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PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 15 January 1980
4194/80 (Presse 3)

620th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 15 January 1980

President: Mr Attilio RUFFINI
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Italian Republic

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

Belgium :

Mr Henri SIMONET Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark :

Mr Kjeld OLESEN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany :

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI Minister of State,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

France :

Mr Jean FRANCOIS-PONCET Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland :

Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy :

Mr Attilio RUFFINI Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Guiseppe ZAMBERLETTI State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg :

Mr Gaston THORN

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands :

Mr D. F. van der MEI

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom :

Sir Ian GILMOUR

Lord Privy Seal

Commission :

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

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COURT OF JUSTICE

In the presence of Mr KUTSCHER, President of the Court of Justice, and of Mr CAFOTORTI, Advocate-General, the Council examined certain questions concerning the operation of the Court of Justice.

The President of the Court explained the Court's views on the measures necessary to guarantee the efficient operation of the Court in the face of its increasing workload, in particular the need to increase the number of Judges and Advocates-General to cope with the growing number of cases and to create an administrative tribunal to relieve the Court of cases which did not concern legal problems in the first instance.

The Council examined in particular the question of the creation of a fifth post of Advocate-General and certain related matters.

In conclusion, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine further all the questions arising in this connection.

RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA

The Council reached a unanimous political position in favour of the rapid conclusion of an enlarged agreement with Yugoslavia.

It therefore appealed urgently to all the delegations to give their representatives the necessary instructions to enable the Permanent Representatives Committee to resolve the last problems still outstanding during the next few days, thus allowing the Commission:

- to bring the negotiations being conducted with the Yugoslav delegation to a very early conclusion, and
- to report back to the Council so as to enable it to adopt a position at its next meeting on 4 and 5 February 1980.

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NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

Further to the Resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly concerning global negotiations, the Council held an initial exchange of views on the preparation of the Community position; this exchange will serve as the basis for further discussion aimed at defining a common position not later than the March meeting.

ASEAN

The Council accepted the invitation of the ASEAN countries to go to Kuala Lumpur in the first week of March for the signing of the EEC-ASEAN Co-operation Agreement and to hold a Ministerial meeting there.

PROBLEMS UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN THE COUNCIL, MEETING
OTHER THAN AS THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

The Council took stock of the procedures whereby, during the first half of 1980, it should deal with matters relating to the convergence of economic performance, budgetary problems, a better balance of agricultural markets, the rationalization of expenditure, the 1980 budget and energy problems.

AFGHANISTAN -- CONCLUSIONS OF THE COUNCIL (1)

"The Council decided to cancel the 1979 Community Food Aid Programme for Afghanistan.

The Council also agreed to take a decision at the earliest opportunity on the proposals which the Commission would submit to it very shortly on emergency aid to be provided via the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees for Afghan refugees. This aid would be combined with such national aid as Member States might grant for this purpose.

Following the measures decided on by the United States concerning deliveries of agricultural products to the Soviet Union, the Council laid down the principle that Community deliveries must not replace, directly or indirectly, United States deliveries on the USSR market. With this in mind, the Council requested the Commission to take the necessary measures as regards cereals and products derived therefrom and to propose other possible measures for other agricultural products while respecting traditional patterns of trade. A consultation procedure was being instituted with the other main cereal-exporting countries in order to avoid disturbances on the world market."

The Council also decided that an examination should be made of the other issues which could arise, in particular the matter of export credits.

(1) See also the statement by the Nine, published today.

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RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA

With a view to balanced diversification of the Community's external relations, the President made an appeal for the strengthening of relations with Latin America.

Aside from the renewal of the EEC-Latin America Dialogue, he particularly stressed the usefulness of agreements with Latin American countries or groups of countries and hoped especially for an early start to negotiations with the Andean Group and to those on the extension of the agreement with Brazil.

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TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA

The Council agreed that, once the European Parliament had delivered its Opinion (and following the decision to be taken under the EEC-Greece Association with regard to tobacco), it would adopt a decision granting Southern Rhodesia the same arrangements as those currently applied to the overseas countries and territories in their trade relations with the Community.

These arrangements are based primarily upon the principle of duty-free access to the Community market; farm products subject to market regulations are in any case covered by arrangements more favourable than those applicable to third countries.

A decision of the Governments of the Member States concerning ECSC products concurrently suspends the duties applicable to products covered by the ECSC.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE GULF STATES AND RELATIONS WITH TURKEY

In the light of the present international situation, the Council and the Ministers of the Nine meeting within the context of political co-operation - on a proposal from the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs - instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Political Directors, in accordance with their respective competences and in collaboration with the Commission, to submit for the February meeting a report on:

- the possibilities of proposing co-operation to the Gulf States and other Arab countries with which the Community has not hitherto concluded agreements, without prejudice to the continuation of the Euro-Arab Dialogue and the North-South Dialogue;
- giving a new impetus to relations with Turkey, which is already associated with the Community.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy and technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision laying down provisions on the introduction and implementation of technical regulations and standards. These provisions, which are intended to ensure equal treatment for all products - irrespective of their origin - on the Community market or markets in the Member States, were adopted in order to fulfil the obligations arising out of the GATT multilateral trade negotiations and, in particular, the agreement on technical barriers to trade. These provisions concern, inter alia, the recognition of checks carried out in a Member State or a third country and measures to be taken in the event of non-reciprocity.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the ranges of nominal quantities and nominal capacities permitted for certain prepackaged products.

ACP and OCT interim measures

The Council recorded its agreement on the arrangements to be proposed to the ACP States regarding the transitional measures to apply as from 1 March 1980, when the 1975 ACP-EEC Convention (Lomé I) expires, pending completion of the ratification procedures to enable the new Convention of Lomé II to enter into force.

The draft interim arrangements provide for :

- the maintenance - until 31 December 1980 at the latest - of certain provisions of the Convention of Lomé I, concerning in particular trade and STABEX, industrial co-operation, provisions on establishment and services, payments and capital and provisions relating to the institutions. Any extension of these provisions would be decided upon by the ACP-EEC Committee of Ambassadors under the Decision of the ACP-EEC Council of 31 October 1979 on the delegation of competence;
- the advance implementation to be decided unilaterally by the Community of certain provisions of the new Convention of Lomé II, in particular as regards access to the market for certain products covered by the common agricultural policy, the procedure for derogation from the rules of origin and the banana and rum Protocols.

The Council also adopted a Decision covering interim measures, to apply until 31 December 1980, on the association of the overseas countries and territories (OCT) with the Community as the previous Decision also expires on 28 February.

