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PRESS RELEASE

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1126th meeting of the Council

- Internal Market -

Brussels, 1 December 1986

Presidents:

Mr Alan CLARK

Minister for Trade
of the United Kingdom

and

Lord LUCAS of CHILWORTH
Under Secretary of State,
Department of Trade and Industry
of the United Kingdom

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Denmark:

Mr Nils WILHJELM Minister for Industry

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Vasilis SARANTITIS Minister for Trade

Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES MIRA State Secretary for Relations
with the European Communities

France:

Mr Bernard BOSSON Minister with responsibility
for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Richard BRUTON Minister of State,
Department of Industry and Commerce

Italy:

Mr Fabio FABBRI Minister for the Co-ordination
of Community policies

Luxembourg:

Mr Robert GOEBBELS State Secretary for Foreign
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Netherlands:

Mr R. VAN DER LINDEN

State Secretary
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Mr A.J. EVENHUIS

State Secretary
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Portugal:

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Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

M. Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

M. Grigoris VARFIS

Member

COUNTERFEIT GOODS

The Council adopted the Regulation laying down measures to prohibit the release for free circulation of counterfeit goods. The purpose of the Regulation is to protect the owners of trade marks registered in the Member States against the importation of counterfeit goods into the Community by providing for measures (destruction, disposal outside the channels of commerce, measures to deprive importers of counterfeit goods of the commercial benefits of the transaction) to be applied at the request of the trade-mark owner to goods found to be counterfeit.

CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

The Council reached agreement on the Directive on the harmonization of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the application of the principles of good laboratory practice to be applied to the tests to be carried out inter alia on the chemical substances contained in the 6th amendment to Directive 67/548/EEC. The Directive implements agreements reached on this matter within OECD.

SELF-PROPELLED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS

The Council reached final agreement (1) on the Directive on the harmonization of the safety requirements governing the design and construction of self-propelled industrial trucks, thus ensuring the free marketing of these products throughout the Community.

This Directive covers the technical specifications to be followed by manufacturers in the interests of safety, the European Committee for Standardization being asked to draw up the requisite standards in one particular area, namely pedal layout.

(1) Two delegations gave their agreement ad referendum

ROLL OVER PROTECTION FOR NARROW-TRACK TRACTORS

The Council reached agreement on the Directive relating to roll-over protection structures mounted in front of the driver's seat on narrow-track tractors.

This Directive provides for Community-wide construction and testing requirements for these structures. It marks another step towards the ultimate goal of a total free market for tractors within the Community.

SEMI-CONDUCTORS

The Council approved in principle a Directive on the legal protection of original topographies of semiconductor products. The Directive will be formally adopted at one of the next sessions of the Council after finalization of the text.

In general terms semiconductor products, usually called semiconductor integrated circuits or chips, are small electronic devices in which an entire electronic circuit, including transistors, resistors, capacitors and their interconnections, is fabricated on to a single piece of semiconductor material. They perform electronic and related functions and are used for data processing, industrial control and a wide variety of industrial and commercial purposes. The development of semiconductor products has led to an enormous growth in the computer industry and has made possible the creation of many high-technology products, for example personal computers, hand-held calculators, word processors and digital time keeping equipment. They have also had a significant impact on other products. Today, cars, laboratory and medical equipment, communication equipment and household appliances contain semiconductor products and may thus be produced and sold at lower cost and perform more efficiently.

The design and development of new semiconductor products has, however, become increasingly costly. If the investment is insecure, because other firms can appropriate it almost without cost and then use the information to make semiconductor products to be sold in competition against the firm that made the investment, there might be serious negative effects which would lead to a slowdown in technological innovation in the semiconductor industry.

The problem of legal protection of semiconductors became especially pressing for the Member States of the European Communities when the US Congress adopted the US Semiconductor Chip Protection Act in 1984. This Act not only introduced a new form of protection for semiconductors but also provisions based on reciprocity for the protection of non-Americans.

In order to avoid the possibility of divergent legislative developments in the Community and to secure protection for EC firms on the US market the Commission submitted in January 1986 a proposal for a Council Directive for the legal protection of semiconductor products.

The Directive is based on a framework approach fixing certain basic substantive parameters as to the kind of protection to be given while leaving the Member States free to decide how best to legislate for their own territories.

The protection is achieved by conferring exclusive rights to the creator of an original topography, i.e. a layout design or, in the US terminology, a mask work, of semiconductor products. Originality exists if the topography is the result of its creator's own intellectual effort and is not commonplace in industry.

The protection applies in favour of natural persons who are nationals of or resident in a Member State and in favour of legal persons who have a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a Member State. The extension of protection to other persons will be negotiated with third States on a basis of reciprocity. There are basically two legal forms of protection to which Member States may have recourse under the Directive : without any formality from the day on which the topography is first encoded or commercially exploited (copy right approach) or subject to a registration procedure at a national Patent Office with an examination limited to compliance with formal requirements.

The content of the exclusive rights is defined in a uniform manner : it includes the right to prohibit reproduction of the topography and the commercial exploitation or the importation of semiconductor products manufactured by using the topography. The difficult question of reverse engineering, i.e. the extent to which the result of an analysis of a protected topography may be incorporated in another topography without infringing the exclusive rights, has found a solution by requiring that the additions brought into the new topography make it original within the meaning of the Directive, that is that there must be a sufficient creative effort to justify the protection.

The Directive provides for a uniform maximum duration for the exclusive rights of ten years.

The Directive approved in principle today will, together with legislation in the USA and Japan, be one of the first legislative instruments in the world in this field and will make a major contribution to the worldwide development of this new branch of Intellectual Property, in particular in view of the preparation of the new multilateral Treaty within WIPO.

The Directive must be implemented no later than by 7 November 1987 to ensure that the Member States are in a position to obtain permanent protection in the USA as it is on this date that the provisional protection for EEC firms in the US expires.

PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

The Council reached general agreement on a package of 4 Directives and a Recommendation on pharmaceutical products.

This marks a major step towards completion of the common market in medicinal products, and in particular high-technology medicinal products.

Such products will now be evaluated at EEC level. They will also benefit from significantly better protection throughout the Community, while all the necessary public health requirements will be met.

In addition, test and trial standards for medicinal products have been tightened up considerably and further harmonized.

CONSUMER CREDIT

The Council reached agreement on this important proposal which is intended to improve consumer protection in the market for credit and which has been under intensive discussion for some 2 years since the Council received the opinion of the European Parliament.

The main provisions of the Directive, as agreed, are as follows :

- the obligation to disclose all relevant information to the consumer in particular as regards the true cost of the credit. For this purpose, the Directive foresees the introduction of the annual percentage rate of charge (APR) in all Member States ;
- provisions relating to the form and terms of credit contracts and to advertisements and offers of credit ;
- rules relating to early termination of contracts and repossession of goods ;
- provisions in respect of means of payment and guarantees ;
- the concept of joint liability of the creditor and the supplier of goods/services acquired under a credit agreement under certain defined circumstances ;
- provisions relating to supervision and control of persons granting credit.

The Directive in general lays down minimal provisions only, Member States being free to introduce more stringent measures for the protection of the consumer at national level if they so wish.

FIRE SAFETY IN EXISTING HOTELS

The Council gave its agreement in principle to a Recommendation on fire safety in existing hotels.

This Recommendation is in response to the fact that:

- rules governing fire safety in hotels do not exist in all the Member States
- where they do exist they are incomplete and contained in a number of different texts
- they are not always observed
- the expansion of tourism heightens the need to protect hotel guests and staff and to inform them of the protection provided.

It is confined to existing hotels since it is in such hotels that the risks are greatest, new hotel buildings generally having to comply with very strict regulations.

The Recommendation lays down aims and means of ensuring safety in existing hotels and, for hotels which can accommodate more than 20 people, sets out recommended technical guidelines concerning escape routes, staircases, building structures, materials used in coverings and decorations, the electrical installation and heating, alarm and alerting equipment, instructions for staff, etc..

To promote the circulation of information regarding measures adopted at national level Member States will inform the Commission, which will play a central role in passing on this information.

DOZERS AND LOADERS

The Council noted that one delegation was still unable to give its agreement to the draft Directive on the limitation of noise emitted by hydraulic excavators, rope-operated excavators, dozers, loaders and excavator-loaders.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Council made considerable progress regarding the draft Decision which is intended to promote standardization in Europe on the basis of the preparation and application of standards and common technical specifications in the field of information technology and telecommunications.

The Council laid down the guidelines for the final work on this dossier and invited the Committee of Permanent Representatives to proceed on this basis in order to enable early adoption of this Decision.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS

The Council discussed the draft Directive amending Directive 77/62 on public supply contracts, as well as draft conclusions on public contracts which are intended to define the policy to be followed in this field in coming years.

On the former, the Council reached agreement in principle on a number of major issues brought forward by the Presidency. The Permanent Representatives Committee was asked to continue work on outstanding points with a view to reaching complete agreement at the next meeting of the Internal Market Council.

On the latter, the Council reached agreement on most points and the Permanent Representatives Committee was again invited to finalize the texts for adoption at the next meeting.

BORDER CONTROLS

The Council continued its examination of the draft Directive on the easing of border controls, in particular with regard to discussions with the Nordic Union, and the draft Resolution on co-operation among Member States on external frontier controls.

The Council concluded that further study was needed of the ideas arising from the draft Directive, and the parallel work relating to external frontiers, notably in the framework of the Ad hoc Group set up by Interior Ministers on 20 October 1986. It therefore instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to report further to the Council on these matters and on the Commission proposal for a mandate for discussion with the Nordic Union.

TESTING AND CERTIFICATION

The Council took note of an oral report from the Commission on the position regarding mutual recognition of testing and certification which is an essential feature of the internal market.

SIMPLE PRESSURE VESSELS

The Council took note of progress regarding the draft Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to simple pressure vessels. The Permanent Representatives Committee was asked to continue to give this matter a high priority.

COMMUNITY PATENT CONVENTION

The Council took note of a report from the Presidency concerning contacts which are taking place with certain Member States in order to find a solution to the problem of the conditions of entry into force of the Agreement on Community Patents which was installed in Luxembourg in December 1985 by the Plenipotentiaries of the 12 Member States.

The Belgian Presidency and the Commission were invited to continue contacts and to make a final report to the Council before the end of June 1987, in order to permit a decision on the convening of a final session of the Luxembourg Community Patent Conference in the first half of 1988.

ROLLING PROGRAMME

The Council took note of a progress report by the Presidency on the rolling action programme for the completion of the Internal Market.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other Internal Market Decisions

- Labelling of the noise of Domestic Appliances

The Council adopted the Directive on the labelling of the noise of domestic appliances. This Directive covers the provision of information to the consumer on the noise emitted by domestic appliances (dishwashers, vacuum cleaners, etc.), an area of considerable significance in terms of volume of trade. As well as laying down general principles, it contains harmonized provisions on how the noise level should be determined. It also lays down the statistical method for checking that what the labels say is correct.

Member States will remain free to decide individually whether or not to require the provision of information on noise levels. Where they do so, however, they are bound to follow the harmonized provisions in the Directive relating to marketing, measurement methods and checking through statistical sampling, thus avoiding the risk of technical barriers to trade to which differences in approach on these matters might give rise since the Directive demands that no Member State may refuse, prohibit or restrict the marketing of appliances on grounds relating to information or noise emitted, where such information is given in accordance with the Directive.

- Customs Union

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation concerning the abolition within the framework of the TIR Convention of customs formalities on exit from a Member State at a frontier between two Member States.

- Customs matters

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision authorizing the Commission to take part in negotiations within the Customs Co-operation Council to draw up a new temporary importation convention.

PRESS RELEASE

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1127th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 3 and 4 December 1986

President : Mr Michael JOPLING,
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
of the United Kingdom

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Lars P. GAMMELGAARD Minister for Fisheries
Mr Thomas LAURITSEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Yannis POTTAKIS Minister for Agriculture

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

France:

Mr Ambroise GUELLEC State Secretary for the Sea

Ireland:

Mr Liam KAVANAGH Minister for Fisheries, Forestry
and Tourism

Italy:

Mr Costante DEGAN Minister for Merchant Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean FEYDER

Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Portugal:

Mr Manuel OLIVEIRA GODINHO

State Secretary,
Ministry for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John GUMMER

Minister of State, Ministry of
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Mr John MACKAY

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries, Scotland

Commission:

Mr Antonio José Baptista CARDOS E CUNHA
Member

STRUCTURES

The Council reached a common position, on an indicative vote and subject to the opinion of the European Parliament, on the draft Regulation on Community measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors over the ten-year period from 1 January 1987. This proposal is intended to allow medium-term planning on a wide range of measures such as construction and modernization of the fishing fleet, adjustment of capacities, aquaculture and exploratory fishing.

The Council agreed to formally adopt this Regulation after it has received the opinion of the European Parliament and in the light of this opinion.

RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES

The Council heard a report from the Commission on relations with certain international organizations and certain third countries. In particular, the Commission reported on agreements concluded recently as well as continuing negotiations with a number of African countries and countries in the Indian Ocean.

