to enable the Community to submit proposals for a programme to be negotiated and implemented at international level although, being of course, understood that final arrangements can only be adopted during the discussions which will take place within the various international bodies and in the light of proposals submitted by the other partners.

With regard to procedure, the Council agreed to maintain - as usual - close co-ordination between the delegations in New York for the entire duration of the 7th Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Council Resolution on technological problems of nuclear safety.

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Food Aid

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

- on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Niger on the supply of skimmed milk powder (1,500 tonnes) as food aid;
- on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the supply of butteroil (300 tonnes) and flour of common wheat (5,000 tonnes of common wheat in the form of 3,311 tonnes of flour of common wheat) as emergency food aid for the populations affected by the events in Cyprus.

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Trade questions

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

- increasing the amounts of the Community tariff quotas opened for 1975 by Regulation (EEC) No 3110/74 for certain handwoven fabrics, pile and chenille made from silk or cotton, and amending the list of textile products entitled to be admitted under such quotas;
- maintaining in effect and amending the rules whereby imports into France of knitted gloves originating in the Republic of Korea are subject to import authorizations.

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Social affairs

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- the Decisions:
 - concerning the programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty;
 - on action by the Social Fund to assist people affected by employment difficulties;
- the Recommendation regarding the principle of the forty-hour week and four weeks' annual paid holidays.

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Relations with the AASM, ESTAF and the OCT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- the Decisions

- giving a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the Development Fund's operations with regard to the OCT (1st Fund) for the financial year 1971;
 - giving a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the European Development Fund's operations (1963)(2nd EDF) for the financial year 1971;
 - giving a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the European Development Fund's operations (1969)(3rd EDF) for the financial year 1971;
 - on the allocation of the amounts to be repaid by the Associated African States, Madagascar and Mauritius and the Overseas Countries and Territories on special loans;
 - on the extension of certain transitional measures in relations with certain Overseas Countries and Territories;
 - on maintaining the arrangements provided for in Articles 109(1), 114 and 119(1) of the Act of Accession;
- Regulation concerning the application of Decision No 49/75 of the EEC-AASM Association Council and Decision No 4/75 of the EEC-ESTAF Association Council on transitional measures to be applied after 31 January 1975 (period after 31 July 1975).

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EEC-GREECE
ASSOCIATION

Brussels, 29 July 1975
CEE-GR 34/75

- The Association Council -

PRESS RELEASE

The 39th meeting at Ministerial level of the EEC - Greece Association Council was held on Monday, 28 July 1975. At the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Greece, the meeting was held in Athens and was chaired by Mr Panayiotis PAPALIGOURAS, Minister for Co-ordination and Economic Planning.

The Community delegation was headed by Mr Mariano RUMOR, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Italian Republic and President in Office of the Council of the European Communities.

Also taking part in the meeting of the Association Council on behalf of the Member States were Mr Joseph VAN DER MEULEN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Communities; Mr Ivar NØRGAARD, Minister for External Economic Affairs of Denmark; Mr Hans-Jürgen WISCHNEWSKI, Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany; Mr Bernard DESTREMAU, State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, Mr Justin KEATING, Minister for Industry and Commerce of Ireland; Mr Mariano RUMOR, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; Mr Jean DONDELINGER, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the European Communities; Mr Max VAN DER STOEL, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; Mr Roy HATTERSLEY, Minister of State at Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom.

The Commission was represented by Sir Christopher SOAMES, Vice-President of the Commission.

At the beginning of the meeting, the President of the Association Council, the President in Office of the Council of the Communities and the Vice-President of the Commission expressed their profound satisfaction that the Association Council was meeting for the first time in the Greek capital in the same room in which, fourteen years previously, the Association Agreement had been signed. The meeting was taking place almost exactly one year after Greece had returned to a democratic regime.

The meeting was thus part of the process which had begun on that date and which, during the previous month, had been given concrete form in the application by Greece for accession to the European Communities.

Having reviewed the progress made in the reactivation of the Agreement, in particular since the previous Ministerial meeting on 2 December 1974, the Association Council went on to discuss the process of harmonization of the agricultural policies of Greece and the Community, and the second Financial Protocol.

As regards the first point, it was agreed that a joint examination of all the remaining problems would be undertaken at expert level by the Association Committee, in order to enable the Association Council to adopt the decisions which were essential for harmonization as rapidly as possible, priority being given to the fruit and vegetables, and wine sectors.

On the question of the second Financial Protocol, on the conclusion of which agreement has already been reached in principle, the Association Council took formal note that the Council of the Communities would in September begin studying the communication recently forwarded by the Commission, so that the Association Council would be able to discuss the matter as soon as possible, in view of the links between this matter and the harmonization of agricultural policies.

The Association Council then discussed the future of the Association in the light of Greece's application for accession and of the harmonious development of relations between the two Parties.

The Association Council also noted that the procedure laid down in the Treaties establishing the Communities had been commenced as soon as the Greek application had been received and that the Commission was already in the process of preparing the Opinion required by the Treaties.

In conclusion, the Association Council took the necessary steps to ensure that, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Athens Agreement, consultations on Community agricultural regulations would be intensified from September onwards.

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355th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 9 September 1975

President: Mr Giovanni MARCORA
Minister for Agriculture
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Albert LAVENS Minister for Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Hans Jørgen KRISTENSEN Director-General
Ministry of Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Joseph ERTL Minister for Agriculture
Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR State Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture

France:

Mr Christian BONNET Minister for Agriculture
Mr Jean-François DENIAU State Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Mark CLINTON Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA Minister for Agriculture
Mr Arcangelo LO BIANCO State Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS
Mr Albert BERCHEM

Minister for Agriculture
State Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. VAN DER STEE

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Frederick PEART

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr P.J. LARDINOIS

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10.IX.75

WINE

The Council continued its discussion of a package of measures designed to improve the wine market situation, with regard both to the present disturbance on this market and to medium and long-term problems.

AMENDMENT OF WINE REGULATIONS

At the close of its discussions the Council was able to record a number of converging views on several of the problems dealt with, particularly those concerning planting arrangements and various market support measures, along with certain more specific problems.

It instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue diligently discussions on the problems still outstanding, taking as a basis the general principles which had been worked out, and expressed the hope that an overall decision could be reached at its next meeting (29 - 30 September 1975).