Agricultural and fisheries policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice (adaptation tariff nomenclature).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1117/78 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder and Regulation (EEC) No 827/68 on the common organization of the market in certain products listed in Annex II to the Treaty (adaptation tariff nomenclature).

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Isles.

Emergency aid

The Council confirmed its agreement to emergency aid for the disaster victims in the Azores. This aid, totalling 100,000 EUA, is intended for the purchase of essential materials following the recent earthquake disaster in the region.

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Relations with Portugal

The Council agreed to the accelerated implementation of the Financial Protocol between the Community and Portugal, which would shorten by two years the period originally laid down for making the funds provided for under this Protocol available to Portugal.

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The Resolution of the Council and the Ministers for Education, meeting within the Council, extending until 31 December 1981 the Community programme of pilot projects provided for under the Resolution of 13 December 1976 on the transition from education to working life and until 31 December 1982 as regards the corresponding evaluation studies was also adopted. The amounts proposed by the Commission for this extension are 4.7 MEUA in 1981 and 1.6 MEUA in 1982.

PRESS RELEASE

4358/80 (Presse 5)

621st Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 21 and 22 January 1980

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

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

Belgium:

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| Mr Albert LAVENS | Minister for Agriculture and Small Firms and Traders |
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Denmark:

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| Mr Poul DALSGER | Minister for Agriculture |
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Germany:

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| Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR | State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry |
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France:

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| Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE | Minister for Agriculture |
| Mr Jacques FOUCHIER | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture |

Ireland:

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| Mr Ray MacSHARRY | Minister for Agriculture |
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Italy:

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| Mr Giovanni MARCORA | Minister for Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Ferruccio PISONI | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |

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Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Inland Waterways
and Forestry

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

CHANGES TO THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

The Council held an in-depth discussion on the communication submitted by the Commission on 4 December 1979 on changes to the common agricultural policy to help balance markets and streamline expenditure. It examined the various aspects of this communication, and particularly those relating to milk products, sugar and isoglucose.

In conclusion, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue at the earliest opportunity its examination of the problems relating to certain other products, such as beef and veal, cereals, starch products and processed fruit and vegetables, and to examine in greater detail the suggestions concerning milk products, sugar and isoglucose, having particular regard to today's discussion. The Council will resume its examination of the entire dossier at its next meeting. By that date, it should also have received the Commission proposals for 1980/1981 prices and related measures.

SHEEPMEAT

The Council, after a detailed exchange of views on the market situation and the progress of work on common arrangements in the sheepmeat sector, agreed to return to this matter at its next meeting, scheduled for 18 and 19 February 1980.

TRANSFER OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER TO ITALY

The Council agreed to an amendment to Regulation (EEC) No 1763/78 as regards the transfer of skimmed milk powder to the Italian intervention agency.

This amendment covers the remainder (60,000 tonnes) of the initial amount of 100,000 tonnes and restricts its use to the feeding of calves. The transfer will be extended over a whole year, with 20,000 tonnes being transferred immediately and the remaining 40,000 tonnes being transferred at the rate of 5,000 tonnes a month from 1 May 1980.

This measure was taken because of the development of the market situation of skimmed milk powder and the suspension, already decided upon by the Commission, of sales by the intervention agencies of skimmed milk powder intended for feeding pigs and poultry.

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WINE

In a general exchange of views on the market situation in the wine-growing sector, the Council paid particular and urgent attention to the possible triggering of distillation operations pursuant to Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79.

The Commission having stated its intention of submitting proposals to this effect in the near future, the Council agreed in principle to such a measure and instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to give further examination to the announced proposal in the light of developments on the wine market and the comments of the delegations during that day's debate.

The Council also held an exchange of views on the amendment of the provisions on the implementation guarantee. Having established that the opinions of the Economic and Social Committee and the European Parliament were to be issued shortly, the Council agreed to return to this question in due course after detailed examination by the Special Committee on Agriculture, including the budgetary aspects.

CEREALS LEVY

In response to a request by the Italian delegation, the President instructed a Working Party to study the questions relating to the cereals levy as a matter of urgency.

SALE OF FROZEN MEAT

In reply to a question by the Italian delegation, the Commission supplied certain clarifications regarding the sale of frozen meat on the Community market.

CEREALS MARKET

Mr GUNDELACH, Vice-President, informed the Council of the talks the Commission was holding at international level and of the line of action it was following to apply the decisions on cereals taken by the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 15 January 1980.

STRUCTURAL POLICY

Further to its discussions at previous meetings and on the basis of a report from the Special Committee on Agriculture, the Council examined certain specific questions relating to the general issue of structures, namely:

- amendments to Directive 72/159 as regards aid to farmers following a development plan;
- amendments to be made to Directive 75/268 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas.

With regard to Directive 72/159, the Council discussed the main questions raised by the Commission proposals to lower the threshold for access to development plans and to fix a new upper limit, so that Community financial aid would be restricted to farms which really needed it to carry out development plans. Concluding its discussion, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to study the possible solutions in greater depth in the light of the Council's discussions, to prepare for a decision to be taken as part of the set of structural measures before the Council.

The Council also discussed the various amendments proposed by the Commission to Directive 75/268/EEC, particularly as regards raising the ceiling of the compensatory allowance and reducing the minimum size of holdings eligible for that allowance. During the discussion delegations were able to compare their various interpretations and requirements, thus progressing towards the attainment of common positions on many points under discussion. In conclusion, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture also to study the possible acceptable solutions in greater depth, to facilitate the taking of a decision in the general context of other structural measures at one of the Council's forthcoming meetings.

Winding up the discussion, the President stressed the importance for protection of the environment of finding adequate and urgent solutions to the problems arising in socio-structural policy in agriculture and urged that the Council deal with these issues - particularly those relating to mountain and hill farming - as a matter of priority.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with Southern Rhodesia

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on trade arrangements between Southern Rhodesia and the European Economic Community. The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community meeting within the Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community originating in Southern Rhodesia.

The Council thus formalized the substantive agreement reached at the meeting on 15 January 1980 (see Press Release No 4194/80 (Presse 3) of that date).

Agricultural and fisheries policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending until the date of entry into force of the new Co-operation Agreement between the Community and the Federative Republic of Yugoslavia or until 30 June 1980 whichever is the earlier Regulation (EEC) No 2862/77 on levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia.