The Council noted that agreements had been initiated recently between the Community and Norway, and between the Community, Norway and Sweden on joint stocks in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat and Greenland.


Relations with the United States concerning squid fisheries as well as relations with Eastern European Baltic states, with Canada, with Yugoslavia, and with Tunisia were also raised.

Other fisheries decision

The Council adopted the Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning an extension of the Protocol annexed to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Príncipe on fishing off the coast of Sao Tomé and Príncipe.



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

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1128th Council meeting
- Economic and Financial Affairs -
Brussels, 8 December 1986

President: Mr Nigel LAWSON
Chancellor of the Exchequer,
United Kingdom

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

Belgium:

Mr Mark EYSKENS Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Anders ANDERSEN Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Constantin SIMITIS Minister for Economic Affairs

Spain:

Mr Guillermo de la DEHESA State Secretary for Economic Affairs

France:

Mr François SCHEER Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Ireland

Mr Maurice DOYLE Secretary,
Department of Finance (Irish Rep.)

Italy

Mr Giovanni GORIA Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg

Mr Joseph WEYLAND Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Netherlands

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Minister for Finance

Portugal

Mr Miguel CADILHE

Minister for Finance

United Kingdom

Mr Nigel LAWSON

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Mr Ian STEWART

Economic Secretary,
Treasury

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS

President

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

Mr Abel MATUTES

Member

Mr Alois PFEIFFER

Member

NCI IV

In accordance with the agreement reached on 17 November 1986, the Council endorsed the essential object of the Commission proposal on NCI IV, i.e. that an amount of 1 500 MECU should be made available to small and medium-sized undertakings in the form of loans.

To this end the Council decided:

- to provide 750 MECU through NCI IV;
- to invite the European Investment Bank to provide 750 MECU from its own funds, on the understanding that the EIB's loans would have the same scope and would be made according to the same conditions as provided for in the NCI IV Decision.

In line with this agreement, the Council approved as a common position, the decision on a figure of 750 MECU for NCI IV. It decided to forward the common position to the European Parliament.

The Council has formally invited the EIB to make 750 MECU available to small and medium-sized undertakings from its own resources.

This Decision is in line with the Community policy of encouraging small and medium-sized undertakings. It makes finance available for investment projects that contribute to the industrial adjustment and the competitiveness of the Community, in particular through the application of new technologies and innovation and the rational use of energy. The projects of small enterprises will have priority.

Loans will generally be granted through the agency of financial intermediaries. In certain limited cases, however, they may be made directly to the recipients.

Whatever the procedure for granting loans, capital and interest payments may be deferred. Loans may also be used to finance intangible assets such as patents, licences, know-how and research and development expenditure directly linked to the investment concerned.

Where they are granted through the agency of a financial intermediary, that intermediary may, with the agreement of the Bank, pass the loan on to undertakings either in the form of a loan or in the form of equity capital. In both cases, the intermediary will be responsible for the service of the loan and associated risk.

MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council approved a Decision amending Decision 71/143/EEC setting up machinery for medium-term financial assistance.

This new Decision extends the validity of the existing machinery for medium-term financial assistance for two years, until 31 December 1988, and reduces by 2 000 MECU to 13 925 MECU the overall ceiling for credits which Member States could be required to grant in respect of that mechanism. This reduction corresponds exactly to the last increase in the Community's loan mechanism for support to the balance of payments of Member States, so maintaining at the same level the total amount of liabilities under these two credit facilities.

DUTY-FREE ADMISSION OF FUEL CONTAINED IN THE FUEL TANKS OF GOODS TRANSPORT VEHICLES

The Council held a discussion on the problems associated with increasing the quantities of fuel admitted free of VAT and excise duty which were contained in the tanks of goods transport vehicles.

The Council agreed to continue its examination of this matter at a later date.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR RUM FROM THE FOD

The Council took note of a communication from the French delegation concerning the preferential tax arrangements for rum from the FOD (French Overseas Departments) and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to consider this question.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF BANKS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Directive on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of banks and other financial institutions.

This Directive supplements the 4th and 7th Directives on company law (78/660/EEC and 83/349/EEC respectively) by extending to credit institutions harmonized arrangements for the presentation of balance sheets, profit and loss accounts and consolidated accounts.

The approach followed in the new Directive is to allow derogations from the principles laid down by the 4th and 7th Directives only where these are justified by the special nature of the activities of credit institutions.

In view of the differing traditions in this field in the various Member States, it was necessary to achieve a balance between the Member States which demanded the publication of very detailed information and those which agreed to the publication of information in a more condensed form.

Pending subsequent co-ordination, Member States may exercise the option of undervaluing certain assets (constitution of "concealed" reserves) where this is considered advisable having regard to the particular risks associated with banking (Article 37). However, the Member States in question must allow, as an alternative approach, the creation of an item entitled "Fund for general banking risks".

Provision is made for other options, in particular currency conversion (Article 39). (Principle: conversion of assets and liabilities at the rate in force on the balance sheet date; exception: conversion at the rate in force on the date of their acquisition).

The Member States must adopt the provisions necessary for them to comply with the Directive by 31 December 1990, since the Directive is to be implemented by 1993 at the latest.

There is provision for examination and, if necessary, revision of the Directive on a proposal from the Commission in the light of the experience acquired in implementing it, in particular as regards those Articles which allow Member States the right to derogate. The examination must take place after 1 January 1998.

TRAVELLERS' ALLOWANCES

The Council noted a statement by the Commission on the tax arrangements applicable to the channel fixed link.

The Council also noted that solutions to the immediate problems raised by Ireland and the Federal Republic of Germany at the European Council are being found.

The Council agreed to recommend for urgent consideration in capitals an amended draft Directive on travellers' allowances maintaining the existing derogation for Denmark for two further years (1987 and 1988).

Six months before the end of this two-year period, the Council will, without prejudice, take up this matter again on the basis of a report on border trade by the Commission and of such proposals as the Commission may make for the subsequent period.

ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT 1986 - 1987

The Council approved the Annual Economic Report 1986-1987. This report sets out the economic policy guidelines to be followed by the Community (in Part 1), and lays down the economic policy guidelines to be followed by the Member States (in Part 2). Formal adoption will take place after finalizing the text in the official languages.

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN GREECE

Following the Council decision, on 18 November 1985, to grant a Community loan of 1.750 MECU to Greece, the first tranche of 875 MECU was made available in the beginning of 1986.

With a view to the release of the second tranche, the Commission reported to the Council on the examination, made in collaboration with the Monetary Committee, of the evolution of the economic situation in Greece and the results obtained so far from the implementation of its economic recovery programme.

The Council took note of this report, and approved the release of the second and final tranche of the loan on the basis of the economic measures agreed with the Commission.

FOLLOW-UP TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL - FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Council noted that

- the Commission will examine urgently the implications of the European Court's recent ruling on non-life insurance, and intends to submit its opinion and any consequent proposals to the Council in March 1987 ;
- the Commission also intends to submit proposals for early action on a number of other financial services of particular importance for the effective functioning both of the internal market and of manufacturing industry ;
- in addition, the Commission intends to bring forward proposals for the next phase of the liberalization of capital movements ;
- the incoming Presidency asked that these matters be high priorities for the ECOFIN Council in 1987.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Further economic and financial decision

The Council approved a common position on the proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC/Euratom/ECSC) No 2891/77 implementing the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Communities' own resources. The Regulation will include some technical adjustments to be current provisions relating to the making available of own resources by the Member States.

Customs union

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

- concerning the customs duty to be applied to imports into the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985 from Spain or Portugal of hybrid sorghum for sowing falling with Common Customs Tariff subheading 10.07 C I;
- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of industrial products;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for frozen peas falling within subheading ex 07.02 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Sweden (1987).

Textiles - adjustment of bilateral Agreements following enlargement

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decisions on the conclusion of additional protocols to the Agreements between the European Economic Community and the following countries:

- Hungary
- Sri Lanka
- Uruguay
- Guatemala
- Egypt
- Haiti
- Peru
- Yugoslavia

on trade in textile products following the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the Community.

Appointment

On a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr P. AGRELL a member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency to replace Mr G. STEVENS, who has retired, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 28 March 1987.

PRESS RELEASE

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1129th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 8, 9 and 10 December 1986
13, 14, 15 and 16 December 1986

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Fisheries and Food
of the United Kingdom

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Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN State Secretary, Federal Ministry
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Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS Minister for Agriculture

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

France:

Mr François GUILLAUME Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH

Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO

Minister for Agriculture

Mr Arlindo CUNHA

State Secretary for Agricultural
Development

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John GUMMER

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

Lord COCKFIELD

Vice-President

After protracted negotiations lasting several days and nights, the Agriculture Council reached general agreement on important reform measures in the milk and beef and veal sectors.

The Council also adopted policy guidelines aimed at implementing by the end of February 1987 a socio-structural policy better adapted to current rural society.

The Council also adopted decisions in the agri-monetary field.

The main features of the Council's decisions are set out below:

MILK SECTOR

1. The 2% quota reduction agreed in April 1986 will remain, to be achieved by the voluntary cessation scheme with the compensation increased to 6 ECU/100 kg. Reimbursement by EAGGF of the additional 2 ECU will be made from the 1988 budget. As provided for in this decision, to the extent that this compensation is not fully spent by a Member State, it shall be available for restructuring programmes or for direct compensation to producers subject to compulsory linear reductions.
2. A further 4% reduction in production shall be achieved with effect from 1 April 1987 by a temporary linear suspension of quota, with compensation at 10 ECU/100 kg and the possibility of national topping-up to 12,5 ECU/100 kg for the year 1987/1988 (at national discretion). The 10 ECU level of compensation will be guaranteed for two years.
3. Taking account of the market and stock outlook a further 2,5% reduction for 1988/1989 shall be achieved through:
 - the further 1% quota reduction agreed in April 1986, under the same conditions as in paragraph 1 above;
 - a further 1,5% temporary suspension of quota, compensated either as in paragraph 2(a) above or by an appropriate reduction in the co-responsibility levy.

- 3a. In those Member States which, pursuant to Article 4(1) of Regulation No 857/84, now or subsequently, apply a programme of voluntary cessation of milk production, such a programme shall be carried out with a view to achieving the objectives laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 second indent, above, but without calling into question the restructuring referred to in the abovementioned Article 4(1).

Given the specific difficulties to which an immediate reduction in production in Spain would give rise, especially the very recent introduction of quota restrictions for the first time in that country, a system of partial and voluntary buying up or suspension of quotas will be established with compensation in accordance with the respective arrangements provided for above. This programme shall be carried out with a view to achieving the objectives laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 second indent, above.

At the end of the 1987/88 and 1988/89 years, the Commission will assess the results achieved in these countries and will, if necessary, make appropriate proposals to the Council.

4. Article 4a and Formula B will continue until the expiry of the current quota arrangements. The rate of supplementary levy under both Formula A and Formula B will be 100%. During 1987-1989 no changes will be made in current arrangements for transferring quotas from direct sales to deliveries.
5. At the individual producer level, production in excess of quota shall be subject to the full rate of supplementary levy after taking into account the amount of any under-quota production available for redistribution under Article 4a and Formula B. The provisions of Formula B and Article 4a will be amended accordingly. The provisions of this paragraph will apply after any reallocations have been made under Article 8 of Regulation 857/84.
- The provisions of this paragraph may be applied from 1986/1987 at the request of Member States.
6. Intervention for skimmed milk powder (SMP) shall be suspended during the period 1 September - 28 February, on the understanding that the Commission shall take adequate measures to maintain the stability of the market for SMP during this period.

7. The Council takes note that the Commission maintains its proposal (COM(86) 501) enabling it to suspend intervention for both butter and skimmed milk powder.

8. On the basis of criteria to be adopted by the Council before the end of February 1987 the Commission may, during the period of application of the current quota arrangements, modify the existing permanent intervention arrangements for butter, and for SMP during the period 1 March - 31 August by the introduction of alternative measures which would have the effect of reducing the volume of intervention purchases while at the same time safeguarding the stability of the market. These alternative measures shall apply on a Community basis and shall not lead to discrimination between Member States.

If application of the new milk arrangements disturbs the balance of supplies between dairies (undersupplying dairies which are major market suppliers, oversupplying dairies which have excessive recourse to intervention), the Commission will use the Management Committee procedure to introduce arrangements which discourage excessive recourse to intervention.

The Council, conscious now as in 1984 of the unique dependence of Ireland upon the dairy sector, requests the Commission to have special regard to the importance of intervention purchasing of butter to market stability and to returns to milk producers in that Member State and notes the Commission's intention to take full account of this in any decision taken.

The Council takes note of the Commission's intention to remove the extra delays on take-over for intervention as soon as the general rules regulation referred to above comes into effect.

9. The Community shall ensure that full credit is taken in the forthcoming international trade negotiations for the quota reductions already agreed and that full advantage is taken of the temporary suspension of quotas in negotiations aimed at ensuring that other exporters take equivalent action to achieve the stability of the world market for dairy products.

The Community will ensure a coherent approach as between its dairy policy and policies in related sectors, and as between its domestic market measures and its policies on the international market.