PRESENT MARKET DISTURBANCES

The French delegation announced its intention to apply Article 31(2) of the basic Regulation on wine. This exceptional measure will be applied until 31 December 1975 at the latest and will involve the imposition of a tax on imports into France of table wines from Italy in order to restore balanced terms of competition, since France considers current terms to be unfavourable to her by reason of the importation of table wines at low prices as a result of monetary developments.

After formal notification of the above measure, the Commission will have to assess it in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Article.

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356th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 15 and 16 September 1975

President: Mr Mariano RUMOR,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium

Mr Renaat VAN ELSLANDE Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark

Mr Ivar NØRGAARD Minister for External Economic
Relations and Nordic Affairs

Mr Jens CHRISTENSEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Hans-Jürgen WISCHNEWSKI Minister of State,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

France

Mr Jean SAUVAGNARGUES Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Bernard DESTREMAU State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland

Mr Garret FITZGERALD Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy

Mr Mariano RUMOR Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg

Mr Jean DONDELINGER Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

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Netherlands:

Mr M. VAN DER STOEL

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr L.J. BRINKHORST

Secretary of State,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Roy HATTERSLEY

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

President

Sir Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

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PARIS DIALOGUE

The Council agreed to accept the French Government's invitation to the Community to take part on 13 October 1975 in a further preparatory meeting for the Conference between industrialized and developing countries.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue, with the aid of a high-level Working Party, its efforts to work out a joint position on the various questions to be discussed at the Conference.

16.IX.75

EEC - TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

The Council prepared the position to be adopted by the Community on the various items on the agenda for the 21st meeting of the EEC - Turkey Association Council to be held today.

16.IX.75

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOME CONVENTION

The Council heard a report by Mr CHEYSSON, Member of the Commission, on the implementation of the Lomé Convention. He drew the attention of Members of the Council to the considerable number of ACP States which had ratified the Convention and called upon Member States to make the necessary efforts to ensure that the Convention was ratified in the near future, thereby enabling it to enter into force within the next few months.

Mr CHEYSSON recalled that an application for accession to the Lomé Convention had been lodged by Sao Tomé -- Príncipe and went on to inform the Council of the intention of certain other African territories, which have recently become or are shortly due to become independent, of submitting similar applications. The Community would study, in collaboration with the ACP States, the conditions under which these applications would be examined.

Finally, Mr CHEYSSON apprised the Council of the contacts which he has had with the ACP States regarding the implementation of the Convention and stressed the positive nature of these talks.

The United Kingdom delegation then drew the Council's attention to certain difficulties which have arisen with regard to the actual level of import charges on beef and veal paid by exporters in Botswana. The Council agreed to continue its examination of the matter.

EXPORT AGREEMENTS ON CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The Council took note of a Commission recommendation that negotiations be opened with the Arab Republic of Egypt on an agreement for the supply of agricultural products. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine all aspects of this request and to report back to it, if possible in time for its meeting on 6 and 7 October next, taking due account of the opinion to be delivered by the Ministers of Agriculture.

OVERALL MEDITERRANEAN APPROACH

After hearing a Commission report on progress in the negotiations with various countries of the Mediterranean Basin, viz. Spain, Malta, Maghreb, the Council discussed certain problems outstanding. The Commission was asked to continue its effort to complete the negotiations. Discussion of the matter will be resumed at the Council meeting on 6 and 7 October.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the Commission's proposals concerning the expansion of the overall Mediterranean approach, so that it could submit a draft Directive to the Council at the earliest opportunity to enable negotiations with the Machrak countries to begin in the near future.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Decision authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between Member States and non-member countries;
- the Regulation concluding the trade co-operation agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Sri Lanka.

The Council formally approved

- the agreement between the EEC and the United Mexican States;
- the exchange of letters on transport.

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The Council approved the Co-operation Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The contracting parties will consult one another regularly on matters of mutual interest in order to harmonize their efforts as far as possible to achieve the ends defined by the Statute of the Agency and the Treaty establishing the Community, having due regard to their respective character and objectives.

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The Council, acting on a proposal from the National Union of Mineworkers, appointed Mr Joseph GORMLEY, President of the National Union of Mineworkers, and Mr Lawrence DALY, Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, members of the ECSC Consultative Committee for the period ending on 26 June 1976.

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The Council adopted the Decision appointing ten United Kingdom members of the Economic and Social Committee for the period ending on 16 September 1978.

They are:

Lord ALLEN, CBE
General Secretary, Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers

Mr David BASNETT
General Secretary, National Union of General and Municipal Workers

Mr Reginald N. BOTTINI, CBE
General Secretary, National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers

Lord BRIGINSHAW
Former General Secretary, National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel

Mr Jack L. JONES, MBE
General Secretary, Transport and General Workers' Union

Mr Terence PARRY, OBE
General Secretary, Fire Brigades Union

Mrs C. Marie PATTERSON, OBE
National Woman Officer, Transport and General
Workers' Union

Mr Lionel MURRAY, OBE
General Secretary, Trades Union Congress

Mr W.G.N. MILLER
Executive Director of Save and Prosper Limited

Mr Guy HUNTER, OBE
Overseas Development Institute.

PRESS RELEASE

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357th Council meeting

- Budget -

Brussels, 22 September 1975

President: Mr Francesco FABBRI,
Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury of
the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Gaston GEENS State Secretary for the Budget and Scientific Policy

Denmark:

Mr Jens CHRISTENSEN State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Joachim HIERLE State Secretary, Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Christian PONCELET State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance

Ireland:

Mr Michael BEGLEY Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government

Italy:

Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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Netherlands:

Mr L.J. BRINKHORST

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Joël BARNETT

Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Commission:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

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MEETING WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Before setting down to establish the draft budget for the financial year 1976, the Council, in the presence of the Commission, met a delegation from the European Parliament, led by Lord BESSBOROUGH, Vice-President, and consisting of Mr COINTAT, rapporteur, Mr AIGNER and Miss FLESCH.

This meeting enabled the President and the members of the Council not only to hear the Parliament delegation's initial political reflections on the preliminary draft budget but also to hold a frank and constructive exchange of views on a number of basic problems arising from the budget both generally and in particular, with regard to 1976, on the margin for manoeuvre granted to the European Parliament for increasing non-compulsory expenditure.

All who took part in the meeting were unanimous that the climate in which it had taken place augured well for the subsequent development of talks between the Council and the European Parliament on budget matters.

Whilst discussing the establishment of the draft 1976 budget, the Council bore in mind the worries expressed by the Parliament delegation and the main points of the discussion which followed.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET No 3

The Council examined the requests submitted by the Commission in provisional draft supplementary budget no 3 for 1975 (additional staff requested for the implementation of the Lomé Convention and decided to grant most of these requests under the draft general budget for 1976.