The Council decided to sign two fisheries agreements in the form of exchanges of letters between the European Economic Community and Canada extending the two existing agreements and to apply them provisionally as from the signing.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the following animal health directives ⁽¹⁾:

- amending Directive 72/461/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh poultry meat;
- amending Directive 77/99/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products;
- on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products;
- amending Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat (Foie gras);
- introducing Community measures for the control of classical swine fever;
- prolonging, in respect of swine fever, certain derogations granted to Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom;
- amending Directive 64/432/EEC as regards tuberculosis and brucellosis.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release No 11462/79 (Presse 160) dated 11 December 1979.

Establishment and services: midwives

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Directive concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in midwifery and including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services
- the Directive concerning the co-ordination of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to the taking up and pursuit of the activities of midwives;
- the Decision setting up an Advisory Committee on the Training of Midwives;
- the Decision amending Decision 75/365/EEC setting up a Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health.

The Council thus formalized the substantive agreement reached at its meeting on 18 December 1979 (see Press Release No 11782/79 (Presse 171) of that date).

Appointment

Acting on a proposal from the Belgian Government, the Council appointed Miss Liliane DEKEYSER, Conseiller Adjoint auprès de la Fédération des Entreprises de Belgique, as alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers to replace Mrs LAMBERT-BEAUFILS, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 14 October 1981.

PRESS RELEASE

4546/80 (Presse 7)

622nd Council meeting

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 29 January 1980

President: Mr Franco EVANGELISTI,
Minister of Shipping of
the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

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| Mr Albert LAVENS | Minister for Agriculture and Small Firms and Traders |
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Denmark:

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| Mr Poul DALSGER | Minister of Fisheries |
| Mr Jørgen HERTOFT | State Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries |

Germany:

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| Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR | State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry |
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France:

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| Mr Joël LE THEULE | Minister of Transport |
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Ireland:

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| Mr Patrick POWER | Minister for Fisheries |
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Italy:

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| Mr Franco EVANGELISTI | Minister of Shipping |
| Mr Natale PISICCHIO | State Secretary, Ministry of Shipping |

Luxembourg:

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| Mr Paul HELMINGER | State Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs |
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Netherlands:

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| Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE | Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries |
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United Kingdom:

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| Mr Peter WALKER | Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food |
| Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH | Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food |

Commission:

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| Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH | Vice-President |
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FISHERIES POLICY

Internal aspects

After discussing the matter in depth, the Council reached a consensus on the total allowable catch (TAC) for 1980 for stocks existing in Community waters, the proportion available to the Community and the conditions governing catch possibilities.

In this context the Council said it was prepared to consider a possible review of the TACs for certain specific stocks - in particular herring, cod and coalfish - in the light of scientific opinion expected in the near future from the ICES.

The Council also agreed in principle on the introduction as from 1 January 1980 of a joint system for the recording and transmission of information on catches in connection with the TACs. Detailed rules for applying the system will be adopted by the Council on a proposal from the Commission before 1 July this year.

Concluding the discussion on these two essential measures for the drawing up of a common fisheries policy, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to discuss these proposals further so that a formal decision could be taken as soon as possible.

The Council also noted the Commission's intention to make proposals on the catch quotas for 1980 (after prior consultation with the Member States) and on structural measures in the field of in-shore fishing and aquaculture.

External aspects

On the basis of an oral report from Vice-President GUNDELACH on the progress of negotiations with a certain number of non-member countries -- Tunisia, Yugoslavia and Canada in particular -- the Council had an exchange of views on the various questions facing the Community with regard to external relations in fisheries.

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As the Council was able, following today's discussion, to overcome the final obstacles to the drawing up of the basis for a common fisheries policy, it agreed to the signing of fisheries agreements with Norway, Spain and Guinea-Bissau and to the provisional implementation of this latter agreement.

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The Council also noted the progress of the fisheries negotiations with Spain which are due to resume at the beginning of February. The Council will be informed of the outcome of these negotiations.

OTHER DECISIONS

Agricultural policy

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

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of intervention by the European Agricultural Guidance & Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1763/78 on the transfer of skimmed-milk powder to the Italian intervention agency.

Commercial policy and customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on lithium hydroxide originating in the United States of America and the Soviet Union.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the total or partial suspension of ~~Common~~ Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products originating in Turkey (1980).

Appointments

On a proposal from the German Government the Council appointed Mr Paul BROICHER, Rechtsanwalt, Hauptgeschäftsführer des Deutschen Industrie- und Handelstages, Member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Dr HIPPE, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 18 September 1982.

On a proposal from the Netherlands delegation the Council also appointed Mr W. WAGENIANS, beleidsmedewerker internationale zaken N.V.V., Member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace the late Mr J.A. HUBREGTSE for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 18 September 1982.

PRESS RELEASE

4717/80 (Presse 9)

623rd Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 5 February 1980

President: Mr Attilio RUFFINI,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Henri SIMONET Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Kjeld OLSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign
 Affairs
Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI Minister of State,
 Federal Foreign Office

France:

Mr Jean FRANCOIS-PONCET Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Ray BURKE Minister of State,
 Ministry of Industry, Commerce
 and Energy

Italy:

Mr Attilio RUFFINI Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Guiseppe ZAMBERLETTI State Secretary,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

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| Mr Gaston THORN | Vice-President of the Government, Minister for Foreign Affairs |
| Mr Paul HELMINGER | State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Co-operation |

Netherlands:

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| Mr C.A. van der KLAAUW | Minister for Foreign Affairs |
| Mr D.F. van der MEI | State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Mr K.H. BEYEN | State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs |

United Kingdom:

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| Lord CARRINGTON | Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs |
| Mr John NOTT | Secretary of State for Trade |
| Mr Cecil PARKINSON | State Secretary, Department of Trade |

Commission:

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| Mr Roy JENKINS | President |
| Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP | Vice-President |
| Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH | Vice-President |
| Mr Lorenzo NATALI | Vice-President |
| Mr Claude CHEYSSON | Member |
| Mr Guido BRUNNER | Member |
| Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON | Member |
| Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT | Member |

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NUCLEAR ENERGY

The Council signified its agreement as to the substance on a series of texts on nuclear energy problems, namely:

- a Community plan of action in the field of radioactive waste;
- the points for a Community strategy on the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuels, and the draft Council Decision on the setting up of an ad hoc Committee on the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuels;
- the fast-breeder option in the Community context - justification, achievements, problems and action prospects.

The Council agreed to proceed to the final adoption of the texts after their finalization in the official languages of the Communities.

JRC AND FUSION RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the decisions on the new JRC programme and the fusion programme with a view to their adoption, if possible without debate, at a forthcoming meeting.