10. The Council notes, with approval, the firm intention of the Commission to pursue a vigorous de-stocking programme, as described in the Commission document submitted on the stabilisation of the market in milk and milk products, which provides the context within which the Council decisions have to be viewed. An appropriate financial proposal will be submitted to the Council for approval.
11. The Commission's proposal for improving the social butter scheme is also approved.
12. The Commission undertakes to study the question of the protein content of milk and milk products, particularly drinking milk. Following this study, if appropriate, a proposal will be made to the Council to harmonise the minimum protein content of such products.
13. Member States are authorised to take the necessary provisions to ensure that decreases in quota through a buying-up scheme are, as far as possible, evenly divided between regions and purchasing areas in the Member State.
14. The Council takes note of the Commission's intention to take due regard of the particular problems in the liquid milk sector in Greece.

BEEF AND VEAL

The Council decisions concern implementation of stricter discipline in intervention operations in order to ensure better control of the market in beef and veal, and the introduction of a temporary compensatory allowance.

It is therefore decided that from 6 April 1987 until 31 December 1988 the criteria which will cause the Commission to open intervention shall be

- (i) the Community average market price for the relevant intervention quality or group of qualities must be below 91% of the corresponding intervention price; and,
- (ii) the national (or where provided for the regional) average market price for the quality or group of qualities must be below 87% of the corresponding intervention price.

For each of the qualities or groups of qualities specified for intervention the buying price will be the weighted average of the market prices in the Member States (or where provided for regions) where intervention buying is operated increased by 2,5% of the intervention price; however, the buying price will not be set below the level of the highest of the average market prices in the Member States or regions where intervention buying is operating.

In this connection the Council noted the Commission's intention, should buying prices be at a level likely to trigger a downward spiral, to submit to the Management Committee appropriate proposals to bring buying prices back to the level of the thresholds for intervention.

In the case of Spain arrangements will be made so that the common buying-in scheme and price levels will also apply in that country.

In addition to the above provisions the Commission may decide measures through the Management Committee procedure if necessary in order to stabilize markets in the Community (or where provided for regions). As well as aid for private storage the measures may include provision for intervention buying in Member States or regions on terms to be decided through the Management Committee procedure.

The Council notes the Commission's intention of making proposals to the Management Committee to harmonize the intervention prices for steers and young bulls based on the classification grid.

For the period 6 April 1987 until 31 December 1988 a temporary regime of premiums will be introduced as follows:

- an increase in the EAGGF contribution to the suckler cow premium, from 15 to 25 ECU. EAGGF funding in Greece will be on the same basis as in Ireland and Northern Ireland,
- a special temporary premium payable on male animals raised to maturity up to a limit of 50 head per farm, of 25 ECU payable once in the life of the animal or at slaughter. This premium shall not be payable in Member States where a calf premium or a variable premium is payable except Ireland where an amount of 18 ECU may be paid under the same conditions. In Member States where a calf premium or a variable premium will continue to be paid, the present premium systems will remain unchanged.

From 1 January 1987 to 5 April 1987 appropriate transitional measures will be adopted to ensure continuity of the calving premium and variable premium arrangements.

SOCIO-STRUCTURAL MEASURES

The Council agreed to adopt, by 28 February 1987, a package of socio-structural measures, the objectives of which will be:

- (i) to contribute towards restoring the balance between production and market capacity;
- (ii) the maintenance of a viable agricultural community also including mountainous and less-favoured areas, whose importance within the common agricultural policy the Council wishes to emphasize;
- (iii) to emphasize the role of agriculture in protecting the environment.

The measures to be introduced cover arrangements for:

- pre-pension
- extensification (reduction in production)
- compensatory allowances
- protection of the environment.

The Council will also adopt a decision on agricultural research on the basis of Commission proposals.

AGRI-MONETARY PROBLEMS

The Council agreed to a proposal amending the conversion rates of the pound sterling, the French franc, the Portuguese escudo, the drachma and the peseta in order to reduce the monetary gap:

- in the United Kingdom by:
 - = 6 points for the beef and veal sector
 - = 3,2 points for the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector
(entry into force: 5 January 1987)

- in France by:
 - = 4,8 points for the beef and veal sector
 - = 3,185 points for the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector
(entry into force: 5 January 1987)

- in Portugal by:
 - = 6 points for the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector
(entry into force: 5 January 1987)
 - = 6 points for the socio-structural sector

- in Greece by:
 - = 14,5 points for the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector
(entry into force: 29 December 1986)

- in Spain by:
 - = 3,2 points for the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector
(entry into force: 5 January 1987).

OTHER MEASURES CONCERNING BEEF AND VEAL

The Council adopted by a qualified majority Regulations:

- opening a Community tariff quota for 1987 of 29 800 tonnes of high quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal (Hilton beef) falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff at a 20% rate of duty;
- opening a Community tariff quota for 1987 of 2 250 tonnes of frozen buffalo meat falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) 4 bb) 33 of the Common Customs Tariff at a 20% rate of duty;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for 1987 of 50 000 tonnes of frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff at a 20% rate of duty.

The allocation of the 50 000 tonnes between the Member States would be as follows:

Benelux	4 700 tonnes
Denmark	330 tonnes
France	6 580 tonnes
Germany	9 700 tonnes
Greece	2 065 tonnes
Ireland	395 tonnes
Italy	12 030 tonnes
Portugal	-
Spain	1 000 tonnes
United Kingdom	13 200 tonnes

Pending the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council also agreed to the Regulation increasing the volume of the Community tariff quota for animals of certain mountain breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II of the Common Customs Tariff. The volume is increased from 38 000 to 42 600 head of cattle to take account of the accession of Spain and Portugal.

With regard to the estimates covering young male bovine animals and meat intended for the processing industry, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue examining this matter and report back to it at its next meeting.

GRANTING OF NATIONAL AID IN THE SHEEPMEAT SECTOR

The Council authorized the French Government, under Article 93 of the Treaty, to grant certain national aid in the sheepmeat sector in areas of France which are not less-favoured areas.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE EWE PREMIUM

The Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to resume examination of this question and to report back to it in the near future.

INWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHEY

The Council agreed, by a qualified majority, to an extension of the derogation permitting the continuance of inward processing arrangements for whey until the end of the 1986/1987 marketing year.

FOODSTUFFS/PLANT HEALTH/SEEDS/VETERINARY MATTERS

- EXTRACTION SOLVENTS

This proposal for a Directive is part of the action programme for completing the internal market. Its object is to establish Community Regulations for extraction solvents used in the food-manufacturing industry.

The Council examined the various questions still outstanding and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume its proceedings in order to enable the Council to reach a conclusion at a forthcoming meeting.

- FLAVOURINGS USED IN FOODSTUFFS

The Council examined the various questions still outstanding in connection with this proposal for a Directive, the purpose of which is to establish a framework for Community legislation on flavourings used in foodstuffs. This proposal is also part of the Presidency's rolling programme for completing the internal market.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume examination of this matter with a view to enabling the Council to reach a conclusion in the near future.

- MATERIALS AND ARTICLES INTENDED TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS

The Council noted that there was agreement on the technical aspects of this proposal, which is part of the "new approach" to harmonization in the foodstuffs sector. As problems remained in connection with the institutional aspects, in particular the decision-making procedure, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume its proceedings on the question, in conjunction with the other proposals concerning the "new approach".

- ORGANISMS HARMFUL TO PLANTS OR PLANT PRODUCTS

The Council signified its unanimous agreement in principle on the Directive amending the Community system for the protection of plants or plant products against harmful organisms to take account of ecological conditions and the plant health situation obtaining in the territories of Spain and Portugal.

It will be formally adopted as soon as the texts have been finalized in the official languages of the Communities.

- MARKETING OF SEEDS AND PLANTS

The Council reached agreement on the technical content of the Directive concerning the marketing of seeds and plants, which is part of the Presidency's rolling programme for completing the internal market.

As there remained a problem concerning the legal basis, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to review the question in order to enable it to reach a conclusion in the near future.

- FRESH AND DEEP-FROZEN SEMEN OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES

After further examination of the question, the Council reached agreement on the technical content of this Directive, which is part of the Presidency's rolling programme for completing the internal market.

As there remained a problem concerning the legal basis of the Directive, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to review the matter in order to enable it to reach a conclusion at a forthcoming meeting.

- ERADICATION OF BRUCELLOSIS, TUBERCULOSIS AND LEUKOSIS IN CATTLE

Pending the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council reached agreement on the substance of the Directive providing for the introduction of a supplementary Community measure for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leukosis in cattle.

However, as there remained a problem concerning the legal basis, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume examination of the matter in order to enable it to reach a conclusion at an early date.

- ANIMAL HEALTH PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO GLANDS AND ORGANS

The Council reached agreement on the technical content of this Directive, which is part of the Presidency's rolling programme for completing the internal market.

As there remained a problem concerning the legal basis, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the matter with a view to enabling it to find a solution at a later stage.

OTHER AGRICULTURAL DECISIONS

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

- on the granting of national aid in the wine sector in Italy following the serious crisis affecting that sector as a result of the "methanol-adulterated wine" affair;
- on the conclusion of the International Agreement of 1986 on Olive Oil and Table Olives.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84 laying down general rules on the granting of aid for the production of olive oil and of aid to olive oil producer organizations. The aim of the amendment is to extend for an additional marketing year (1986/1987) the use of the existing criteria for determining the olive growers entitled to aid.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 65/66/EEC laying down specific criteria of purity for the preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption. The aim of the amendment is to introduce into the Directive specific criteria of purity for potassium acid sulphite (potassium bisulphite).

The Council noted the Commission report on the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1319/85 on the reinforcement of supervision of the application of Community rules on fruit and vegetables.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

11293/86 (Presse 200)

1130th meeting of the Council
- Research -
Brussels, 9 and 10 December 1986

President: Mr Geoffrey PATTIE

Minister of State for Industry
and Information Technology
of the United Kingdom

Luxembourg:

Mr Fernand BODEN Minister for Education

Netherlands:

Mr R.W. de KORTE Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Geoffrey PATTIE Minister of State for Industry
and Information Technology

Portugal:

Mr Eduardo R. de ARANTES State Secretary for Scientific
E OLIVEIRA Research

Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES Vice-President

EVALUATION OF COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
(1987-1991) - COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Following a preliminary discussion on the Commission communication of 24 November 1986 concerning a Community plan of action relating to the evaluation of Community R & D activities (1987-1991), the Council adopted the following resolution:

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAVING REGARD to the Treaties establishing the European Communities,

HAVING REGARD to the Council Resolution of 28 June 1983 on a Community plan of action relating to the evaluation of Community research and development programmes ⁽¹⁾,

HAVING REGARD to the communication from the Commission containing a Community plan of action relating to the evaluation of Community research and development activities,

WHEREAS evaluation is an essential component in the formulation, execution and revision of R & D programmes and enables them to be efficiently managed;

WHEREAS evaluation should constitute a key element in the implementation and management of the Framework Programme of Community activities in the field of research and technological development for the years 1987-1991;

WHEREAS the Council Resolution of 28 June 1983 called for a further communication from the Commission on the establishment of a fully operational R & D evaluation plan,

TAKES NOTE of the survey presented by the Commission on the evaluation activities of the Commission during the period 1983-1985,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 213, 9.8.1983.

AGREES with the importance attached by the Commission to the evaluation process and in particular in terms of assessing the results of Community programmes, their relevance to the Community's needs, the effectiveness of management and the use of resources and of aiding future decisions about the continuation, alteration or termination of programmes,

TAKES NOTE of the five-year Plan of Action proposed by the Commission for the evaluation of Community R & D activities and in particular:

- the intention of the Commission that the independent evaluation unit should ensure that evaluations of specific programmes are conducted according to the methods described in the Plan of Action;
- the need for the setting up of milestones and verifiable objectives for each programme;
- the intention of the Commission to spend a percentage of the funding of specific programmes on their evaluation and that this expenditure should be managed independently of the management of R & D activities;
- the intention of the Commission to present to the Council a proposal for a research programme on evaluation as soon as the Framework Programme 1987-1991 has been adopted;

RESOLVES to give further consideration to the question of evaluation and to examine in more detail the Commission communication on the subject.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND EUREKA - COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

The Council took note of the Commission's communication on the relations between the Community and EUREKA. The Council recognized the complementary nature of Community research and development programmes and EUREKA projects and the fact that, on the whole, EUREKA projects are nearer to the market place than precompetitive Community R & D activities.

The Council agreed on the importance of maximising the benefits of a complementary relationship between Community activities and EUREKA projects and of avoiding undesirable duplication. To this end, Member States, the Commission and participants in EUREKA projects and proposals could discuss any links identified with Community programmes.

The Council noted in particular the scope, on a case by case basis, for the exchange of information, for co-ordination of activities, for appropriate Community participation in particular projects, for development of standards which serve to promote from EUREKA projects and are indispensable for their commercial success and for exploiting the benefits of developments in the internal market for EUREKA projects.