SUPPLEMENTARY AND RECTIFYING BUDGET No 4

The Council drew up draft supplementary and rectifying budget no 4 for 1975. The draft budget comprises an agricultural section (approximately 260 MUA) and a research section (approximately 8 MUA).

DISCUSSION OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 1976

The Council ranged over the various problems raised by the preliminary draft general budget of the Communities for 1976.

In the course of its discussions, the Council examined all the chapters of the preliminary draft budget, pinpointing those problems which remained to be solved at a forthcoming meeting.

There are four sections in the general budget corresponding to the Community Institutions: Parliament, Council, Commission and Court of Justice. Discussions centred on the draft budget for the Commission, this being the operative part of the Communities' budget.

Since the Council has to submit the draft budget to the European Parliament by 5 October 1975, it will be continuing work on this at a meeting to be held on 29 September 1975.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation concerning certain urgent measures concerning imports of certain textile products originating in the Republic of Korea.

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The Council expressed agreement with the Commission on the principle of and arrangements for participation by the Community and the Member States in the negotiation of a new International Cocoa Agreement and adopted the directives which are to govern the Commission's conduct of these negotiations.

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The Council agreed that the Triennial Convention with UNRWA on aid to refugees in countries in the Middle East should be renewed and authorized the Commission to open negotiations with UNRWA for this purpose.

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr H.K. VOS, Plv. Hoofd van de Afdeling Internationale Arbeidsmarktzaken en Emigratie, a member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training to replace Mr VESSEUR, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 30 January 1976.

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On a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr Matthew J.G. WYLIE, Director, Matthew Wylie (1972) Ltd., a member of the Economic and Social Committee for the period ending 16-September 1978.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

358th Council meeting

- Economic and Financial Questions -

Brussels, 22 September 1975

President: Mr Emilio COLOMBO,
Minister of the Treasury of
the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Willy DE CLERQ Minister for Finance
Mr Fernand HERMAN Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Per HARKKERUP Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Kurt HANSEN State Secretary,
 Ministry for Economic Affairs
Mr Erik HOFFMEYER Governor of the National Bank

Germany:

Mr Hans APEL Minister for Finance
Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
 Ministry for Economic Affairs
Mr Karl-Otto POEHL State Secretary,
 Ministry for Finance
Mr Karl KLASSEN President of the National Bank

France:

Mr Jean-Pierre FOURCADE Minister for Economic Affairs and
 Finance
Mr Bernard CLAPPIER Governor of the Bank of France

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DILLON Ambassador,
 Permanent Representative
Mr Charles MURRAY Secretary-General
 Ministry for Finance
Mr T.K. WHITAKER Governor of the Central Bank

Italy:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO	Minister for the Treasury
Mr Paolo BAFFI	Governor of the Bank of Italy

Luxembourg:

Mr Raymond VOUEL	Minister for Finance
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Netherlands:

Mr W.F. DUISENBERG	Minister for Finance
Mr J. ZIJLSTRA	President of the Bank of the Netherlands

United Kingdom:

Mr Edmund BELL	Paymaster-General
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Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI	President
Mr Wulhelm HAFERKAMP	Vice-President

Also present were:

Mr Erik HOFFMEYER	Chairman of the Committee of Governors of the Central Banks
Mr C.J. OORT	Chairman of the Monetary Committee
Mr Silvano PALUMBO	Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee on Short-term Economic and Financial Policies

COMMUNITY EXCHANGE SYSTEM

The Council took formal note of a statement by the Belgian Minister for Finance, Mr Willy DE CLERCQ, on the outcome of a meeting held today between the Finance Ministers and the Governors of the Central Banks taking part in the Community exchange system, the so-called Snake, and a Swiss delegation led by the Swiss Finance Minister and the Governor of the Swiss National Bank.

According to the statement, all the delegations taking part in the meeting agreed unanimously that, in principle, they were in favour of the Swiss franc joining the Snake. They asked the Committee of Governors to continue with all due speed their examination of certain technical problems which still had to be studied in greater depth and to report back to them on this matter at their next meeting.

The Council agreed to continue examining this item at its next meeting.

EURATOM LOANS

The Council examined certain aspects - administration of loans, problems of public guarantees and amount of the loans - of the draft Decision to empower the Commission to issue Euratom loans with a view to a Community contribution to the financing of nuclear power stations.

Following the discussion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the draft Decision and to submit a report to it for its next meeting.

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council briefly discussed the measures already taken or to be taken by the different Member States to stimulate their economies, using a report by the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee on Short-term Economic and Financial Policies as a basis.

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The next meeting of the Economics and Finance Council will be held on 17 November.

PRESS RELEASE

359th meeting of the Council
- Agriculture -
Brussels, 29 and 30 September 1975
President: Mr Giovanni MARCORA
Minister of Agriculture
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Albert LAVENS Minister for Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Paul DALSGER Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL Minister for Agriculture
Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR Secretary of State,
Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Christian BONNET Minister for Agriculture
Mr Jean-François DENIAU Secretary of State,
Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Mark CLINTON Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA Minister for Agriculture
Mr Arcangelo LO BIANCO Secretary of State,
Ministry of Agriculture

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Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS	Minister for Agriculture
Mr Albert BEECHEM	Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. VAN DER STEE	Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries
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United Kingdom:

Mr Frederick PEART	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
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Commission:

Mr P.J. LARDINOIS	Member
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ORGANIZATION OF THE SUGAR MARKET

The Council has agreed on the guidelines it intends to follow in regard to the additions to be made to the basic regulation for F.O.D. and A.C.P. sugar as well as the special measures for the 1975/76 sugar year.

The enacting terms in question will include the following main elements:

- a system of levies for the A.C.P. sugar and a system of subsidies for F.O.D. sugar will be established to equalise the conditions of competition
- a subsidy of 1.07 U.A. per 100 kg of white sugar will be granted for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1975 to F.O.D. sugar refined in a refinery located in one of the Member States of the Community
- for the period from 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1976, the levy known as the differential levy - to be paid by mixed refineries refining preferential sugar (A.C.P. and Indian) - will be fixed at 1.20 U.A. per 100 kg of sugar
- for the same period, the subsidy - known as the differential amount - for F.O.D. sugar will be fixed at 1.20 U.A. per 100 kg, under the same conditions as above
- the Commission will carry out a study during the 1975/76 sugar year of the comparative costs of the various types of refineries to ensure just conditions of competition between the pure refineries and the mixed refineries located in the Community.