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IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS - BUDGETARY ASPECT

The Council discussed the budgetary aspects of the iron and steel sector, namely the Commission proposal allocating additional resources to the ECSC budget in order to finance the Community aid intended for conversion projects.

The Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to work out a solution to this problem, in keeping with the attitude which emerged in the Committee in favour of an ad hoc contribution from the Member States in order to provide the ECSC with the necessary amount, so that the Council could adopt its decision at its next meeting.

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RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA

The Council was informed by the Vice-President of the Commission, Mr HAFERKAMP, of the outcome of the negotiating meeting he had held on 1 February 1980 with the Yugoslav delegation.

Expressing satisfaction at the progress made, the Council requested the Commission to pursue the negotiations in close collaboration with the representatives of the delegations, in order to conclude the new agreement envisaged with Yugoslavia, taking into account Yugoslavia's basic position as a non-aligned, European and Mediterranean State member of the Group of 77 developing countries, in accordance with the Belgrade Declaration of 2 December 1976.

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RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL

The Council adopted a Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with Brazil for the conclusion of Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement to replace the present Trade Agreement which has been in force since 1974.

This Decision is part of a move to intensify relations with Latin America, the importance of which was emphasized by the President of the Council at the meeting on 15 January. The new Agreement, which would be significantly wider in scope than the former, should enable the two parties to give a new impetus to economic and trade relations between the Community and Brazil.

GATT:

SYNTHETIC TEXTILE FIBRES

The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission's report on the difficulties arising from the considerable increase in imports of certain synthetic textile fibres originating in the United States.

The Council asked the Commission to keep a close watch on the situation and actively pursue its consultations with the United States under Article XXIII/1 of GATT, which it hoped would enable a satisfactory solution to be attained.

The Council furthermore noted that it was for the Commission, within the framework of the relevant Community rules and the Community's international obligations, to decide which other appropriate measures should be taken if the need arose.

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EMERGENCY AID FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

In accordance with its guidelines of 15 January in favour of emergency aid to Afghan refugees, the Council, on a proposal from the Commission, approved:

- emergency aid amounting to 10 MEUA (approximately 14 million \$) to cover the refugees' basic needs
- food aid in the form of 12,000 tonnes of cereals, 300 tonnes of skimmed milk powder and 1,000 tonnes of sugar.

The aid will be allocated to the Afghan refugees via the UNHCR. This measure is in response to the UNHCR's appeal for help for the 500,000 or so persons who have taken refuge in Pakistan.

It takes account of the resolution on the matter adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and is in line with the European Parliament resolution on the situation in Afghanistan which emphasized the need for speedy action to alleviate the suffering of Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

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EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN

The Council first discussed deliveries of agricultural products to the USSR on the basis of a report by Commission Vice-President Mr GUNDELACH on the measures taken and planned by the Commission, and then confirmed the conclusions reached at its last meeting on 15 January. It asked the Commission to continue providing the Permanent Representatives Committee with regular and detailed briefing.

As regards export credits, the Member States intend, as part of a joint position vis-à-vis the USSR, to apply the existing OECD consensus without any derogations.

GULF STATES

The Council held a preliminary discussion on the possibility of economic co-operation with the Gulf States and will examine the matter further.

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS

The Council prepared the second ministerial session of the Conference on Portuguese accession to the Community, which was also held today.

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OTHER DECISIONS

Relations with Cyprus

The Council decided to sign the transitional Protocol between the Community and Cyprus, which mainly provides for the extension of the first stage of the Association Agreement until 31 December 1980. The signing of this Protocol is planned for 7 February 1980.

Food aid

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation allocating food aid in the form of 500 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder for Ghana, to be charged to the 1979 reserve.

Fisheries policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden, for the period up to 30 April 1980.

Commercial policy

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

ECSC

The Council has given its assent pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty with regard to Dynoplast Ltd., FHS Stahlverformung and McKeller Watt Ltd. (all the United Kingdom).

PRESS RELEASE

4897/80 (Presse 14)

624th Council meeting

- Economic Affairs/Finance -

Brussels, 11 February 1980

President: Mr Filippo PANDOLFI,
Minister of the Treasury
of the Italian Republic

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 14 February 1980

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CORRIGENDUM

to 4897 (Presse 14)

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in Brussels

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

Belgium:

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| Mr Willy CLAES | Vice-Premier, Minister for Economic Affairs |
| Mr Gaston GEENS | Minister of Finance |

Denmark:

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| Mr Ivar NØRGAARD | Minister for Economic Affairs |
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Germany:

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| Mr Hans MATTHÖFER | Federal Minister of Finance |
| Mr Otto SCHLECHT | State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs |

France:

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| Mr René MONORY | Minister for Economic Affairs |
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Ireland:

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| Mr Michael C ^o KENNEDY | Minister for Finance |
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| Mr Filippo PANDOLFI | Minister of the Treasury |
| Mr Giorgio FERRARI | State Secretary, Treasury |

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER

Minister of Finance

Mr Ernest MÜHLEN

State Secretary, Ministry of
Finance

Netherlands:

Mr A. NOOTEBOOM

State Secretary, Ministry
of Finance

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

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FINAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

- I. The Council, bearing in mind the conclusions of the European Council in Dublin, took note of the proposals made by the Commission on 4 December 1979 for improving the common agricultural policy with a view to helping to balance the markets and streamlining expenditure. It approved the Commission's objective of resolving the specific problems arising, in the interests of safeguarding the common agricultural policy and its economic and social merits, while respecting its principles and taking account of current budgetary difficulties. This goal presupposed substantial savings and a prudent price policy.
- II. The Council considered it to be desirable that the discussions on the Commission's proposals should be guided by the following principles:
1. An improvement of the common agricultural policy with the aim of considerably reducing the growth rate of agricultural expenditure was absolutely essential also in order to ensure that the 1% own resources limit was not exceeded, having regard to the resources required for other policies.
 2. Subject to the examination of the assessment announced by the Commission of the foreseeable development of market organization expenditure in the event of its proposals

being implemented and taking growth in expenditure over the last few years as a basis, it would be necessary to take measures leading to substantial savings, reaching the order of magnitude proposed by the Commission.

3. In this connection, the Council was of the opinion that the measures should be directed particularly at surplus products; it requested the Commission to see whether further savings might be achieved by means of the more efficient use of the market organization instruments.

III. The Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee and the AGRI/FIN Working Party to continue examining the financial aspects of the improvement of the common agricultural policy and to report back to the Council at the very earliest opportunity, in preparation for further discussions.