The Council welcomed the practical measures of support to be provided by the Commission to the EUREKA Secretariat.

The Council intends to examine at a later stage the precise modalities of the relationship between the Community RDT programmes and EUREKA projects.

FUTURE ROLE OF THE JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE - REVISION OF THE
JRC PROGRAMME (1984 - 1987)

In the light of the report of the Panel of Senior Industrialists entitled "An Industrial View of the JRC" which it received on 5 December with the comments of the Centre's Board of Governors, the Council had a preliminary exchange of views on the future role of the JRC.

The Council reacted favourably to the report and endorsed its general conclusion that there was without a doubt a place for a Community research establishment but that its role needed to be redefined in the light in particular of the conclusions of the abovementioned report.

The Council welcomed the intention of the incoming Belgian Presidency to give it the opportunity to discuss the Commission's first ideas on the subject as early as March.

As regards the changes to be made to the JRC's research programme for 1987 the Council has not yet finalized its conclusions.

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT (1987-1991)

The Council made a full examination of the Commission's proposal concerning the framework programme for research and technological development (1987-1991) and the positions adopted by the delegations in this connection.

At the close of discussions, the Presidency and the Commission having noted that a decision on the framework programme as a whole did not appear possible in the near future, Mr NARJES, Vice-President of the Commission, orally presented to the Council a proposal for a partial decision for 1987-1989, on the understanding that a decision on the Commission proposal for the framework programme as a whole would be taken in the context of the revision which was in any case to take place in 1989.

The Council asked the Commission to put its proposal for a partial decision in writing within the next few days. The Council agreed to resume its discussions on this basis on 22 December next.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1131st meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Strasbourg, 10-11 December 1986

President: Mr. Peter Brooke
Minister of State, Treasury
United Kingdom

The official press release was unavailable. A summary of the meeting has been reproduced from the Bulletin of the European Communities, No. 12-1986

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
1131st Strasbourg 10 and 11 December	Budget	Mr Brooke	Mr Christophersen	Budgetary procedure for 1987 ¹⁰

3. Financing Community activities

Budgets

General budget

1987 budget

Second reading by Parliament

2.3.1. At its December part-session Parliament gave a second reading to the draft general budget for 1987, amended by the Council on 26 and 27 November.²

The Trialogue met for the third time on 10 December to discuss the classification of expenditure as compulsory or non-compulsory.

At a meeting on 10 and 11 December during Parliament's part-session, the Council refused to establish a new maximum rate of

increase for non-compulsory expenditure. On 11 December Parliament then voted in favour of an increase of 186.3 million ECU in appropriations for commitments and 151.1 million ECU in appropriations for payments in relation to the draft budget which the Council had adopted on second reading. According to the Council's classification of compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure, the maximum rate of increase had been reached in appropriations for commitments and Parliament's margin of manoeuvre was limited to 62 million ECU in appropriations for payments.

The draft budget voted by Parliament totals 37 601 million ECU in appropriations for commitments and 36 407 million ECU in appropriations for payments.

² Bull. EC 11-1986, point 2.3.2.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1132nd meeting of the Council

- Labour and Social Affairs -

Brussels, 11 December 1986

President: Mr. Kenneth Clarke
Minister for Employment
United Kingdom

The official press release was unavailable. A summary of the meeting has been reproduced from the Bulletin of the European Communities, No. 12-1986

Number, place and date of meeting	Subject	President	Commission	Main items of business
1132nd Brussels 11 December	Labour and social affairs	Mr Clarke	Mr Marin	Action programme for employment growth — resolution ¹¹ Health and safety at the workplace: carcinogens, benzene Combating poverty ¹¹ Social security for migrant workers ¹¹ Vocational training for young people Equal treatment for men and women ¹¹

Employment and labour market

2.1.138. On 11 December the Council approved a resolution on an action programme on employment growth in which it expresses its determination to concentrate on strengthening the cooperation between Member States in promoting new business and employment growth: more efficient labour markets, improved training for young people and adults and more help for the long-term unemployed. It further undertakes, in full agreement with the Commission, to take the decisions and measures necessary to achieve those objectives. The Council called on the Commission to present the first proposals for implementing this programme before the next Council meeting on labour and social affairs.

The resolution was formally adopted on 22 December.

Fight against poverty

2.1.149. On 11 December the Council decided to increase by 4 million ECU the 25 million ECU earmarked in the Decision of 4 December 1984⁴ so as to extend the 1985-88 poverty programme to Spain and Portugal.⁵

The Decision was formally adopted on 22 December.⁶

Equal opportunities for men and women

2.1.152. On 11 December the Council, acting on a Commission proposal,¹ adopted a Directive on the application of the principle of equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity, including agriculture, in a self-employment capacity, and on the protection of self-employed women during pregnancy and motherhood.² The Directive is designed to eliminate all provisions which are contrary to the principle of equal treatment in respect of the establishment, equipment or extension of a business or the launching or extension of any other form of self-employed activity, including financial facilities. It also provides that without prejudice to the specific conditions for access to certain activities which apply equally to both sexes, the conditions for the formation of a company between spouses may not be more restrictive than the conditions for the formation of a company between persons who are not married to each other.

The Directive also contains provisions on social protection and encouraging the recognition of work by spouses who do not have the status of self-employed workers. Lastly, it broaches the question of protection for self-employed workers or the wives of self-employed workers during pregnancy and motherhood.

Social security for migrant workers

2.1.156. On 11 December the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission,⁴ adopted a Regulation⁵ amending Regulations (EEC) Nos 1408/71⁶ and 574/72⁷ on social security for migrant workers, in order to regulate the position of persons who are simultaneously in paid employment and self-employed in two or more Member States.

¹ OJ C 113, 27.4.1984; Bull. EC 3-1984, point 2.1.76.

² OJ L 359, 19.12.1986.

³ Bull. EC 5-1986, point 2.1.50.

⁴ OJ C 103, 30.4.1986; Bull. EC 4-1986, point 2.1.70.

⁵ OJ L 355, 16.12.1986.

⁶ OJ L 149, 5.7.1971.

⁷ OJ L 74, 27.3.1972.

PRESS RELEASE

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1133rd meeting of the Council

- Transport -

Brussels, 15/16 December 1986

President : Mr John MOORE
Minister for Transport
of the United Kingdom

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 19 December 1986
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to the 1133rd meeting of the Council
- Transport -
Brussels, 15/16 December 1986

Page 6, INFRASTRUCTURE : please read 1st paragraph as follows:

"The Council agreed ⁽¹⁾ on a Regulation enabling the allocation of 90 MECU from the 1985 Budget for infrastructure projects in a number of Member States as follows:"

Page II: please read penultimate paragraph as follows:

"The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution on the strengthening of Community action in favour of the environment (see Press Communication 10656/86 (Presse 182 - Environment - 24/25 November 1986))."

Italy:

Mr Claudio SIGNORILE

Minister for Transport

Mr Constante DEGAN

Minister for Merchant Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Marcel SCHLECHTER

Minister for Transport, Public Works and Energy

Netherlands:

Mrs N. SMIT-KROES

Minister for Transport and Public Works

Portugal:

Mr Oliveira MARTINS

Minister for Public Works, Transport and Communications

United Kingdom:

Mr John MOORE

Minister for Transport

Mr Michael SPICER

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Transport

Lord BRABAZON of TARA

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Transport

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For the Commission :

Mr Stanley CLINTON DAVIS

Member

Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

Member

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AIR TRANSPORT

At the conclusion of the discussion on the package of measures to promote increased competition in intra-community air services, the President summed up as follows :

"On capacity, we can all, in the context of an overall package, now subscribe to the conclusions reached in November (¹), subject to the concern of one Member State about matching provisions.

On multiple designation, we confirm our conclusions of November in relation to multiple designation on a country-pair basis, and there are now eleven Member States who can accept multiple designation between city-pairs linking hub airports, subject to an appropriate frequency threshold.

The conclusions of the Council regarding provisions to open up routes between hub and regional airports, and on a combination of points, remain unchanged.

On fares conditions, I was encouraged to find significant progress. In the discount zone, seven States can support the Presidency's new proposal; the other five States are prepared to see the adoption of off-peak fares with advance purchase conditions as an alternative to the minimum stay in this zone.

(¹) (This would mean that:

- there should be a minimum capacity sharing range of 55:45 in the first two years;
- the results of this flexibility will be reviewed by the Commission after 18 months at the request of any Member State which believes that it has led to serious financial damage for its carrier(s) ; the Commission will report the conclusions of any such review to the Council within two months;
- in the third year the range will be widened to 60:40 unless the Council decides otherwise.)

In the deep-discount zone, again there are seven States who can support the Presidency's new proposal, subject in one case to further examination of the additional conditions. Three of the other Member States are prepared to allow an age condition to take the place of the minimum stay requirement. Only two Member States still insist on a mandatory minimum stay requirement.

The Commission made clear to us their view that exemptions from the competition rules would not be justified if the Council insisted on additional constraints beyond those set out in the Presidency's paper."

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION ON ACCESS TO THE MARKET FOR THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY ROAD BETWEEN MEMBER STATES

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the proposal for a 40% increase in the Community quota for 1987, and in so doing to review the proposed method of allocating authorizations amongst Member States, in order to enable a decision to be taken at the meeting of the Council on 24 March 1987.

The Council further agreed to maintain the allocation of the increases in the Community quota for 1987 as laid down in Commission Decision 86/491/EEC whilst adding an extra 60 authorizations to those allocated to Belgium as an advance on the further increases in authorizations for 1987 which would follow from adoption of the above proposal.

The new total of 2009 extra authorizations will be allocated as follows:

Belgium	161	Ireland	54
Denmark	114	Italy	295
Germany	329	Luxembourg	60
Greece	60	Netherlands	336
Spain	156	Portugal	76
France	281	United Kingdom	87

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Commission agreed (¹) on a Regulation enabling the allocation of 90 MECU from the 1985 Budget for infrastructure projects in a number of Member States as follows :

I. Transit routes

1. Italy

Improvement of the Brenner Railway line at Bolzano

2. France

Construction of the tunnel of Chavants on the road access to the Mont Blanc tunnel

3. Germany (Federal Republic)

Increase of capacity on the Aachen-Köln motorway in the region of Köln

4. United Kingdom

Construction of a by-pass at Braintree on the A 120 road towards the East Coast ports

II. Major corridors

1. Belgium-Netherlands

Works to complete the Bergen-op-Zoom/Antwerp motorway

2. United Kingdom

Completion of the M 20 motorway between Ashford and Maidstone on the approaches to the Channel Ports and the planned Channel Tunnel

3. Denmark

Electrification and improvements to the railway line Ringsted-Rungsted on the transit route through Zeeland to/from Sweden

(¹) The UK delegation has maintained a Parliamentary scrutiny reservation.

III. Peripheral Regions

1. Greece

Improvements to the main road between the Peloponnese and the Yugoslavian frontier :

- Section Inofita-Schimatari
- Section Ritsona-Thivai
- Section Solomos-Nemea

2. Greece

Improvements to the principal Athens-Salonica-Idomeni (frontier) railway line :

- Sfingas-Aliartos (doubling track)
- Tithoria-Domokos-Larissa (doubling track)
- Salonica-Idomeni (re-alignment)

3. Ireland

Construction of the Dunleer by-pass on the main north-south road (Dublin-Belfast)

4. France

Improvement to the Toulouse-Barcelona road in the region of Pensaguel-Le Vernet

5. France

Increase of capacity and safety on the railway line Bayonne-Hendaye

6. Spain

Construction of the Tordesillas by-pass on the Irun-Portugal main road (N620 - E82)

7. Portugal

Improvement of the Paredes-Penafiel section of the road from Oporto to the Spanish frontier

IV. Other projects

1. Belgium

Works in association with the construction of a new loading ramp for vehicles in the port of Ostend

2. Italy-Germany

Preparatory studies and works on the project for the improvement of the Brenner route through Austria

POLICIES AFFECTING RAILWAY FINANCES

1. The Council noted agreement on the following principles :
 - a) Railway undertakings should operate within a framework of fair competition amongst all modes of transport;
 - b) Railway undertakings should have genuine management autonomy, within the framework of general requirements of the owners, to allow them to manage their own businesses in accordance with commercial principles, having regard to any public service obligations imposed on them;
 - c) Railways should be managed in an efficient and business-like manner with due regard to market conditions;
 - d) The financial performance of the railways should be transparent;
 - e) Railways should not benefit from financial support from the state (Aids/Compensation/Grants) except where this is permitted and envisaged under EC Regulations 1191/69, 1192/69 and 1107/70 as last amended by Regulation 1658/82;
 - f) Policy towards railways within the Community should aim at a reduction over the longer term of the financial burden on Member States. Actions to improve the efficiency and yield of railway undertakings and reduce the general requirement for government support should be promoted.