These provisions will have to be given legal form so that they can be adopted at the next meeting on agriculture.

The Council laid down the following guidelines for the period after 1 July 1976 and the Commission will, in due course, submit appropriate proposals to it which will apply as from the 1976/77 sugar year:

- consideration of the various factors which influence the determination of refining margins for cane sugar in the Community so as to avoid any distortion of competition between refineries, regardless of where their raw cane sugar supplies come from;
- fixing the differential levy to be applied in 1976/77 and thereafter, taking as the main factor the results of the Commission study referred to above;
- laying down general conditions for the disposal of raw cane sugar from the French Overseas Departments, which will be such as to ensure that this sugar can in fact be disposed of in the Community without discriminating between Community undertakings and in compliance with the principle of Community preference.

Wine Sector

The Council had a wide-ranging debate on various problems concerning the amendments to be made to the basic regulation on "Wine".

This debate has not yet enabled any final agreement to be reached, but it has given the delegations which are mainly concerned the opportunity of reaching a better understanding of their respective points of view and of clarifying their own positions.

On the basis of these discussions, the Commission is now in a position to draw up an overall compromise proposal which will take into account the anxieties expressed by the delegations and will be submitted to the Council at its next meeting on 13 and 14 October 1975. The Council hopes to reach a decision on that date.

In regard to the tax applied by the French Government to imports of Italian wine, the French delegation has confirmed that it will reply within the next few days to the note sent to it by the Commission.

The Commission will examine this reply as soon as possible and will advise the Member States of its conclusions.

LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The Council held a general discussion on the conclusion of long-term contracts with non-member countries for the supply of agricultural products.

In their contributions to this debate the various delegations pointed out that the system was a useful one but that its application could have some limitations and stressed both the advantages of developing such a policy and the caution with which it should be approached.

The Council also discussed the Commission recommendation on an agreement with the Arab Republic of Egypt for the supply of agricultural products, particularly cereals, sugar, beef and veal and milk products.

The outcome of the discussion was that the Council declared itself favourably inclined to the Commission initiative and agreed to instruct the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue the technical examination of this matter in the light of today's discussions and to report to the Council at its next meeting.

THE MARKET IN HOPS

At the request of the German delegation, the Council discussed the present situation on the market in hops.

Pending receipt of the Opinion of the European Parliament on the Commission proposal, the Council noted that there was majority agreement among the delegations on the amount of aid for 1974 and a decision could therefore be taken as soon as the Parliament had given its Opinion.

MILK PRODUCTS

The Council discussed the proposal for a regulation laying down a special measure in respect of the disposal of skimmed milk powder in public stocks with a view to its export in the form of compound feeding-stuffs.

It was agreed at the close of these discussions that the Special Committee on Agriculture should be instructed to continue examination of this question to enable the Council to hold further talks on the matter at its meeting on 13/14 October.

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities;

- the Regulation laying down special rules for imports of products in the wine sector originating in certain third countries;
- the Regulations amending
 - Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit;
 - Regulation (EEC) No 2601/69 laying down special measures to encourage the processing of certain varieties of oranges;
 - Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables;
 - Regulation (EEC) No 657/75 as regards the standard quality for colza and rape seed.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision concluding the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters renewing the Agreement on Trade and Technical Co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanese Republic, of the other part.

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360th Council meeting

-- Foreign Affairs --

Luxembourg, 6 and 7 October 1975

President: Mr Mariano RUMOR,
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Italy

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

Belgium:

Mr Renaat VAN ELSLANDE Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Ivar NØRGAARD Minister for External Economic Relations and Nordic Affairs

Mr Jens CHRISTENSEN State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Hans-Jürgen WISCHNEWSKI State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

France:

Mr Jean SAUVAIGNARGUES Minister for Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr John KELLY Parliamentary Secretary

Italy:

Mr Mariano RUMOR Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA Deputy State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Marcel MART Minister for Economic Affairs

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Netherlands:

Mr M. VAN DER STOEL

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr L.J. BRINKHORST

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr James CALLAGHAN

Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Roy HATTERSLEY

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

President

Sir Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

SPAIN

The Council noted that negotiations between the EEC and Spain could not be resumed at the present time.

OVERALL MEDITERRANEAN APPROACH

The Council took stock of the negotiations with the Maghreb countries and Malta.

With regard to preparation of the Directives on the opening of negotiations with the Machrek countries, the Council discussed the main items involved on the basis of a progress report given by the Chairman of the Permanent Representatives Committee. It invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to take what ever action was needed to enable the Council to decide on this matter at its next meeting.

PORTUGAL

The Council proceeded to prepare the Community position to be adopted during the talks with the representatives of the Portuguese Government, which took place during this meeting (¹).

(¹) See joint statement issued on this occasion

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LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:
EGYPTIAN REQUESTS

After being informed of the progress made to date within the different bodies with regard to the Commission recommendation on the opening of negotiations with the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning an agreement for the supply of agricultural products, the Council had an exchange of views on the various aspects of the case.

It agreed to reconsider this case at its next meeting on the basis of a comprehensive report by the Permanent Representatives Committee.

PARIS DIALOGUE

The Council had an exchange of view in preparation for the new meeting (13 October in Paris) preliminary to the conference between industrialized and developing countries proposed by the President of the French Republic.

VARIOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between Member States and third countries.

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On a proposal by the French Government, the Council appointed Mr Robert FONTENEAU, Chef de Bureau des Conventions Internationales, as alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers, in place of Mr LEBEAU, retiring alternate member, for the remaining duration of the latter's period of office, i.e. until 28 April 1976.

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On a proposal by the French Government, the Council appointed Mrs Jeannine BARBERYE, Administrateur Civil chargée de Mission à la Délégation à l'Emploi, as member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training, in place of Mr LAPIERRE, retiring member, for the remaining duration of the latter's period of office, i.e. until 30 January 1976.

FOOD AID

The Council recorded the Community's agreement to the projects submitted by the ICRC concerning the supply of the following products for free distribution to certain needy categories of the Indian population:

- 1,000 tonnes of skimmed milk powder
- 3,534 tonnes of cereals.

To enable Pakistan to meet urgent food requirements, the Council decided to allocate to that country, as emergency aid, a quantity (over and above the 20,000 tonnes already provided for under the 1974/1975 Implementation Plan) of 4,000 tonnes of cereals to be charged to the existing reserve.