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council held a detailed exchange of views on the latest developments in the economic situation in the Community.

CONVERGENCE

After a brief exchange of views on the latest Commission communication of 5 February 1980 entitled "Convergence and budgetary questions", the President invited delegations to give this item more thought with a view to resuming discussions at a later stage in accordance with arrangements to be proposed by the Presidency.

EXPORT CREDITS: INTEREST RATES UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT ON
GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED EXPORT CREDITS

After an exchange of views, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examination of this point.

OTHER DECISIONS

Accession of Greece

The Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision on the opening of negotiations with various preferential partner States (Algeria, Austria, Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, Iceland, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey) to adapt the agreements between the Community and those States to take account of the accession of Greece to the European Communities.

Fisheries policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation extending until 29 February 1980 the validity of fishing licences for vessels flying the flag of Spain.

Appointment

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mr Morten FENGER, Arbejds- og socialattaché, Danmark faste repræsentation ved De europæiske Fællesskaber, as an alternate member of the Committee of the European Social Fund, to replace Mr BÜLOW-LUDVIGSEN, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office i.e. until 16 April 1980.

PRESS RELEASE

5053/80 (Presse 18)

625th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 18 February 1980

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

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

Belgium:

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| Mr Albert LAVENS | Minister for Agriculture and Small Firms and Traders |
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Denmark:

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| Mr Poul DALSGER | Minister for Agriculture |
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Germany:

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| Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR | State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry |
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France:

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| Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE | Minister for Agriculture |
| Mr Jacques FOUCHIER | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture |

Ireland:

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| Mr Ray MacSHARRY | Minister for Agriculture |
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Italy:

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| Mr Giovanni MARCORA | Minister for Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Ferruccio PISONI | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Inland Waterways
and Forestry

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE

Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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1980/1981 AGRICULTURAL PRICES AND RELATED MEASURES

The Council held an initial exchange of views on the Commission proposals on the fixing of agricultural prices for 1980/1981 and certain related measures, also taking into account its previous proposals on changes in the common agricultural policy to help balance the markets and streamline expenditure.

The Council paid special attention to the problems in the sugar and milk products sectors. With regard to the first of these it agreed to lay down as far as possible the general principles of a new system of quotas for 1981-1985 at its next meeting, in order to give producers the necessary security before the start of sowing for the 1980/1981 season.

With regard to milk products, the Council instructed a high-level working party to continue the discussions on the general problems affecting the milk and milk products sector and to report back at its next meeting.

The Council concluded by agreeing to continue its examination of all these proposals at its next meeting on agricultural questions.

WINE SECTOR

Having resolved the problems outstanding (notably certain implementing dates), the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the nine Regulations to which it agreed in principle on 10 and 11 December 1979 ⁽¹⁾.

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The Council also examined the proposal for a Regulation laying down general rules on distillation operations for table wines. It fixed the maximum quantities to be distilled and the minimum purchase price (2.16 ECU/°/hl for types R I and R II, 1.90 ECU/°/hl for type A I) and the amount of aid to be granted according to the produce obtained (1.31 and 1.22 ECU/°/hl for red wine, 1.05 and 0.96 ECU/°/hl for white wine). It instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to further examine the last few technical aspects of the proposal in preparation for a decision by the Council as soon as possible.

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The Council recorded that no consensus had been reached on the proposal for a Regulation concerning implementation guarantees and agreed to return to the matter.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release 11462/79 (Presse 160).

SHEEPMEAT

The Council held an exchange of views on the various aspects of common organization of the market in sheepmeat.

It concluded that the proceedings needed to be expedited. The Commission said it was prepared to make suggestions to the extent of its powers and responsibilities to advance the work on this matter, which the Council agreed to discuss at its meeting on 3 and 4 March.

1978 EAGGF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council noted the eighth financial report on the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (1978), Guarantee and Guidance Sections.

HORTICULTURE

The Council noted a statement by the Danish delegation concerning the horticultural situation in Denmark, and competition problems in that sector.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- Regulations on the conclusion of agreements on trade in textile products between the European Economic Community and Brazil and Uruguay;
- a Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on a certain sodium carbonate originating in the Soviet Union.

The Council also approved the outcome of the textile negotiations conducted with Greece for 1980.

Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation on the conclusion of an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic regarding prepared or preserved tomatoes falling within subheading 20.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff (maximum of 90,000 tonnes for 1980).

Energy policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- a Resolution on the implementation of a Community plan of action in the field of radioactive waste;
- a Resolution concerning the Advisory Committee on Programme Management for the Management and Storage of Radioactive Waste;
- a Resolution on the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuels;
- a Decision on the setting up of an ad hoc Advisory Committee on the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuels;
- a Resolution on fast breeder reactors.

Decisions of principle on the above were taken on 5 February 1980 (see Press Release 4717/80 (Presse 9)). The texts are due to appear in the Official Journal shortly.

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- Regulations
 - = on the application of Decision No 1/80 of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers on transitional measures;
 - = on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the ACP States or the OCT;
 - = opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for fresh or chilled tomatoes falling within subheading ex 07.01 M I of the Common Customs Tariff originating in the ACP States (1980);

- = providing for ceilings and Community surveillance for imports of carrots and onions falling within subheading ex 07.01 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in the ACP States (1980);
- = opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff originating in the ACP States (March-June 1980),
- a Decision on import arrangements for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff originating in the OCT;
- Council Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff originating in the OCT (March-June 1980).

ECSC

The Council gave the assent requested under Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty concerning Lightning Fasteners Ltd., United Kingdom.

Appointments

On a proposal from the Italian Government, the Council appointed Dr Maria Ida JACONE, Rappresentante Confagricoltura, as an alternate member of the Committee of the European Social Fund to replace Dr Guido PAGGI, alternate member, who has resigned. Dr JACONE is appointed for the remainder of Dr PAGGI'S term of office, which runs until 16 April 1980.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the Luxembourg Government, Mr René PIZZAFERRI, Secrétaire central de la Confédération syndicale indépendante and Mr Henri DUNKEL, Secrétaire social de la Confédération luxembourgeoise des Syndicats chrétiens as full members and Mr Aloise GROBEN, Membre du Comité-directeur de la Fédération des Employés privés as alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers for the remainder of the Committee's term of office, which runs until 14 October 1981.