2. Where these principles are not already implemented, action needs to be taken in the following fields :
 - a) Elimination of any differences between railways and other modes of transport in the treatment of infrastructure costs insofar as these distort competition ;

- b) Establishment of an adequate framework for corporate planning, financial discipline and compensation within railway services subject to public service obligations. Approaches to be examined should include the use of contracts ;
 - c) Limitation of the burden of servicing the historic debt of railway undertakings.
 - d) Ensuring that adequate discipline is exercised over the covering of railway deficits.
3. Having in mind the Commission's proposals for a Council decision amending Decision 75/327/EEC of 20 May 1975 on the improvement of the situation of railway undertakings and the harmonization of rules governing financial relations between such undertakings and States, and for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation 1107/70 on the granting of aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway, as last amended by Regulation 1658/82, and in accordance with the principles stated in paragraph 1, the next stage in developing community railway policy should be to establish general rules in the areas referred to in paragraph 2, on the basis of Commission proposals.

Uniform application of these rules may entail different methods of detailed implementation in some cases, so long as any variation in the methods is in conformity with the principles set out in paragraph 1 and Community law.

MARITIME TRANSPORT

The Council made considerable progress and reached agreement on four of the five Regulations before it in the maritime transport sector. These agreements, which mark an important step towards the attainment of the single internal market, concern in particular:

- Freedom to provide services

Restrictions on freedom to provide maritime transport services between Member States and between Member States and third countries will be progressively phased out according to the following timetable:

- carriage between Member States by vessels flying the flag of a Member State: 31 December 1989
- carriage between Member States and third countries by vessels flying the flag of a Member State: 31 December 1991
- carriage between Member States and between Member States and third countries in other vessels: 1 January 1993.

The Regulation also provides for the phasing out, or adjustment in accordance with Community legislation, of cargo-sharing arrangements contained in Member States' bilateral agreements with third countries. It prohibits the inclusion of such arrangements in any future agreements with third countries except in defined exceptional circumstances.

- Co-ordinated action to safeguard free access to ocean trades

This Regulation provides for co-ordinated action by Member States when action by a third country or by its agents restricts or threatens to restrict free access by shipping companies of Member States, or by ships registered in a Member State in accordance with its legislation, to the transport of:

- = liner cargoes in Code trades, except where such action is taken in accordance with the United Nations Convention on a code of Conduct for Liner Conferences;
- = liner cargoes in non-Code trades;
- = bulk cargoes an any other cargo on tramp services;
- = passengers;
- = persons or goods to or between offshore installations.

- Unfair pricing practices

This Regulation provides for the application of a redressive duty when an unfair pricing practice by a third country shipowner engaged in international cargo liner shipping causes serious disruption of the freight pattern on a particular route, to, from or within the Community, if that practice causes major injury to Community shipowners operating on the route and to Community interests.

- Application of the competition rules to the maritime transport sector

This Regulation lays down detailed rules for the application of Articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty to international maritime transport services to or from Community ports, other than tramp vessel services.

It provides in particular for group exemptions for conference agreements concerning the operation of scheduled maritime transport services, subject to certain conditions and to the fulfilment of certain obligations.

It provides also that the prohibition in Article 85(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to certain types of technical agreements, decisions and converted practices whose sole object and effect is to achieve technical improvements or co-operation.

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The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue work on a fifth Regulation on freedom to provide services within Member States (cabotage and off-shore supply services) with a view to its early adoption.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other transport decisions

The Council adopted the following conclusions concerning transparency of financial relations between the ports sector and public authorities:

Having regard to the Commission's memorandum on progress towards a common transport policy in the field of maritime transport, and in particular, to the references to ports issues therein;

Noting the regular process of consultation between the Commission and representatives of the ports authorities and that useful research work has been undertaken within the framework of such consultations:

1. Takes note with approval of the intention of the Commission to continue its work on financial relations between the ports sector and the public authorities concerned with a view to making them more transparent and accounts more comparable, and
2. Invites the Commission to make a report to the Council not later than 31 December 1987.

The Council also adopted the Directive amending Directive 83/643/EEC on the facilitation of physical inspections and administrative formalities in respect of the carriage of goods between Member States ⁽¹⁾. The aim of the Directive is to move one step closer towards abolition of inspections and formalities at the Community's internal frontiers on the way towards completion of the internal market planned for 1992.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Communication 7702/86 Presse 96 - Transport - 18/19 June 1986

This Directive provides for the following improvements to the 1983 Directive:

- the possibility of adjusting the minimum opening hours of customs offices at airports in the light of traffic flow;
- the introduction of a procedure for informing the national and Community authorities of problems when crossing frontiers;
- the possibility of delegating to the authorities represented at customs offices the power to carry out certain summary inspection tasks when the authorities responsible are not available;
- the payment of the sums due on accomplishment of inspections and formalities by means of guaranteed or certified international cheques expressed in the currency of the Member State concerned.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision extending until 31 December 1988 the collection of information concerning the activities of carriers participating in cargo liner traffic in certain areas of operation.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the strengthening of Community action in favour of the environment (see Press Communication 10656/86 Presse 182 - Environment - 24/25 November 1986).

Consumer protection

The Council adopted a Resolution on the integration of consumer policy in the other common policies (See Press Communication 10968/86 Presse 190 - Internal Market - 1 December 1986).

PRESS RELEASE

11297/86 (Presse 204)

1134th meeting of the Council
- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 15 and 16 December 1986

President: Sir Geoffrey HOWE,
Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs
of the United Kingdom

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for Foreign Relations

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMAN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Lutz STAVENTHAGEN Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES State Secretary for Relations with the European Communities

France:

Mr Jean-Bernard RAIMOND Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Michel NOIR Minister responsible, to the Minister for Economic Affairs, Finance and Privatization, for External Trade

Mr Bernard BOSSON Minister responsible for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr George BIRMINGHAM State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, with special responsibility for European Affairs and Development Co-operation.

Italy:

Mr Guilio ANDREOTTI Minister for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. VAN DEN BROEK Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mrs Y. VAN ROOY Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr P.R.H.M. VAN DER LINDEN State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Victor MARTINS State Secretary for European Integration

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Mrs Lynda CHALKER Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Christopher PATTEN Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, responsible for overseas Development.

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI Vice-President
Mr Manuel MARIN Vice-President
Mr Clause CHEYSSON Member
Mr Willy DE CLERCQ Member

APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE COMMISSION

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States adopted two Decisions renewing the appointment of:

Mr Jacques DELORS,
as President

and of

Mr Franciscus H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN
Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN
Lord COCKFIELD
Mr Manuel MARIN GONZALES
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES
Mr Lorenzo NATALI,
as Vice-Presidents

of the Commission for the period 6 January 1987 to 5 January 1989 inclusive.

RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA

The Council adopted the Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate a trade and commercial and economic co-operation agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania.

COMMUNITY-UNITED STATES RELATIONS: COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

The Council:

- noted the Commission report on the EC/US talks held on 10 to 14 December and regretted that these talks did not result in an agreed solution to the Article XXIV.6 negotiations;
- re-emphasized its desire to bring the Article XXIV.6 negotiations to an early and agreed conclusion and endorsed the Commission's proposal to the US that a further month be set aside to achieve this objective;
- endorsed the Commission's assessment that the present US demands are unjustifiable;
- invited the Commission to continue the negotiations with a view to reaching a settlement by 31 January 1987 on a realistic and equitable basis taking account of all aspects of the question;
- confirmed that, in the event that unilateral measures are introduced by the US, the EC will take the equivalent action to defend its interests, as agreed at the Foreign Affairs Councils in April and June 1986;
- agreed to revert to this question at the Foreign Affairs Council on 26 January.

EEC-CANADA RELATIONS - CONCLUSIONS

1. The Council heard a report by Commissioner DE CLERCQ on the current state of EC/Canada relations, in the light of the recent high-level meeting.
2. It noted with regret that little progress had been made on a broad range of bilateral issues (some of long standing) affecting EC exports to Canada.
3. It expressed concern that, if these issues were not rapidly resolved, there could be a deterioration in the normally very good relations between the EC and Canada.
4. It invited the Commission to continue to pursue these matters vigorously and firmly with Canada, both bilaterally and, where appropriate, in the GATT.
5. On the specific issue of pasta, it reaffirmed its conclusions of November; invited the Commission to continue to press Canada to drop the countervailing duties; and warned again that a serious situation would arise in EC/Canada relations if the countervailing duties were not withdrawn.
6. The President of the Council together with the Commission will ensure that the Canadian authorities are informed of these conclusions.

INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

With a view to the forthcoming entry into force of the Single Act, the Council examined certain institutional questions concerning, on the one hand, the initiation of a vote within the Council and, on the other hand, the details of the exercise of the executive powers conferred on the Commission.

As regards the first question, the Council agreed to amend its Rules of Procedure to provide that henceforth a vote may be taken in the Council not only on the initiative of its President but also at the request of a delegation or of the Commission provided that a simple majority of Council Members is in favour. Members of the Council will be informed of the possibility of a vote on a subject two weeks before the Council meeting in question.

The Council discussed the second matter and delegations were able to state their positions on a number of key issues. The Council noted that there was consensus on many points.

The Council concluded by instructing the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue preparing this matter so that the Belgian Presidency could add it to the Council agenda at the earliest opportunity.

FOOD AID POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

The Council held a conciliation meeting with a European Parliament delegation on the new Regulation on food aid policy and management.

The European Parliament delegation was led by Lady ELLES, Vice-President, and comprised, for the Committee on Development and Co-operation, Mrs FOCKE, Chairwoman, Mr BERSANI, Vice-Chairman, Mr JACKSON, Member and Mr CAMPINOS, Rapporteur. It also included Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS and Mr Fernand HERMAN, Vice-Chairman and member of the Committee on Budgets respectively, and Mr AIGNER, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control.

The meeting enabled both parties to bring their positions materially closer together and to bring the conciliation to a successful conclusion. It was agreed that the Commission would decide on the total quantities of food aid after having obtained the opinion of the Food Aid Committee. As regards the nature of that Committee, the Council agreed to review the question before the end of 1987 in the light of the decision on the Commission's management powers ("committology"). Accordingly the Regulation in question will have an initial period of validity of one year.

The Regulation will be formally adopted, after legal finalization of the texts, at the Council meeting on 22 December next.

SYSTEM FOR COMPENSATING NON-ACP LLDCs FOR LOSSES OF EXPORT EARNINGS

The Council again examined the Commission's proposals for the implementation of the above system. It will resume that examination at its meeting in January 1987.

AID TO LATIN AMERICAN AND ASIAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Council discussed the Commission's proposal for a Decision concerning the general guidelines for 1987 for financial and technical aid to Latin American and Asian developing countries.

It concluded its discussion by instructing the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the matter so that the Council could take an early decision once it had received the European Parliament's Opinion.

RELATIONS WITH CYPRUS

The Council prepared the Community position for the 11th meeting of the EEC-Cyprus Association Council at Ministerial level held on the morning of Tuesday 16 December (see joint press release, reference CEE-CY 702/86).

ERASMUS PROGRAMME

The Council took note of a statement by Vice-President MARIN on the proposal for a European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students (Erasmus) that the Commission had decided to submit to the Council.

The President recalled that the Council meeting on Education had instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the matter and that the Presidency's compromise proposal was still on the table.

In its capacity as the next holder of the Presidency, the Belgian delegation said it intended to continue examining this matter so that a decision could be taken as soon as possible.

ECSC: SOCIAL ASPECTS

At the Commission's request the Council again examined the problems arising in connection with the Commission proposals on contributions to the ECSC budget to be borne by the general budget of the Communities to finance measures connected with the restructuring of the coal and steel industries.

The President concluded the discussion by noting that at that stage no agreement appeared to be possible in the Council on the matter. The Council was, however, aware of the problems resulting from the restructuring of the coal and steel industries and invited the Commission to take account of them when preparing its future proposals concerning the role of the Structural Funds.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Scheme of generalized preferences for 1987

Further to the substantive decision taken on 24 November on the scheme of generalized preferences for 1987 the Council adopted the Régulations applying for 1987 the generalized preferences for

- industrial products,
- textiles products,
- agricultural products,

and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the ECSC adopted the Decision applying the generalized preferences for

- iron and steel products

originating in developing countries.

Iron and steel: external aspects 1987

The Council adopted negotiating directives for the Commission with a view to the renewal for 1987 of the arrangements with a number of non-member countries on iron and steel matters.

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on imports of rice of the long-grain aromatic Basmati variety falling within subheading ex 10.06 B I and II of the Common Customs Tariff (application of a reduced levy - 75% - to an annual quantity of 10 000 tonnes from 1 January 1987 to 30 June 1991).

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of plain paper photocopiers originating in Japan.

Relations with Malta

The Council approved on the part of the Community the Decision by the EEC-Malta Association Council extending for 2 years the derogation from the rules of origin for intermediate-frequency transformers and adopted the relevant Community implementing Regulation.

Relations with the Mediterranean countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a first series of Regulations on Community tariff quotas and ceilings for imports of certain products originating in various Mediterranean countries (1987), namely:

- Morocco, Tunisia and Israel: apricot pulp (subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) of the CCT)
- Malta : ceilings for certain textile products
- Yugoslavia : "Sljivovica" potable spirits of plums (subheadings ex 22.09 C IV a) of the CCT)
certain tobaccos (subheading ex 24.01 B of the CCT).