Under the Triennial Convention with UNRWA for sugar supplies, the Council decided to reimburse UNRWA for the purchase of 2,000 tonnes of sugar which, because of the market situation at the time, the Community had been unable to supply within the required period of time and of which UNRWA had stood in urgent need.

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361st meeting of the Council
- Development Co-operation -
Luxembourg, 13 October 1975

President: Mr Adolpho BATTAGLIA,
Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Josef VAN DER MEULEN Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Wilhelm ULRICHSEN Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Egon BAHR Minister for Economic Co-operation

France:

Mr Bernard DESTREMAU State Secretary to the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr John KELLY Parliamentary Secretary,
Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Adolfo BATTAGLIA Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr J.P. PRONK

Minister for Development
Co-operation

United Kingdom:

Mr Reginald PRENTICE

Minister for Overseas
Development

Commission:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

In the light of the report presented by Mr PRONK, the Netherlands Minister for Development Co-operation, who chaired the Special Committee in New York, the Council held an exchange of views on the outcome of the 7th Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on relations between the developing countries and the industrialized countries.

The following aspects were discussed in depth:

- financial and technical aid on the part of the Community to non-associated developing countries
- action to be taken to follow up the World Food Conference
 - International Agricultural Development Fund (IADF)
 - Food Aid
- implementation of the resolution on the harmonization and co-ordination of development co-operation policies within the Community.

In conclusion to their discussions the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to study these questions further, bearing in mind the points which had arisen in the course of the discussions, particular reference being paid to the question of participation in the International Agricultural Development Fund.

PRESS RELEASE

362nd Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 13 and 14 October 1975

President: Mr Giovanni MARCORA
Minister for Agriculture
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Albert LAVENS Minister for Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Joseph ERTL Minister for Agriculture

Mr Hans Jürgen ROHR State Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Christian BONNET Minister for Agriculture

Mr Jean-François DENIAU State Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Mark CLINTON Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA Minister for Agriculture

Mr Arcangelo LO BIANCO State Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS

Minister for Agriculture

Mr Albert BERCHEM

Secretary of State,
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.N. VAN DER STEE

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Frederick PEART

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Commission:

Mr P.J. LARDINOIS

Member

LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENTS

The Council held a detailed exchange of views on the long-term trade agreements to be negotiated with the Arab Republic of Egypt covering exports of agricultural products from the EEC (cereals, white sugar, beef and veal and milk products).

The discussion enabled the delegations to make known their views both on the agricultural policy in general and on technical details.

At the end of its discussions, the Council recorded that it was favourable towards the broad lines of the Commission proposals. In the light of the discussions which took place at the meeting, the Permanent Representatives Committee will prepare the decision of principle on which the Council will be asked to take a decision at its meeting on 5 and 6 November 1975.

MILK PRODUCTS

The Council recorded its agreement in principle on the Regulation laying down a special measure for the disposal, in the form of compound feedingstuffs, of skimmed milk powder from public stocks. On the basis of this Regulation approximately 80,000 metric tons of skimmed milk powder from before 1 April 1974 would be disposed of partly on the home market and partly on the foreign market.

The Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to finalize certain technical and legal aspects to enable the Council to adopt the Regulation formally at the earliest opportunity.

The Council also agreed to re-examine the question of stocks of skimmed milk powder at its meeting on 29 and 30 October 1975 on a stocktaking of the common agricultural policy.

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The Council also took formal note of two interim reports on

- the laying down of general rules for the exclusive use of butter fat and milk proteins;
- prohibiting the use of inward processing arrangements for certain milk products.

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER

In accordance with the provisions of Protocol No 18 to the Act of Accession, the Council undertook to examine during 1975 the situation regarding the exceptional arrangements for the import of New Zealand butter into the United Kingdom.

In this context the Council took formal note of a communication from the Commission and instructed the Special Commission on Agriculture to continue its study of this dossier in the light of the discussions which had taken place at this meeting.

MARKET IN APPLES

The Council took formal note of a statement from the Netherlands delegation concerning the situation on the market in apples, in which it expressed its concern regarding future developments in this sector. The Council also noted that the Commission intended to report back to it on this subject at its next meeting.

IRISH POUND AND POUND STERLING

The Council agreed in principle to the Regulation on the rate of exchange to be applied in agriculture for the Irish pound and the pound sterling. This Regulation provides for a devaluation of 5.8% in the conversion rate for the pound sterling, reducing United Kingdom monetary compensatory amounts from 11.7% to 5.1% and a devaluation of 2.22% in the rate for the Irish pound, reducing Irish monetary compensatory amounts from 5.9% to 3.5%. Monetary compensatory amounts will not apply to trade between Ireland and the United Kingdom.

The new rates will be applied from 27 October 1975 to all products for which the 1975/1976 marketing year has already begun, with the exception of:

- cereals (except common wheat) for which the date has been fixed at 3 November 1975;
- common wheat, in respect of which the new rates for the pound sterling will not take effect until 1 July 1976;
- the beef and veal sector, in respect of which the new rates will apply from 5 January 1976;
- the premium for the slaughter of certain adult bovine animals (second subparagraph of Article 1 (1) of Regulation No 464/75), the representative rates applied therein thus remaining those which were in force before 4 August 1975.

For products for which the 1975/1976 marketing year has not yet begun (wine, olive oil), application of the new rates will take place at the beginning of the marketing year, Article 2 of Regulation No 475/75 remaining applicable.

WINE

The Council took note of a statement by the Commission concerning the tax on imports of Italian wines into France.

This statement announced that the Commission had decided to open the official procedure provided for in Article 169; the French Government was invited to submit its observations on the case in point within 10 days.

The Council held a political discussion regarding the continuation of its work on the adjustment of the regulations on wine. It agreed to proceed further with this task completing it at the Council meeting on 10 and 11 November 1975.

THE MARKET IN HOPS

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of the aid to producers for the 1974 harvest; it had expressed a favourable opinion on the Regulation at its meeting on 29 and 30 September 1975.