The Council also adopted a Decision appointing members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training (1980/1983):

A. Experts from the practising profession

| | <u>Member</u> | <u>Alternate Member</u> |
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| Belgium | Mr Pierre RONSSE | Mr Arsène HUYSMANS |
| Germany | Mr H. HAGENLOCHER | Mr H. SCHREITER |
| Denmark | Mr Svend JOHANSEN | Mr Gunnar MORTENSEN |
| France | Mr Marcel CLOUET | Mr Jean FONTAINE |
| Ireland | Mr Brendan T. FARRELLY | Mr Fintan J. COONEY |
| Italy | Mr Aldo ROGHETO | Mr Porfirio DI BELLA |
| Luxembourg | Mr Frank WOLFF | Mr Joseph KREMER |
| Netherlands | Mr H.A. RIESSEN | Mr M. BOSMAN |
| United Kingdom | Mr J.N. GRIPPER | Mr I.B. HUGHES |

B. Experts from Institutions entrusted with the teaching of
Veterinary Sciences

| | <u>Member</u> | <u>Alternate Member</u> |
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| Belgium | Mr LOUSSE | Mr Albert DEVOS |
| Germany | Mr M. STOEBER | Mr L.F. MUELLER |
| Denmark | Mr H.C. ADLER | Mr P. WILLEBERG |
| France | Mr PILET | Mr COTTEREAU |
| Ireland | Mr Seosamh HANLY | Mr John HANNAN |
| Italy | Mr Armando GOBETTO | Mr Aldo ROMAGNOLI |
| Luxembourg | Mr Aloyse SCHILTGES | Mr Frank WOLFF |
| Netherlands | Mr A. RIJNBEEK | Mr G.H. HUISMAN |
| United Kingdom | Mr A.O. BETTS | Mr E.J.L. SOULSBY |

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

| | <u>Member</u> | <u>Alternate Member</u> |
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| Belgium | Mr A. VANDEVELDE | Mr P. LENELLE |
| Germany | Mr F. HEUNER | Mr H.L. SCHLEGEL |
| Denmark | Mr E. STOUGAARD | Mr E. MALLING OLSEN |
| France | Mr Joseph SANTAMARIA | Mr Georges VALLIER |
| Ireland | Mr John J. VAUGHAN | Mr Traolach O NUALLAIN |
| Italy | Mr Enrico BENEVELLI | Mr Mario FRITTOLE |
| Luxembourg | Mr Aloyse SCHILTGES | Mr Raymond FRISCH |
| Netherlands | Mr H. v.d. ESCH | Mr J. BOOGAERDT |
| United Kingdom | Mr A.R.W. PORTER | Mr A. STEELE-BODGER |

PRESS RELEASE

5405/80 (Presse 26)

626th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 3 and 4 March 1980

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

LIBRARY

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

Belgium:

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| Mr Albert LAVENS | Minister for Agriculture and Small Firms and Traders |
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Denmark:

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| Mr Poul DALSGER | Minister for Agriculture |
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Germany:

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| Mr Joseph ERTL | Federal Minister of Food, Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR | State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry |

France:

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| Mr Pierre MEHAINGERIE | Minister for Agriculture |
| Mr Jacques FOUCHIER | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture |

Ireland:

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| Mr Ray MacSHARRY | Minister for Agriculture |
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| Mr Giovanni MARCORA | Minister for Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Ferruccio PISONI | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Inland Waterways
and Forestry

Netherlands:

Mr A. DE ZEEUW

Director-General for Agriculture

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

FIXING OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES AND CHANGES IN THE COMMON
AGRICULTURAL POLICY

At the start of the meeting the President informed the Council of the talks he had had with the Committee on Agriculture of the European Parliament and with the professional agricultural organizations - COPA and COGECA - on the fixing of agricultural prices for 1980/1981 and related measures and on changes in and the rebalancing of the agricultural policy.

The Council then continued its discussions on the Commission proposals relating to these dossiers, concentrating in particular on sugar, milk products and beef and veal.

The Council first examined the problems arising with regard to the adjustment of the common organization of the market in sugar and isoglucose due to take place on 1 July this year. On the assumption that the future system would still have to be based on a quota system, the Council paid particular attention to the problems of the allocation of quotas and financing, in the light more especially of the prospects for production in the Community and on the world sugar market.

The Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to expedite its discussions on this matter for its next meeting, on the understanding that the Commission would at the same time contact the delegations with a view to quickly finding a basis for a decision.

As to the milk sector, the Council, having before it an interim report from the Chairman of the ad hoc high-level Working Party, held a wide-ranging discussion on the various aspects of the Commission proposal on the matter and on the alternative suggestions submitted by various delegations aimed at curbing milk production with the object of restoring the balance in the market in this sector.

In conclusion, the Council asked the ad hoc Working Party to actively pursue its work on the matter in the light of today's discussions, with a view to submitting a full report to the Council in time for its meeting on 26 and 27 March 1980.

With regard to beef and veal the Council focused its attention on the main aspects of the Commission proposal, i.e. the general level of prices, in view of the desirability of introducing for producers of quality meat a premium for nurse cows directed towards maintaining an equitable income for such producers and the special structural measures to be laid down for this sector (suspension of buying-in in summer and introduction of a scale for grading carcasses for the purpose of buying in).

The discussion on this issue will be resumed at the next meeting as part of the discussions on the Commission proposals as a whole.

MARKET IN APPLES

As requested by several delegations, the Council discussed with the Commission the disturbing situation on the market in apples in view of the quantities still available from the Community harvest and imports from the southern hemisphere.

FEED-GRAIN

The Council held an exchange of views on the results of the Commission study on comparative costs of feed-grain in Italy and in other regions of the Community.

The Council agreed to return to the issue at its next meeting, if need be, on the basis of a Commission proposal.

AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES POLICY

The Council received an interim report from the Special Committee on Agriculture on progress in the work on all the structural proposals contained in the Commission communication of March 1979.

The Council agreed to return to the issue at its next meeting at the same time as it resumed its discussions on the proposals on price fixing and changes in the common agricultural policy.

SHEEPMEAT

The Council made a fresh examination of the situation on the sheepmeat market and in this connection looked into the possibility of an interim agreement.

The Council failed to reach agreement on this matter.

OTHER DECISIONS

Agricultural and Fisheries Policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down general rules on distillation operations for table wines for which the delivery contract must be approved before 15 April 1980. The Council had agreed to the principles underlying this measure at its meeting on 18 February 1980 (see Press Release 5053/80 (Presse 18) of that date).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the advance payment of export refunds in respect of agricultural products.