Customs union

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

- autonomous Community tariff quotas for coffee, unroasted and not freed of caffeine, and cocoa beans, whole or broken, falling within subheading and heading 09.01 A I a) and 18.01 of the Common Customs Tariff;
- Community tariff quotas for certain petroleum products falling within Chapter 27 of the Common Customs Tariff, refined in Spain (1987);
- Community tariff quotas for other woven fabrics of cotton falling within heading No 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1987);

- Community tariff quotas for certain polyethylene terephthalate sheets falling within subheading ex 39.01 C III a) of the Common Customs Tariff;
- Community tariff quotas for a certain variety of polyvinylpyrrolidone falling within subheading ex 39.02 C XIV a) of the Common Customs Tariff;
- Community tariff quotas for certain magnesium grades falling within subheading ex 77.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff;
- Community tariff quotas for fillets of cod falling within subheading 03.02 A II a) of the Common Customs Tariff (1987);
- Community tariff quotas for certain prepared or preserved fish falling within subheading ex 16.04 G II of the Common Customs Tariff (1987) originating in Norway;
- Community tariff quotas for rosin, including "brais résineux", falling within subheading 38.08 A of the Common Customs Tariff (1987).

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decisions introducing a Community financial measure for the eradication of African swine fever in Spain and Portugal. By this measure the Community is extending its financial support to enable the action undertaken with Community help for the elimination of this disease to be continued in the Iberian Peninsula (see press release 10484/86 (Presse 174) - Agriculture Council - 17 and 18 November 1986).

Semi-conductor products

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the legal protection of topographies of semi-conductor products (see press release 10968/86 (Presse 190) - Internal Market Council - 1 December 1986).

Appointments

The Council adopted the decision appointing the following members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee for Veterinary Training:

A. Experts from the practising profession

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternate members</u>
Belgium	Mr Pierre RONSSSE	Mr Hervé MARION
Denmark	Mr Svend JOHANSEN	Mr H. Leth PETERSEN
Germany	Mr H. HAGENLOCHER	Mr G. GERWECK
Greece	-	-
Spain	Mr Francisco OROZCO GONZALEZ	Mr Miguel RUIZ PEREZ
France	Mr Marc LIBERSA	Mr Christian DUMON
Ireland	Mr Brendan T. FARRELLY	Mr Fintan COONEY
Italy	Mr Aldo ROGHETO	Mr Porfirio DI BELLA
Luxembourg	Mr Arthur BESCH	Mr Albert HUBERTY
Netherlands	Mr H.A. van RIESSEN	Mr M. BOSMAN
Portugal	-	-
United Kingdom	Mr I.B. HUGHES	Mr R.A. WICKHAM

B. Experts from the Veterinary Science teaching institutions

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternate members</u>
Belgium	Mr Louis POUPLARD	Mr Michiel DEBACKERE
Denmark	Mr P. WILLEBERG	Mr N. HESSELHOLT
Germany	Mr M. STÖBER	Mr E. SCHOLL
Greece	Mr Botiris LEONIDIS	
Spain	Mr Miguel CORDERO DEL CAMPILLO	Mr Guillermo SUAREZ MARTINEZ
France	Mr Bernard TOMA	Mr Michel FONTAINE
Ireland	Mr John HANNAN	Mr Patrick J. QUINN
Italy	Mr Armando GOBETTO	Mr Aldo ROMAGNOLI
Luxembourg	Mr Frank WOLFF	Mr Joseph KREMER
Netherlands	Mr A. RIJNBERK	Mr G.H. HUISMAN
Portugal	-	-
United Kingdom	Mr A.O. BETTS	Mr A. IGGO

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternate members</u>
Belgium	Mr Luc LENGELE	Mr Emile VAN ASSCHE
Denmark	Mr E. STOUGAARD	Mr E. Malling OLSEN
Germany	Mr F. HEUNER	Mr H.L. SCHLEGEL
Greece	-	-
Spain	Mr Laureano OTERO GONZALEZ	Mr Javier PANIAGUA ARELLANO
France	Mr Yves SOYEUX	Mr Pierre RANCIEN
Ireland	Mr John J. VAUGHAN	Mr Traolach O'NUALLAIN
Italy	Mr Luigi SENTINELLI	Mr Bergio PAPALIA
Luxembourg	Mr Raymond FRISCH	Mr Fernand KONS
Netherlands	Mr P.C. de RUITER	Mr J. STAMAN
Portugal	-	-
United Kingdom	Mr A.R.W. PORTER	Mr A. STEELE-BODGER

The Council also adopted the Decision appointing the following members and alternates of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners:

A. Experts from the practising profession

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Belgium	Mr Christian CAUCHIE	Mr Roland BULLENS
Denmark	Mr Claus MUNCK	Ms Ilse SCHLUTER
Germany	Mr Horst SEBASTIAN	Mr Heribert POHL
Greece	Mr Dimitrios DHAMOULIS	Mr Angelos ANGELOPOULOS
Spain	Mr Ignacio GALLASTEGUI ITURBE	Mr José MUNICIO TORRES
France	Dr Jean JARDINE	Dr Eugène SAINT EVE
Italy	Mr Vincenzo NADALINI	Mr Fede LATRONICO
Ireland	-	-
Luxembourg	Mr Jean-Paul LANG	Mr Robert PHILLIPPART
Netherlands	Mr J.R.O. BACKER	Prof. W.A.M. v/d KWAST
Portugal	Mr Manuel Clarimundo Emílio	Mr João Fernando Costa Carvalho
United Kingdom	Mr Kenneth R. RAY	Mr Norman WHITEHOUSE

B. Experts from the dental teaching institutions

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Belgium	Mr Michel BOSSUYT	Mr Jacques KOHL
Denmark	Mr Erik HJØRTING-HANSEN	Mr Steen Børglum JENSEN
Germany	Mr Adolf KRÖNCKE	Mr Rudolf VOSS
Greece	Mr Fotis MITSIS	Mr Georgios ZAMBELIS
Spain	Mr Manuel LOPEZ LOPEZ	Mr Juan Pedro MORENO
France	Prof. FRANCK	Prof. ZATARA
Italy	Mr Guido CRIPPAUDO	Mr Georgio BOREA
Ireland	-	-
Luxembourg	Mr Pierre SCHAFFNER	Mr Jos SCHWICKERATH
Netherlands	Prof. T. PILOT	Prof. K.G.G. KÖNIG
Portugal	Mr Armando Simões dos Santos	Mr Fernando José Brandão Martins Pires
United Kingdom	Mr W.M. OLIVER	Mr J.H. JONES

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Belgium	Mr Jean-Paul DERCQ	Mr Jan BRUSSELEERS
Denmark	Mr Eli SCHWARZ	Ms Dorte KNUDSEN
Germany	Ms Marilene SCHLEICHER	Mr Georg SCHOLZ
Greece	Mr Guy BRICE	Ms Erasmia GUIZELI
Spain	Mr Juan José BORDON ARROYO	Mr Luis LOPEZ LLOFZANO
France	Prof. VINCENT	Mr Jean-Luc FRIZOL
Italy	Mr Gabriele GIANNINI	Mr Giuseppe MAZZOTTI
Ireland	-	-
Luxembourg	Mr Mathias SCHROEDER	Mr Jean ECKER
Netherlands	Mr M.G.M. WEEL	Mr K. KRANENBURG
Portugal	Mr Jorge Almeida Simões	Mr António Barbosa
United Kingdom	Mr R. STORER	Mr N. T. DAVIES

Appointments in the Council General Secretariat

The Council appointed:

- Mr Enzo CHIOCCIOLI, born on 19 May 1931 at Livorno, Director-General with effect from 1 October 1986.

Mr CHIOCCIOLI is assigned to the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Fisheries.

- Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ FABREGAS, born on 26 August 1944 at Granada, Director-General ad personam with effect from 1 January 1987.

Mr FERNANDEZ FABREGAS will be assigned to the Directorate-General for External Relations and Development Co-operation.

PRESS RELEASE

11603/86 (Presse 207)

1135th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 17 and 18 December 1986

President : Mr Michael JOPLING,
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
of the United Kingdom

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Lars P. GAMMELGAARD Minister for Fisheries
Mr Thomas LAURITSEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Elias LYMBEROPOULOS Deputy Permanent Representative

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

France:

Mr Ambroise GUELLEC State Secretary for the Sea

Ireland:

Mr Liam KAVANAGH Minister for Fisheries, Forestry
and Tourism

Italy:

Mr Antonio MURMURA State Secretary for Merchant
Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean FEYDER

Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARETTO

Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

Mr Manuel OLIVEIRA GODINHO

State Secretary for Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John GUMMER

Minister of State, Ministry of
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Mr John MACKAY

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries, Scotland

Commission:

Mr Antonio José Baptista CARDOS E CUNHA
Member

CONTROL MEASURES

Following receipt of the Opinion of the European Parliament the Council adopted by qualified majority the Regulation amending Regulation 2657/82 establishing certain control measures for fishing activities by vessels of the Member States.

This proposal will improve the monitoring of compliance with Community provisions regarding conservation of resources. It allows in particular for the banning of fishing when the TAC has been used up and the granting of compensation to fishermen who have been unable to use up their quotas because of overfishing by others. It would also allow the Commission, in certain circumstances, to ensure better on-the-spot monitoring of fisheries and connected activities.

STRUCTURES

Following receipt of the Opinion of the European Parliament the Council adopted the Regulation on Community measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector for the ten-year period from 1 January 1987.

This Regulation grants Community financial aid at a level of 800 MECU for the first five years for measures of the following types:

- (a) the restructuring, renewal and modernization of the fishing fleet;
- (b) the development of aquaculture and the establishment of protected marine areas with a view to improved management of inshore fishing grounds;
- (c) the reorientation of fishing activities by means of exploratory fishing voyages and temporary joint ventures;
- (d) the adjustment of fishing capacity by the temporary or permanent withdrawal of certain vessels from fishing activities;
- (e) the provision of facilities at fishing ports with a view to improving the conditions in which products are obtained and landed;
- (f) the search for new outlets for products derived from surplus or underfished species.

PRICES FOR 1987

The Council adopted by qualified majority in all Community languages the Regulations fixing the guide prices 1987 for the fishery products listed in Annex I (A) (D) (E) and in Annex II to Regulation 3796/81 as well as the producer prices for tuna.

The changes by species are as follows:

A. Guide Prices - fresh products

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Herring/Hareng | - 7% |
| 2. Sardines | |
| (a) Atlantic | - 1% |
| (b) Mediterranean | + 1% |
| 3. Spur dogfish/
Aiguillats | 0% |
| 4. Spotted dogfish/
Roussettes | - 2% |
| 5. Redfish/Racasse
du Nord | + 2% |
| 6. Cod/Cabillaud | + 3% |
| 7. Saithe/Lieu noir | + 1% |
| 8. Haddock/Eglefin | 0% |
| 9. Whiting/Merlan | 0% |
| 10. Ling/Lingue | + 1% |
| 11. Mackerel and Spanish
Mackerel | 0% |
| 12. Anchovies/Anchois | +10% (EEC 11)
+ 5,5% (ES) |
| 13. Plaice/Plie | 0% (1.1.-30.04.87)
0% (1.5.-31.12.87) |
| 14. Hake/Merlu | new pilot product: size 1 instead of
size 2, but for withdrawal prices
"size 2 to 5" increase no higher than
that for the other white fish species |
| 15. Shrimps/Crevettes | + 1% |

"new species"

16. Megrin/Cardine	0%
17. Ray bream/ Castagnole	0%
18. Monkfish/Baudroie	0%
19. Edible crab/ Crabe tourteau	0%
20. Norway lobster/ Langoustines	0%

B. Guide prices for frozen products

1. Sardines	0%
2. Sea-bream/Dorade	0%
3. Squid/Calmar guide price: 1 260 ECU/t (Loligo patagonica)	
4. Squid/Calmar (Todarodes)	0%
5. Squid/Calmar	0%
6. Cuttlefish/Seiche	0%
7. Octopus/Poulpe	+ 2%

C. Production price

Tuna/Thon	-10%
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TACS AND QUOTAS FOR 1987

After long and thorough discussions, and on the basis of a compromise prepared by the Commission and the Presidency, the Council reached agreement by qualified majority on the Regulations fixing, for certain stocks and groups of fish stocks, total allowable catches for 1987 and certain conditions under which they may be fished. These are set out in Annex I.

NORWAY, FAROE ISLANDS AND SWEDEN

The Council reached agreement on Regulations:

- allocating certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian economic zone and in the fishing zone around Jan Mayen,
- laying down, for 1987, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway,
- allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the waters of the Faroe Islands,
- laying down for 1987, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of the Faroe Islands,
- allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish waters,
- laying down, for 1987, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden.

FRENCH GUIANESE WATERS

The Council reached agreement on the Regulation laying down for 1987 certain measures for the conservation and the management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200 nautical mile zone of the coast of the French Department of Guiana.

CANADA

The Council reached agreement on a Regulation allocating between Member States Community catch quotas in Canadian waters in 1987.