The amounts granted for the different varieties are as follows:

<u>Varieties</u>	<u>Amount in u.a./hectare</u>
Hallertauer	400
Northern Brewer	150
Brewers Gold	150
Record	600
Hersbrucker Spät	300
Hüller Bitterer	300
Tettnanger	100
Bramling Cross	250
Progress	650
Keyworth's Midseason	500
Fuggles	700
Whitbread Golding Variety (WGV)	700
Alliance	750
Tutsham	750
Strisselspalt	600
Tardif de Bourgogne	600
Spalter	200
Goldings	100
Saaz	600

Sugar

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Resolution on 29 September 1975 on sugar;
- the Regulations
 - supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 on the common organization of the market in sugar;
 - fixing the amounts applicable to raw cane sugar from the French Overseas Departments and the differential charges on preferential raw cane sugar.

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The Council took note of the Commission report on developments in the production of and trade in sorbitol and mannitol from 1971 to 1973.

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363rd meeting of the Council

- Transport -

Luxembourg, 15 October 1975

Chairman : Mr Mario MARTINELLI,
Minister for Transport and
Civil Aviation of the
Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Josef CHABERT

Minister for Transport
and Ports and Harbours

Denmark:

Mr Jørgen HALCK

State Secretary,
Ministry of Public Works

Germany:

Mr Heinz RUHNAU

State Secretary,
Ministry of Transport

France:

Mr Marcel CAVAILLE

State Secretary
for Transport

Ireland:

Mr Dermot O'RIORDAIN

General Secretary,
Ministry for Transport
and Power

Italy:

Mr Mario MARTINELLI

Minister for Transport
and Civil Aviation

Luxembourg:

Mr Marcel MART

Minister for Economic Affairs,
Transport and Power

The Netherlands:

Mr T.E. WESTERTERP

Minister for Transport and
Water Control and Construction

Mr M.H.M. VAN HULTEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Transport,
Water Control and Construction

United Kingdom:

Mr John GILBERT

Minister of Transport

The Commission:

Mr Carlo SCARASCIA MUGNOZZA

Vice-President

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMON TRANSPORT POLICY

The Council held a general discussion of the Commission's communication concerning the development of the common transport policy in the light of the opinions of the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee.

The general discussion covered the common organization of the transport market (access to the market, tariffs, harmonization of conditions of competition), co-ordination of the field of infrastructure, (investment selection methods, harmonization of national programmes) and the implementation of the provisions regarding sea and air transport in Article 84 (2) of the Treaty. This enabled the delegations to make known their concern on these subjects and to draw attention to the importance they attached to these problems.

More specifically the discussion centred on whether work should go forward on a series of priority measures, inter alia:

- harmonization of social provisions in the transport sector;
- taxation systems for commercial road vehicles;
- weights and dimensions;
- Community quota;
- road tariffs.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the proposals on these subjects already submitted or to be submitted by the Commission. This examination should be completed sufficiently early to allow a further Council meeting on Transport to be held before the end of the current year.

SUMMERTIME

The Council held an exchange of views on the "transport" aspects of applying a summertime system in the Community.

The Council was aware that technical aspects of this question had still to be resolved and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions in this connection, with particular reference to details regarding the dates and times to be adopted for the beginning and end of "summertime" as well as the question of the territories to which this measure should apply.

INLAND NAVIGATION IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC

The Council held an exchange of views on the problems affecting inland navigation in international traffic on the basis of a Note from the Belgian delegation.

The discussion covered both the structural and short-term economic aspects of the problems involved and possible solutions. Three solutions which were favourably received by the Council were

- the introduction of a European classification certificate;
- the introduction, on a voluntary basis, of a system of basic rates;
- the introduction, if necessary, of a rota system.

Concluding its discussions, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee in the light of the present proceedings to examine the proposals which the Commission had already submitted or was to submit on this subject. It invited the Commission to take all appropriate steps to enable it to adopt as a matter of urgency as lasting solution to the serious situation now obtaining in international inland navigation.

In taking this course of action, the Council was particularly anxious to help the Belgian Government to solve its current domestic problems in inland navigation.

INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate an Agreement between the European Economic Community and third countries on the rules applicable to the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus; and
- the Decision laying down directives regarding such negotiations.

The negotiations will inter alia deal with the approximation of the rules applicable to occasional services and the simplification and standardization of the return form.

PRESS RELEASE

364th meeting of the Council

- Environment -

Luxembourg, 16 October 1975

Chairman: M. Mario PEDINI,
Minister for Scientific Research
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Karel POMA State Secretary for the Environment

Denmark:

Mr Helge NIELSON Minister for the Environment

Mr Holger LAVESEN State Secretary,
Minister of the Environment

Germany:

Mr Werner MAIHOFER Minister for the Interior

Mr Gerhart Rudolf BAUM Parliamentary State Secretary,
Ministry of the Interior

France:

Mr André JARROT Minister for the Improvement of
Living Conditions

Ireland:

Mr James TULLY Minister for Local Government

Italy:

Mr Mario PEDINI Minister for Scientific Research

Luxembourg:

Mr Joseph BARTHEL Government Commissioner for Water
Protection

Mr Paul PEETERS Deputy Permanent Representative

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Netherlands:

Mrs I. VORRINK

Minister for Health and the
Environment

Mr L.J. BRINKHORST

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Denis HOWELL

Minister of State for Sport,
Department of the Environment

Commission:

Mr Carlo SCARASCIA MUGNOZZA

Vice-President

INVENTORY OF SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Council agreed in principle to the Decision establishing a common procedure for the preparation and constant updating of an inventory of sources of information on the environment in the Community.

The inventory will comprise for each Member State a list of scientific and technical information and documentation centres and services, a list of specialist centres and independent experts and a list of current and scheduled research projects. The Commission will ensure that the information requested in the form of replies to a questionnaire is processed electronically; the results at Community level will be placed at the disposal of Member States. The Commission will also forward the appropriate information to the International Referral System (IRS) of the United Nations Environment Programme.

SECOND ACTION PROGRAMME

The Council held a policy discussion on the Commission's initial reflections on the second environmental action programme. During the discussion, the delegations stated their positions not only regarding the establishment of the second programme but also concerning progress made so far under the first programme since the second programme should supplement and follow on from the first.

The delegations' general comments related to certain basic topics such as the connection between the first and second programmes, the principle of whether to adopt a conservative approach or a more positive and comprehensive one, the definition of a longer-term policy which was more closely linked with the prospects for social and economic policy and the fixing of priorities, especially bearing in mind economic limitations and other policies, whether at Community or national level.