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

- laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources from 1 March to 30 June 1980 applicable to vessels flying the flag of Spain;
- implementing Articles XVIII and XXIII of the Convention on Future Multilateral Co-operation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries as regards the scheme of joint international enforcement.

Research

The Council approved the substance of the following research programmes:

- Biology - Health protection (radiation protection);
- Management and storage of radioactive waste.

These programmes will be formally adopted later.

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concluding the agreement on trade in textile products between the European Economic Community and Haiti.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending for two months the provisional anti-dumping duty on certain acrylic fibres originating in the United States of America.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate on behalf of the Community Agreements in the form of Exchanges of Letters modifying certain duty-free quotas opened by the United Kingdom in accordance with Protocol No 1 to the Agreements between the European Economic Community and Finland, Norway and Sweden respectively.

Emergency aid

The Council agreed to a second emergency aid programme for the disaster victims of the Azores. The Community action will involve 300,000 EUA allotted to the Secours Catholique Français for its programme covering the most urgent needs.

Relations with Greece

The Council approved the Annual Report from the EEC-Greece Association Council to the Joint Parliamentary Committee for the period May 1978 to April 1979.

Commodities

The Council adopted the directives for a Community position at the March 1980 session of the International Cocoa Council.

Relations with the ACP States and OCT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities two Regulations derogating from the definition of the concept of "originating products" to take into account the special situation of:

- Malawi and Kenya, with regard to certain forms of fishing tackle (artificial flies for fishing);
- Mauritius, with regard to its production of canned tuna.

Moreover as regards the stabilization of revenues, the Council agreed to the draft Decision of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers on the implementation of Article 18(5) of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé concerning the allocation of any balance remaining and replenished resources (a similar Decision will be adopted with regard to the OCT when the decision of the Council of ACP-EEC Ministers has been taken).

ECSC

The Council gave its assent pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty for A. TEVES Ltd., United Kingdom and its assent pursuant to Article 54(2) of the ECSC Treaty for the financing of housing for ECSC workers.

Appointments

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the Italian Government,

- Mr Bruno BARUCHELLO, currently an alternate member, as member and Mr Paolo Michele EREDE, Professor, as alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training, in place of Mr Antonio SPINELLI and Mr Bruno BARUCHELLO for the remainder of their term of office, i.e. until 5 April 1982;
- Mr Guiseppe MAZZOTTI, Doctor, Primo dirigente medico, as full member of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing in the category of experts of the competent authorities of the Member State, in place of Professor Francesco POLIZZI for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 14 January 1982.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, Mr H.A.J.M. VRIJHOEF, Raadadviseur voor internationale Onderwijsaangelegenheden van het Ministerie van Onderwijs en Wetenschappen, a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training in place of Mr A.H. KOELINK, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which expires on 14 January 1982.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision appointing Mr Hans Jørgen KOCH a member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency in place of Mr Eyvind MOE, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, i.e., until 28 March 1981.

PRESS RELEASE

5772/80 (Presse 32)

627th Council meeting
- Economic Affairs/Finance -
Brussels, 17 March 1980

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

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

Belgium:

Mr Willy CLAES

Vice-Premier

Minister for Economic Affairs

Mr Gaston GEENS

Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Gunnar RIBERHOLDT

Ambassador

Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN

State Secretary

Federal Ministry of Finance

Mr Otto SCHLECHT

State Secretary,

Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

France:

Mr René MONORY

Minister for Economic Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY

Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Giorgio FERRARI

State Secretary

Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER

Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE Minister of Finance

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT Member

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The following also took part in the meeting:

Mr E. TARABINI Chairman of the Co-ordinating
Group for Economic and
Financial Policies

Mr F.W. RUTTEN Chairman of the Economic Policy
Committee

Mr Jean-Yves HABERER Chairman of the Monetary Committee

Mr Erik HOFFMEYER Chairman of the Committee of
Governors of the Central Banks

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FIRST QUARTERLY EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE
COMMUNITY

The Council held its first quarterly examination of the economic situation in the Community in accordance with its Decision of 18 February 1974 on the attainment of a high degree of convergence between the Member States' economic policies. For this purpose, it had before it a Commission communication of 6 March which had already been examined by the Co-ordination Group for Economic and Financial Policies.

In conclusion, the Council noted and shared the Commission's view that there is no need at this stage to amend the economic policy guidelines for 1980 which were adopted by the Council on 17 December 1979.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council prepared the economic, financial and monetary points which might be raised at the next European Council; preparation of a number of these items, in particular "convergence and budgetary questions", will be continued at the Council meeting on General Affairs on 18 March.

STRENGTHENED CO-ORDINATION OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

Following the Council's instructions of 18 June 1979, the Commission forwarded to the Council a communication entitled "Improvement of the co-ordination of economic policies".

The Council recorded its general approval of the ideas put forward in this communication and invited the various specialized committees - Monetary Committee, Committee of Governors of the Central Banks, Co-ordinating Group for Economic and Financial Policies - to strengthen the co-ordination of their economic policies on the basis of this communication.

OTHER DECISIONS

Emergency aid

The Council signified its agreement to a contribution under Community aid measures for disaster victims of 170,000 EUA to the financing of the emergency aid programme of the Catholic Relief Services in India following the drought which has affected a large part of India.

Commercial policy and customs procedure

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concluding the Agreement on trade in textile products between the European Economic Community and Hong Kong.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision accepting on behalf of the Community an Annex to the International Convention on the simplification and harmonization of customs procedures.

Fisheries Policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on Future Multilateral Co-operation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (technical adjustments to the limits of the statistical sub-areas between Greenland and Canada).

Company law

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive co-ordinating the requirements for the drawing up, scrutiny and distribution of the listing particulars to be published for the admission of securities to official stock-exchange listing, on which a decision in principle had been taken at the Council meeting on research on 20 December 1979 (see Press Release 11869/79 (Presse 173) of that date).

Energy Policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down the rules for carrying out the registration of petroleum product imports in the European Community provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 1893/79, adopted by the Council on 28 August 1979.

Appointments

The Council appointed,

- on a proposal by the French Government, Mr Louis LAUGA, Secrétaire adjoint de la F.N.S.E.A., as a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr GUILLAUME, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 18 September 1982;
- on a proposal by the United Kingdom Government, Mr I.A.W. FAIR, as a member of the Committee of the European Social Fund, to replace Mrs D.M. ELLISON, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 16 April 1980;

- on a proposal from the Commission, Mr N. ENEVOLDSEN as a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, to replace Mr Jørgen HANSEN, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 14 January 1982;
- on a proposal from the Luxembourg Government, Mr Norbert FELTGEN, Professeur-attaché at the National Education Ministry, as a member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, to replace Mr Nicolas ESTGEN, who has resigned, for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 14 January 1982.