TECHNICAL MEASURES FOR CONSERVATION

The Council reached agreement by qualified majority on a Regulation providing inter alia for a one-year derogation until 31 December 1987 for beam trawling fishing in the Continental 12-mile coastal area and for an amendment to the demarcation line in sub-area VI between zones where fishing is to be made with nets of 80 mm or 90 mm mesh size.

FLAT-RATE QUANTITIES OF HORSE MACKEREL AND BULE WHITING 1987

The Council adopted by qualified majority, the Regulation fixing the flat rate amounts of horse mackerel and blue whiting allocated to Spain for 1987.

OTHER REGULATIONS CONCERNING CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES

The Council adopted the Regulations establishing for 1987, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to:

- vessels flying the flag of Member States, other than Spain and Portugal, in waters falling under the sovereignty or within the jurisdiction of Spain,
- vessels flying the flag of Member States, other than Spain and Portugal, in waters falling under the sovereignty or within the jurisdiction of Portugal,
- vessels flying the flag of Portugal in waters falling under the sovereignty or within the jurisdiction of other Member States, apart from Spain and Portugal.

RESEARCH POLICY

The Council continued its examination of the amended proposal for a Regulation on the co-ordination and promotion of research in the fisheries sector, and of the draft Decision adopting Community research and co-ordination programmes in the fisheries sector for the period 1985 to 1989.

The Permanent Representatives Committee was instructed to return to this matter and to report to the Council when it judges fit.

FISHERIES RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND CERTAIN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES

The Council took note of an oral report from the Commission concerning fisheries relations with certain international organizations and certain non-member countries. In particular, the Council heard reports on relations with Morocco, Mauritania, the Seychelles, Madagascar and Mozambique. Note was also taken of the state of relations in the fisheries sector with the GDR, Poland and the Soviet Union.

TACs by stock and by area for 1987 - shares available to the Community

Species	Zone	TAC 1987 (in tonnes)	Shares available to the Community for 1987 (in tonnes)
Cod	IIb)		21 000
Cod	IIIa) Skagerrak	22 500	18 560
Cod	IIIa) Kattegat	15 500	9 350
Cod	IIIb), c), d)	114 500	114 000
Cod	IIa) (EC zone), IV	125 000	116 550
Cod	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	22 000	22 000
Cod	VII except VIIa), VIII, IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC zone)	16 000	16 000
Cod	VIIa)	15 000	15 000
Haddock	IIIa); IIb), c), d) (EC zone)	11 500 (*)	9 930
Haddock	IIa) (EC zone), IV	146 000	129 500
Haddock	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	32 000	32 000
Haddock	VII, VIII, IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC zone)	6 000 (*)	6 000
Saithe	IIa) (EC zone), IIIa); IIIb), c), d) (EC zone), IV	173 000	96 000
Saithe	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	27 800	27 800
Saithe	VII, VIII, IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC zone)	11 000 (*)	11 000
Pollack	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	670 (*)	670
Pollack	VII	10 850 (*)	10 850
Pollack	VIIIa), b)	2 410 (*)	2 410
Pollack	VIIIc)	800 (*)	800
Pollack	VIII d), e)	200 (*)	200
Pollack	IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC zone)	300 (*)	300
Whiting	IIIa)	17 000 (*)	15 000
Whiting	IIa) (EC zone), IV	135 000	101 480
Whiting	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	16 400	16 400
Whiting	VIIa)	18 170	18 170
Whiting	VII except VIIa)	18 500	18 500
Whiting	VIII	5 000 (*)	5 000
Whiting	IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC zone)	2 640 (*)	2 640
European plaice	IIIa) Skagerrak	14 500 (*)	13 580
European plaice	IIIa) Kattegat	4 750 (*)	4 275
European plaice	IIa) (EC zone), IV	150 000	149 500
European plaice	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	1 810 (*)	1 810
European plaice	VIIa)	5 000	5 000
European plaice	VIIb), c)	200 (*)	200
European plaice	VII d), e)	8 300 (*)	8 300
European plaice	VII f), g)	1 800	1 800
European plaice	VII h), j), k)	800 (*)	800
European plaice	VIII, IX, X; CECAF 34.1.1 (EC zone)	250 (*)	250
Common sole	IIIa); IIIb), c), d) (EC zone)	850	850
Common sole	II, IV	14 000	14 000
Common sole	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	70 (*)	70
Common sole	VIIa)	2 100	2 100
Common sole	VII b), c)	60 (*)	60
Common sole	VII d)	3 850 (*)	3 850
Common sole	VII e)	1 150	1 150
Common sole	VII f), g)	1 600 (*)	1 600

(*) Precautionary TAC

TACs by stock and by area for 1987 - shares available to the Community.

Species	Zone	TAC 1987 (in tonnes)	Shares available to the Community for 1987 (in tonnes)
Common sole	VII(b), j), k)	600 (*)	600
Common sole	VIII(a), b)	6 440 (*)	6 440
Common sole	VIII(c), d), e), IX, X; CECAP 34.1.1 (EC zone)	1 860 (*)	1 860
Mackerel	IIa)(EC zone), IIIa); IIIb), c), d) (EC zone), IV	55 000	17 700
Mackerel	II(exc. EC zone), Vb)(EC zone), VI, VII, VIII except VIII(c), XII, XIV	400 000	372 000
Mackerel	VIII(c) IX, X; CECAP 34.1.1 (EC zone)	36 570 (*)	36 570
Sprat	III(a)	80 000 (4) (*)	57 000
Sprat	III(b), c), d) (EC zone)	9 500	9 500
Sprat	IIa) (EC zone), IV (EC zone)	57 000 (*)	50 000
Sprat	VII(d), e)	5 000 (*)	5 000
Horse mackerel	IIa) (EC zone), IV (EC zone)	30 000 (*)	30 000
Horse mackerel	Vb) (EC zone), VI, VII, XII, XIV	120 000 (6)	113 250
Horse mackerel	VIII except VIII(c)	4 000 (6)	4 000
Horse mackerel	VIII(c)	27 500	27 500
Horse mackerel	IX, X; CECAP 34.1.1 (EC zone)	45 000	45 000
Hake	III(a); III(b), c), d) (EC zone)	1 100 (*)	1 100
Hake	IIa) (EC zone), IV (EC zone)	2 360 (*)	2 360
Hake	Vb) (EC zone), VI, VII, XII, XIV	36 000 (*)	36 000
Hake	VIII except VIII(c)	24 000 (*)	24 000
Hake	VIII(c), IX, X; CECAP 34.1.1 (EC zone)	25 000	25 000
Anchovy	VIII	32 000 (*)	32 000
Anchovy	IX, X; CECAP 34.1.1 (EC zone)	4 600 (*)	4 600
Norway pout	IIa) (EC zone), IIIa); IV (EC zone)	200 000 (*)	171 000
Blue whiting	IIa) (EC zone), IV	90 000	50 000
Blue whiting	Vb) (EC zone), VI, VII	532 000 (6)	252 000
Blue whiting	VIII except VIII(c)	6 500 (*)	6 500
Blue whiting	VIII(c), IX, X; CECAP 34.1.1 (EC zone)	50 000 (*)	50 000
Anglerfish	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	7 820 (*)	7 820
Anglerfish	VII	30 070 (*)	30 070
Anglerfish	VIII except VIII(c)	9 010 (*)	9 010
Anglerfish	VIII(c), IX, X; CECAP 34.1.1 (EC zone)	12 000 (*)	12 000
Megrim	Vb) (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV	4 400 (*)	4 400
Megrim	VII	14 440 (*)	14 440
Megrim	VIII except VIII(c)	2 020 (*)	2 020
Megrim	VIII(c), IX, X; CECAP 34.1.1 (EC zone)	13 000 (*)	13 000
Common prawn	French Guyana	4 300 (*)	2 760
Norway lobster	Vb) (EC zone), VI	16 000 (*)	16 000
Norway lobster	VII	24 700 (*)	24 700
Norway lobster	VIII(a), b)	7 500 (*)	7 500
Norway lobster	VIII(c)	520 (*)	520
Norway lobster	VIII(d), e)	100 (*)	100
Norway lobster	IX, X; CECAP 34.1.1 (EC zone)	4 750 (*)	4 750
Herring	III(a)	130 000	57 100
Herring	III(b), c), d) (EC zone)	38 000	35 870
Herring	IIa) (EC zone), IV(a), b)	560 000	334 400
Herring	IV(c) except Blackwater stock(B)	40 000	40 000

(*) Precautionary TAC

TACs by stock and by area for 1987 - shares available to the Community.

Species	Zone	TAC 1987 (in tonnes)	Shares available to the Community for 1987 (in tonnes)
Herring	Vb) (EC zone), VIa) North (9), VIb)		44 600
Herring	VIa) South (10), VIIb), c)	17 000	17 000
Herring	VIa) Clyde stock (11)	3 500	3 500
Herring	VIIa) (12)	4 500 (*)	4 500
Herring	VIIe), f)	500 (*)	500
Herring	VIIq) to k) (13)	18 000 (*)	18 000
Capelin	IIb)		0
Atlantic salmon	IIb), c), d) (EC Zone)	870 (*)	870

(*) Precautionary TAC

OTHER DECISIONS

Other fisheries decisions

The Council adopted a the Regulation (EEC) No 2315/86, amending Annex IV of Regulation (EEC) No 3796/81 on the common organization of the market in fishery products.

This Regulation provides for the exemption from customs duties of goods (certain freshwater fish) which were en route to the Community at the time when those duties were reintroduced (28 July 1986) for imports from third countries other than Sweden and Switzerland.

The Council also adopted the Regulation allocating, for 1987, Community catch quotas in Greenland waters, and which follows the 1987 EEC-Greenland Fisheries Arrangement initialled by both parties on 18 November 1986.

Environment

The Council adopted the Directive amending Directive 78/1015/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the permissible sound level and exhaust system of motorcycles.

(See Press Communication 10656/86 (Presse 182) - Environment - 24/25 November 1986)

Agricultural decisions

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

- amending, in view of the accession of Spain and Portugal, Directive 77/93/EEC on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products (see press release 11128/86 (Presse 197), p. 15);
- amending Directive 79/174/EEC concerning the flood protection programme in the Hérault valley. The amendment is designed to extend the measures introduced under the above Directive for a further 3 years;
- concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (France). The list is being extended;
- amending Directive 76/625/EEC concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees. The amendment is to adapt the Directive to meet the need for information on new species of fruit trees to help improve market management;
- amending for the fourth time Directive 70/357/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning antioxidants authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption. The purpose of the amendment is to extend temporarily until 31 December 1988 the national authorization of use of calcium disodium ethylene diamine tetra-acetate as an anti-oxidant in certain foodstuffs.

Customs Union

The Council adopted the Regulations opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for:

- deep-frozen fillets and minced blocks of hake falling within sub-headings ex 03.01 B II b) 9) and ex 03.01 B I t)
- deep-frozen hake whole, headless or in pieces falling within sub-heading ex 03.01 B I t) 2
- fresh or chilled cod, falling within sub-heading 03.01 B I h) 1 of the Common Customs Tariff

The Council also adopted the Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for:

- newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff (1987) and extending this quota to include certain other types of paper,
- the importation into Spain for certain fishery products falling within heading Nos 03.01, 03.02, 03.03, 16.04 and 23.01 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Canary Islands, or in Ceuta and Melilla (1987);
- certain fishery products falling within heading Nos 03.01, 03.03, 16.04 and subheading 23.01 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Canary Islands (1987).

Internal Market

The Council adopted the Directive on the harmonization of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the application of the principles of good laboratory practice and the verification of their applications for tests on chemical substances. (See Press Communication 10968/86 (Presse 190)
- Internal Market Council - 1 December 1986)

The Council also adopted the Directive on the co-ordination of the laws of the Member States relating to self-employed commercial agents. (See Press Communication 10107/86 (Presse 156)
- Internal Market - 3 November 1986)

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SHIPBUILDING

The Council successfully concluded its discussions on the subject of shipbuilding and adopted a sixth Directive on aid for this important industrial sector. This Directive will be valid for 4 years as from 1 January 1987.

The aim of the Directive is to contribute to the long-term maintenance of a competitive shipbuilding industry in the Community. It is intended to create the conditions to enable the restructuring of shipyards to be continued in the Member States and to enable them to be directed towards market segments in which they are most competitive. It aims to ensure the transparency of national aid systems by avoiding any distortions of competition between the Member States.

In order to achieve these objectives, the Directive considers as compatible with the Common Market production aid for shipbuilding and ship conversion, the total amount of which does not exceed a common maximum ceiling of 28% of the value of a contract before aid. Provision is made for an annual review, with the aim of gradually reducing the ceiling.

This common maximum ceiling covers both State aid and aid granted by regional or local authorities and applies to all forms of production aid, whether under sectoral, general or regional aid schemes, granted directly to shipyards as well as to aid to shipowners provided that it is used for the construction or conversion of ships in Community shipyards. The ceiling also covers operating aid granted to shipyards.