More specifically, certain priority aspects of the programme envisaged by the Commission were discussed

- an "impact assessment" emphasizing the preventive nature of the environmental policy;
- the control of wastage, taking into account economic and industrial implications as well as those for the protection and improvement of the environment;
- the "standstill" principle, which meant that vigilance should be exercised to ensure that the present quality of the various environments did not deteriorate;

- the connection with the Community policy regarding developing countries;
- the methods of examination provided for in the programme, in particular the distinction between quality objectives and emission standards and possibly the fixing of minimum emission standards for the Community;
- through examination of the "polluter pays" principle from the legal point of view.

At the end of its discussions the Council expressed a favourable opinion on the general outlines of the Commission's document; the Commission declared that it would draw up proposals under the second paragraph in the light of the discussions which had taken place at the meeting.

In the context of these discussions the French Minister for the Improvement of Living Conditions made a statement (entered on the agenda under another item) on behalf of the French delegation relating to the Directive on waste emanating from the titanium oxide industry. He stressed the importance which his delegation attached to a solution being found urgently to the environmental problems caused by waste emanating from this industry.

SULPHUR IN GAS OILS

The Council gave its agreement on the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels (gasoil).

This Directive falls within the scope firstly of the general programme for the removal of technical barriers to trade in industrial products and secondly of the programme of action on the environment. It will lead to the approximation of the laws in force in the Member States whilst contributing to an appreciable reduction in sulphur dioxide atmospheric pollution.

The maximum sulphur content will be restricted to 0.5% as from 1 October 1976 at the latest and 0.3% as from 1 October 1980 at the latest. For zones with low atmospheric pollution levels and those where gas oil accounts for a negligible proportion of these rates levels will be 0.8% and 0.5% respectively.

CONFERENCE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AGAINST
MARINE POLLUTION

The Council adopted the Decision concerning Community participation in the negotiation, at the Intergovernmental Meeting in Barcelona, of an outline Convention, together with Protocols, for the protection of the Mediterranean against marine pollution. It also adopted the directives to the Commission for these negotiations.

DISCHARGE OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES INTO THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT

The Council discussed in detail the main problem raised by the proposal for a Decision on the reduction of pollution caused by certain dangerous substances discharged into the aquatic environment, that is the choice to be made between introducing Community emission standards and laying down quality objectives.

The discussion enabled delegations to state their basic attitudes on the subject. The delegations also made known their views on other matters related to the proposal, inter alia the lists of dangerous substances.

In conclusion to its discussions, the Council agreed to return to this subject at its next meeting on the environment on 8 December 1975.

WATER FOR BATHING

The Council recorded its agreement on the Directive relating to pollution of sea water and fresh water for bathing (quality objectives).

The Directive establishes a series of numerical values which correspond to the physical, chemical and microbiological parameters laying down the minimum quality requirements for bathing water with a view to reducing existing pollution and to protecting such water against further deterioration.

By virtue of the Directive, Member States are required to take the necessary measures to ensure that, within 10 years, the quality of bathing water is made to conform to the limit values fixed by the Directive, it being understood that for certain parameters of the Directive "imperative", i.e. absolutely compulsory, values have been laid down as well as "target" values which the Member States must endeavour to achieve, and for other parameters, the values in either of the two categories.

The Directive also lays down rules whereby any amendments necessary for adapting the Directive to technical progress are to be made as regards the methods of analysis and the parameter values. To this end a "Management Committee" is set up. It delivers its Opinion to the Commission which may adopt the proposed measures where these are in accordance with the Committee's Opinion; where the measures envisaged are not in accordance with the Committee's Opinion, the question must be put before the Council.

The Directive applies to the bathing waters of the Member States. As regards sea waters in the vicinity of frontiers and trans-frontier waters affecting the quality of the bathing waters of another Member State, the consequences to be drawn from the common quality objectives for the bathing areas shall be determined by common accord by the riparian States concerned.

PROTECTION OF THE RHINE AGAINST CHEMICAL POLLUTION

After a brief exchange of views, the Council agreed to return to the question of Community participation in the negotiations for the conclusion of a Convention on the protection of the Rhine against chemical pollution at its meeting on 8 December 1975.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision appointing certain members of the Administrative Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training.

The following are appointed members of the abovementioned Centre for the period from 16 October 1975 to 15 October 1978:

I. Government representatives

Belgium	Mr Jean DEQUAN
Germany	Mr Horst LEMKE
Denmark	Mr O.I. MIKKELSEN
France	Mr Claude BLONDEL
Ireland	Mr John AGNEW
Italy	Dr Mario ALBERIGO
Luxembourg	Mr Nicolas ESTGEN
Netherlands	Mr J. Th. SCHELFHOUT
United Kingdom	Mr R.M. JOHNSON

II. Trade union representatives

Belgium	Mr G. SAUVAGE
Germany	Mrs Maria WEBER
Denmark	Mr Erik NIELSEN
France	Mr Raymond LEBESCOND
Ireland	Mr Fintan KENNEDY
Italy	Mr Guiseppe QUERENGHI
Luxembourg	Mr Jean REGENWETTER
Netherlands	Mr P. DAMMING
United Kingdom

III. Representatives of employers' organizations

Belgium	Mr Francis BUCHET
Germany	Mr Helmut BRUMHARD
Denmark	Mr Hans ØHRSTRØM
France	Mr Yves CORPET
Ireland	Mr A. O. LUND
Italy	Mr Vincenzo ROMANO
Luxembourg	Mr MULLER
Netherlands	Mr Jan WESTERHUYNS
United Kingdom	Mr William G. T. THORPE

The Council approved the substance of the Regulations concluding the Agreements on trade in textile products between the European Economic Community and

- the Republic of India,
- the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Regulation No 475/75 on the rate of exchange to be applied in agriculture for the Irish pound and the pound sterling ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ See the decision in principle referred to in Press Release 1183/75 (Presse 113).

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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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PRESS RELEASE

365th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 29 and 30 October 1975

President: Mr Giovanni MARCORA

Minister for Agriculture of
the Italian Republic

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS

Minister for Agriculture

Mr Albert BERCHEM

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. VAN DER STEE

Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mrs Shirley WILLIAMS

Secretary of State for Prices
and Consumer Protection

Mr Frederick PEART

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr P.J. LARDINOIS

Member

STOCKTAKING OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

On the basis of the Commission communication and in the light of a questionnaire drawn up by the ad hoc Special Committee listing the problems to be examined in the proceedings on the stocktaking of the common agricultural policy the Council held a wide-ranging and constructive discussion of all matters relating to market equilibrium, the problems of productivity and farm incomes, the unity of the market, the cost of the agricultural policy and the specific problems posed by the various agricultural products.

The discussion made it clear that two fundamentally different issues needed to be taken into consideration in this stocktaking: firstly, the question of the role and significance of the common agricultural policy in relation to the other aspects of European integration such as external relations and the general economic and social policies of the Community and, secondly, the more specific problems of organizing and managing the common agricultural policy.

The Council agreed to continue its discussions at its next meeting on 10 and 11 November. It instructed the ad hoc Special Committee to prepare for these discussions in the light of the ideas put forward at this meeting.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations on the consolidation of acts adopted in the following sectors:

- cereals
- pigmeat
- eggs
- poultrymeat
- ovalbumin and lactalbumin.

The aim of this consolidation is to remedy the difficulties which have arisen in the application of acts in the agricultural sector. The large number and complexity of these texts, spread among many different Official Journals, and the many successive amendments to them, could lead to a lack of clarity which would impede their proper application.

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The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down a special measure for the disposal of skimmed milk powder in public storage with a view to export in the form of compound animal feedingstuffs (agreed in principle on 13 and 14 October 1975).

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The Council took note of the Commission communication on the final estimates for the 1973/74 wine-growing year.

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The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on special measures for soya beans for the 1975/1976 marketing year.

This Regulation extends the current provisions for the 1975/1976 marketing year.

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Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3209/73 on the subsidy for olive oil.

This Regulation gives legal form to the decision taken by the Council, as part of the fixing of prices for 1975/1976, to maintain the arrangements currently in force in the olive oil sector.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations on the opening, allocation and administration of Community tariff quotas for 1976 for

- dried grapes in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less falling within subheading No 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff
- certain plywoods of coniferous species, falling within subheading No ex 44.15 of the Common Customs Tariff
- ferro-silicon falling within subheading No 73.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff
- ferro-silicon-manganese falling within subheading No 73.02 D of the Common Customs Tariff
- ferro-chromium containing not more than 0.10% by weight of carbon and more than 30% but not more than 90% by weight of chromium (super-refined ferro-chromium) falling within subheading No ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff
- rosin, including "brais résineux", falling within subheading No 38.08 A of the Common Customs Tariff
- unwrought lead other than bullion lead falling within subheading No 78.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff
- unwrought zinc falling within subheading No 79.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff
- raw silk (not thrown) falling within heading No 50.02 of the Common Customs Tariff
- yarn entirely of silk, other than yarn of noil or other waste silk, not put up for retail sale, falling within heading No ex 50.04 of the Common Customs Tariff
- yarn spun entirely from silk waste other than noil, not put up for retail sale, falling within heading No ex 50.05 of the Common Customs Tariff
- newsprint falling within subheading No 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff and temporarily including certain other types of paper in this quota.
- certain eels falling within subheading No ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decisions concluding the agreements between the European Economic Community and

- Japan under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
- Norway under Article XXVIII (1) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
- India under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

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On a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr Gordon Hartley SAMBROOK, Director, Personnel and Social Policy, British Steel Corporation, a member of the ECSC Consultative Committee to replace Mr HOLLOWAY, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 24 June 1976.

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The Council adopted the Decision appointing the members and alternates of the Committee of the European Social Fund.

The following have been appointed members and alternates for the period from 29 October 1975 to 28 October 1977:

1. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr O. Missotten	Mr R. Etienne	Mr P. Chevremont
Denmark	Mr H. Boserup	Mrs B. Kondrup	Mrs K. Larsen
Germany	Dr R. Miller	Dr G. Matthias	Dr K.D. Nehring
France	Mr H. Chavranski	Mr J.P. Huchon	Mr H.P. Culaud
Ireland	Mr C. O'Riordan	Mr J.A. Agnew	Mr J. Stapleton
Italy	Dott. A. Gallo	Dott. A. Cavallaro	Dott. L Cristofanelli
Luxembourg	Mr R. Schintgen	Mr G Kass	Mr E. Emringer
Netherlands	Mr W.A. Renardel de Lavalette	Mr P.B. van den Hoven	Mr J.W.S. Pabon
United Kingdom	Mr C.A. Larsen	Mrs D.M. Ellison	Mr J.D. Rimington

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr R. van Depoele	Mr A. Genot	Mr A. Colle
Denmark	Mr S. Bache Vognbjerg	Mr P. Nielsen	Mr H. Hinrich
Germany	Mrs T. Pütz	Mrs U. Engelen- Kefer	Mr E. Schupeta
France	Mr A Glorieux	Mr J. Tessier	Mr A. Faesch
Ireland	Mr D. Larkin	Mr D. Nevin	Mr D. Murphy
Italy	Dott. E. Versellino	Mr G.B. Cavazutti	Dott. A. Izzo
Luxembourg	Mr J. Castegnaro	Mr H. Dunkel	Mr A. Mirkes
Netherlands	Mr J.H. ter Horst	Mr C.N.N. Commandeur	Mr D.H. Grasman
United Kingdom	-	-	-

3. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>alternates</u>
Belgium	Mr R. Busenne	Mr D. de Norre	Mr A. Steverlynck
Denmark	Mr J. Stenbjerre	Mr P. Schade-Poulsen	Mr H.S. Christensen
Germany	Dr M. Haushofer	Dr W.D. Lindner	Mr R. Ebert
France	Mr J.J. Oechalin	Mr L. Lapierre	Mr Amis
Ireland	Mr J.F. Kearney	Mr T.A. Larkin	Mr S. Doyle
Italy	Dott. G. Randone	Dott. E. Massaccesi	Dott. G. Misserville
Luxembourg	Mr L. Jung	Mr A. Robert	Mr F. Weyler
Netherlands	Mrs Mr.C. Hak	Mr S.J.H. Huijben	Drs. J.P. de Heij
United Kingdom	Mr H.M. Morton	Mr M. Ipe	Mr J. Scates.

The Council gave the assents requested by the Commission pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty to enable it to grant a reconversion loan of

- £765,000 (\pm 1.33 MUA), entirely at a reduced rate of interest, to POLYPAC BAL Ltd., United Kingdom, to facilitate the installation in Hartlepool (Cleveland) of a manufacturing unit for pneumatic and hydraulic seals and precision rubber mouldings;
- 5 million French francs (\pm 0.79 MUA), half of which is to be at a reduced rate of interest, to JOHNS-MANVILLE DE FRANCE S.A., to facilitate the construction of two fibre glass production units and a glass furnace at Carling (Lorraine)