As regards small vessels, costing 6 MECU or less, for which competition between the shipyards of the Member States is most active, the Commission will take special measures to maintain aid at the lowest possible level (20%).



Additional aid may be granted under certain conditions, provided that it encourages restructuring: investment aid, as well as aid for closures and for research and development.

Spain and Portugal, as new Member States, will benefit from a derogation for the duration of the Directive (4 years) as regards compliance with the ceiling, while the other provisions will continue to apply. However, the grant of aid by Spain is conditional upon the implementation of a programme for restructuring the sector, including the reduction of capacities and the progressive reduction of the aid. Portugal will initially apply the Directive in full on a trial basis, but could opt at the latest by the end of February 1988 for being exempted from the Directive as regards the ceiling, with conditions similar to those for Spain.

The Commission is responsible for implementing and monitoring the application of the Directive under Articles 92 and 93 of the EEC Treaty, and the Member States are obliged to notify the data necessary for this purpose to the Commission.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS

The Council signified its agreement in principle to the Directive amending Directive 77/62/EEC relating to the co-ordination of procedures on the award of public supply contracts and deleting certain provisions of Directive 80/767/EEC.

The aim of this Directive, which applies to the supply contracts of States, public bodies and local authorities, is to ensure, in accordance with the objectives of the White Paper on the completion of the internal market, greater transparency of public contracts by introducing equal conditions for participating in such contracts in order to put an end to the persistent compartmentalization of these contracts and to reduce public spending and to foster the competitiveness of the Community's industry.

The Council also approved the following conclusions which outline the approach to be followed in coming years for public contracts:

The Council:

- (1) recalled the European Council's commitment to the completion of the Community's internal market and the effective liberalization of all public purchasing by 1992, in order to reduce public spending and to foster the competitiveness of the Community's industry;

- (2) recalled in particular the European Council's commitment of 26 and 27 June 1986 to step up progress in this area and welcomed the Commission's communication on public procurement in the Community;
- (3) welcomed the agreement as to principle reached on the proposal amending the Directive on public supply contracts;
- (4) noted that the proposal for a modification of the Directive on public works contracts would be submitted to it before the end of the year, and expressed the firm hope of taking a decision on that proposal by the end of October 1987;
- (5) noted the Commission's intention of studying what further proposals it could submit in order to better satisfy the need for information and to strengthen the Commission's powers of surveillance and intervention, so that full application of the fundamental principles enshrined in particular in Articles 30 and 57 of the Treaty and transparency of the award procedures instituted under the co-ordination Directives, can be ensured;
- (6) noted that the Commission intended to decide as early as possible, after analysing the legal and economic situation in the sectors currently excluded, and having regard to the special circumstances in those sectors, on the proposals to make and measures to take in order to open up these markets by 1992;

- (7) as regards the telecommunications sector, looked forward to receiving the Commission report on the implementation of Council Recommendation 84/550/EEC and noted with satisfaction the Commission's intention of making proposals for a new action designed to achieve further liberalization over a defined time-scale;
- (8) noted with satisfaction that the Commission was currently undertaking studies, as a necessary preparation for submitting initial proposals for progressively opening up the public service contract sector;
- (9) expressed its intention of reviewing the position on these points no later than the third quarter of 1987.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Internal market

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

- on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to self-propelled industrial trucks;
- for the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning consumer credit (see Press Release - Internal Market - 10968/86 (Presse 190) of 1 December 1986);
- on the limitation of noise emitted by hydraulic excavators, rope-operated excavators, dozers, loaders and excavator loaders.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on Standardization in the Field of Information Technology and Telecommunications.

Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Recommendation on the co-ordinated introduction of the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) in the European Community (see Press Release - Industry - 10846/86 (Presse 176) of 18 November 1986).

Pharmaceutical products

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

- on the approximation of national measures relating to the placing on the market of high-technology medicinal products, particularly those derived from biotechnology;
- amending Directive 75/318/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to analytical, pharmacotoxicological and clinical standards and protocols in respect of the testing of proprietary medicinal products;
- amending Directive 81/852/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to analytical, pharmacotoxicological and clinical standards and protocols in respect of the testing of veterinary medicinal products;
- amending Directive 65/65/EEC on the approximation of the provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to proprietary medicinal products.

Customs union and commercial policy

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain types of manufactured tobacco falling within heading No 24.02 of the Common Customs Tariff and processed in the Canary Islands (1987) (19 400 million cigarettes and 316,3 million cigars duty-free);
- concerning transitional measures for imports from third countries of manioc falling within subheading 07.06 A of the Common Customs Tariff and amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff;

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for agricultural products originating in the Canary Islands (1987):
 - = for tomatoes, cucumbers and aubergines falling within heading ex 07.01 of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = for new potatoes and avocado pears falling within subheadings 07.01 A II and 08.01 D of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = for beans (of the species *Phaseolus*), onions and sweet peppers falling within heading ex 07.01 of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = for fresh flowers falling within subheading 06.03 A of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = for certain live plants falling within subheadings ex 06.01 A, 06.02 A II and ex 06.02 D of the Common Customs Tariff;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for:
 - = cod, dried, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, falling within subheading 03.02 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff (1987);
 - = cod, dried, salted or in brine, falling within subheading 03.02 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Norway (1987);
- extending and amending the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 572/86 concerning the arrangements applicable by Spain and Portugal to trade with Norway;
- instituting a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain deep freezers originating in the Soviet Union;
- suspending the customs duty for ferrochromium containing by weight no less than 4% but less than 6% of carbon, falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff and coming from Spain;

- on export arrangements for certain types of non-ferrous metal waste and scrap;
- laying down the arrangements applicable to reciprocal trade in cheese between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria.

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

- on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland concerning trade in certain wines and spirituous beverages;
- on import quotas to be opened by Member States in respect of State-trading countries in 1987.

The Council approved as a common position of the Community within the Joint Committees draft Decisions No 2/86 of the Joint EEC-Switzerland/Austria Committees - Community transit - amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/the Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit.

Textiles

The Council adopted the Regulation implementing as from 1 January 1986 the Additional Protocol which the Commission negotiated with China with a view to adjusting the Textile Agreement with that country following the accession of Spain and Portugal..

Furthermore, with a view to the provisional implementation with effect from 1 January 1987 of the agreements which the Commission negotiated under MFA IV with 26 third countries, the Council adopted the Regulations:

- on the common arrangements applicable to imports of textile products originating in third countries;
- on the arrangements applicable to imports from Yugoslavia;
- on the arrangements to be applied to imports from Taiwan.

Relations with the Mediterranean countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concerning the application of the Protocols on financial and technical co-operation concluded between the Community and Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Malta and Cyprus.

This Regulation lays down the common implementing rules and detailed rules for the administration of the Community's financial co-operation with its Mediterranean partners. To this end, two Committees have been set up, one within the Commission (Article 6 Committee) and the other within the EIB (Article 9 Committee).

The provisions, which will enter into force on 1 January 1987, should enable the Community's financial co-operation with the Mediterranean countries to be administered with a view to carrying out the investment projects submitted by the Commission or the EIB for the economic development of those countries.

The Council also adopted:

- the Regulation establishing ceilings and Community supervision for imports of certain goods originating in Yugoslavia (1987);
- a second series of Regulations concerning Community tariff quotas, ceilings and special import arrangements for certain products originating in various Mediterranean countries (1987);
- a third series of Regulations concerning tariff quotas, ceilings and import arrangements for certain Mediterranean countries for 1987. In addition, the Council authorized the Commission to negotiate agreements in the form of exchanges of letters for fruit salads (Israel, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia) and tomato concentrates (Algeria).

Food aid

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on food aid policy and food aid management.

Relations with the ACP and the OCT

The Council approved, on behalf of the Communities, the draft Decisions of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers:

- granting a delegation of powers to the Committee of Ambassadors concerning the transitional arrangements for the application of the third ACP-EEC Convention to Spain and Portugal;
- extending Decision No 6/86 of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers of 24 April 1986 adopting the transitional arrangements for the application of the third ACP-EEC Convention to Spain and Portugal pending the conclusion of the protocol of accession.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending the provisional arrangements for trade between Spain and Portugal and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision extending the arrangements for trade between Spain and Portugal and the overseas countries and territories (OCT).

In addition, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decisions:

- extending the provisional arrangements for trade between Spain and Portugal and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP) in products falling within the ECSC Treaty;
- extending the arrangements for trade between Spain and Portugal and the overseas countries and territories (OCT) in products covered by the ECSC Treaty.

Commodities

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the amendments to be made to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2818/81 of 29 September 1981 on the implementation of the economic and control rules of the International Cocoa Agreement of 1980.

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the rationalization and improvement of health conditions in slaughterhouses in Belgium. A common measure has accordingly been introduced for a period of three years as from 1 January 1987.

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

- amending Regulations (EEC) Nos 1347/86, 1346/86 and 1192/82 as regards the deadlines for granting certain premiums in the beef and veal sector;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2764/77 extending the period for which Class III may be applied in respect of certain fruit and vegetables;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 483/86 fixing the level of quantitative restrictions in Spain for certain fruit and vegetables coming from the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 501/86 fixing, for 1987, the initial quota which may be applied by the Portuguese Republic for certain fruit and vegetables coming from the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 497/86 fixing the initial quantitative restrictions on the import into Portugal of certain floricultural products from third countries;

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 496/86 fixing the initial quantitative restrictions on the import into Portugal of certain processed fruit and vegetable products from third countries;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 866/84 laying down special measures concerning the exclusion of milk products from inward processing arrangements and from certain usual forms of handling;
- fixing the quotas for 1987 applicable to imports into Portugal of certain products in the pigmeat sector coming from the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1678/85 fixing the conversion rates to be applied in agriculture;
- extending the period of application of Regulation (EEC) No 3310/75 on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;
- introducing a supplementary Community measure for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leukosis in cattle.

Fisheries policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol establishing the fishing rights and compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal on fishing off the coast of Senegal for the period from 1 October 1986 to 28 February 1988.

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

- fixing, for certain stocks and groups of fish stocks, total allowable catches for 1987 and certain conditions under which they may be fished;

- allocating certain quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian economic zone and the fishery zone around Jan Mayen;
- allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish waters;
- laying down for 1987 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden;
- allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Faroese waters;
- laying down for 1987 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Islands;
- laying down for 1987 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200-nautical-mile zone off the coast of the French Department of Guiana;
- fixing the flat-rate amounts of hake, horse-mackerel and blue whiting allocated to Spain for 1987;
- authorizing the Portuguese Republic to extend, for the period 6 January 1987 to 5 January 1988, the fisheries co-operation agreement concluded with the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;
- authorizing the Portuguese Republic to extend, for the period 4 January 1987 to 3 January 1988, the sea fisheries agreement concluded with the Kingdom of Morocco;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 360/86 laying down rules for the application by Spain and Portugal of quantitative restrictions on fishery products.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the following Regulations (see Press Release 11296/86 (Presse 203) of 15 and 16 December 1986):

- applying the principle of freedom to provide services to maritime transport between Member States and between Member States and third countries;

- laying down detailed rules for the application of Articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty to maritime transport;
- on unfair pricing practices in maritime transport;
- concerning co-ordinated action to safeguard free access to cargoes in ocean trades.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the granting of financial support to transport infrastructure projects.

Tourism

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution on a better seasonal and geographical distribution of tourism.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision establishing a consultation and co-ordination procedure in the field of tourism.

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

- on standardized information in hotels;
- on fire safety in existing hotels.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution on an action programme on employment growth.

Economic and financial questions

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

- amending Decision 71/143/EEC setting up machinery for medium-term financial assistance;
- adopting the annual report on the economic situation in the Community and laying down economic policy guidelines for 1987.

Environment

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

- concluding, on behalf of the Community, the Protocol amending the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-based Sources in order to extend its scope to include marine pollution through the atmosphere (Paris Convention);
- on the signature by the Community of the Convention on co-operation on the management of water resources in the Danube basin.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 75/439/EEC on the disposal of waste oils.

ECSC

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

- on certain measures to be applied, in respect of State-trading countries, to trade in iron and steel products covered by the ECSC Treaty, including pig iron, cast iron and high-carbon ferro-manganese;
- laying down the arrangements applicable to imports into Spain and Portugal of products covered by the ECSC Treaty originating in Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, and covered by the agreements between the Community and those countries.

The Council gave assents pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC treaty concerning:

- ZF-Getriebe GmbH, Saarbrücken (Federal Republic of Germany)
- Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, Düsseldorf (Federal Republic of Germany)
- Dresdner Bank AG (Federal Republic of Germany)
- Trinkaus & Burkhardt KGaA, Düsseldorf (Federal Republic of Germany)
- Industriekreditbank AG, Deutsche Industriebank (IKB), Düsseldorf (Federal Republic of Germany).

Social affairs

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision amending Decision 85/8/EEC on specific Community action to combat poverty.

Appointment

Acting on a proposal from the Belgian Government, the Council appointed Mr Pierre-Paul MAETER as a member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work to replace Mr A. THYRE, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 December 1988.