In addition, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision appointing the members of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, for the period 17 March 1980 to 16 March 1983:

I. Government representatives

| | (a) <u>Members</u> | (b) <u>Alternates</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Belgium | Mr G. BENS | Mr M. PIERRE |
| Denmark | Mr G. COLN | Mrs V. LOMBOLT |
| Germany | Prof. K. FITTING | Dr R. MILLER |
| France | Mr F. BRUN | Mr B. HUREZ |
| Ireland | Mr G.B. O'SULLIVAN | Mr J. McGRATH |
| Italy | Dr U. TAVERNINI | Dr N. FIORE |
| Luxembourg | Mr R. SCHINTGEN | Dr P. HUBERTY-KRAU |
| Netherlands | Mr mr. ir. J.L. FRIMA | Drs W.J. KAKEBEEKE |
| United Kingdom | Mr F.J. BAYLISS | Mr F. GALE |

II. Representatives of workers' organizations

| | (a) <u>Members</u> | (b) <u>Alternates</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Belgium | Mr G. COGNE | Mr A. THYRE |
| Denmark | Mr B. NIELSEN | Mr P. CARLSEN |
| Germany | Dr. U. ENGELN-KEFER | Mr FELDENGUTH |
| France | Mrs P. HOFMAN | Mr LETRON |
| Ireland | Mr P. CARDIFF | Mr D. NEVIN |
| Italy | Mr L. DELLA CROCE | Mr C. STANZANI |
| Luxembourg | Mr H. DUNKEL | Mr MEIS |
| Netherlands | Mr H.P.W. SCHMITZ | Mr J.C. LOOISE |
| United Kingdom | Mr K. GRAHAM | Mr P. JACQUES |

III. Representatives of employers' organizations

| | (a) <u>Members</u> | (b) <u>Alternates</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Belgium | Mr G. OTTENBOURGS | Mr P. ARETS |
| Denmark | Mr A. PETERSEN | Mr S.P. NIJGARDT |
| Germany | Mr F.-J. KADOR | Mr W.D. LINDNER |
| France | Mr C. THOMAS | Mr C. AMIS |
| Ireland | Mr T.J. MAHER | Mr CUDDIEY |
| Italy | Dr. G. LUNATI | Dr. P. SAVINI |
| Luxembourg | Mr. R. KUGENER | Mr. L. JUNG |
| Netherlands | Mr G. JANSEN | Mr E.G. SUTORIUS |
| United Kingdom | Mr N.H. TAYLOR | Mr D. BELL |

Lastly, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision appointing members and alternates of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers, for the period 17 March 1980 to 16 March 1982:

I. Government representatives

| | (a) <u>Members</u> | | (b) <u>Alternates</u> |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Belgium | Mr J. DEQUAN | Mr J. DENYS | Mr M. TAVERNIER |
| Denmark | Mr P. LENZING | Mr P. KIRSTEIN | Mrs K. RUDFELD |
| Germany | Dr R. MILLER | Dr E. STÖVE | Dr P. FENDRICH |
| France | Mr H. LARY de LATOUR | Mr PADOVANI | Mr M. RAMOND |
| Ireland | Mr J.R. MAHER | Mr P. HAYDEN | Mr T. WALSH |
| Italy | Mr G. MIGLIUOLO | Prof. A.F. D'HARMANT | Dr P. COZZOLINO |
| Luxembourg | Mr F. EWEN | Mr R. SCHINTGEN | Mr E. QUARING |
| Netherlands | Mr W.A. RENARDEL de LAVALETTE | Mr J.W.S. PABON | Drs H.K. VOS |
| United Kingdom | Mr G.C. HEDGER | Mrs V.J. BAYLISS | Mr G.R. WILSON |

II. Representatives of Employers' Organizations

| | (a) <u>Members</u> | | (b) <u>Alternates</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Belgium | Mr D. DENORRE | Mr A. THIEFFRY | Mr F. LARDOT |
| Denmark | Mr C.J. CLEMMENSEN | Mr P.E. BORQUIST | Mrs B. JOHANSEN |
| Germany | Dr W.-D. LINDNER | Mr R. REICHLING | Mr H. GÜNTHER |
| France | Mr B. VRILLON | | Mr P. PARION |
| Ireland | Mr J.C. FEGEN | Mr L.F. STEEN | Mr G.F. DEMPSEY |
| Italy | Dr E. PALLADINI | Dr R. SORACE | Mr G. PUNZI |
| Luxembourg | Mr R. MULLER | Mr M. WAGNER | Mr J. PFEIFFEN- SCHNEIDER |
| Netherlands | Drs J.A.P. GREVERS | Drs. J. LEDER | Drs N.A. VAANDRAGER |
| United Kingdom | Hon. Paul BRADBURY | Mr W.H. TAYLOR | Mr V. CHAMPION |

III. Representatives of workers' organizations

(a) Members

(b) Alternates

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Belgium | Mr X. VERBOVEN | Mr W. CANINI | Mr J.C. VAN DER MEEREN |
| Denmark | Mr Henry HANSEN | Mr Hardy HANSEN | Mr H. JENSEN |
| Germany | Mr E. DUDA | Mr E. KASTLEIVER | Mrs A. RENKEN |
| France | Mr M. APOSTOLO | Mr W. GITLER | Mr A. BEN LEZAR |
| Ireland | Mr F. KENNEDY | Mr T. HEERY | Mr W. ATTLEY |
| Italy | Mr W. CERFEDA | Mr G. FABRETTI | Mr G. CAVAZZUTI |
| Luxembourg | Mr V. DE MATTEIS | Mr P. FRERES | Mr H. DUNKEL |
| Netherlands | Mr C.N.M. COMMANDEUR | Mr D.H. GRASMAN | Mr L. CALLE GARCIA |
| United Kingdom | Mr F. JARVIS | Mr J. MACGOUGAN | |

PRESS RELEASE

5773/80 (Presse 33)

628th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 18 March 1980

President: Mr Attilio RUFFINI,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Italian Republic

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

Belgium:

Mr Henri SIMONET Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign
Affairs

Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI Minister of State,
Federal Foreign Office

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic
Affairs

France:

Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DILLON Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Attilio RUFFINI Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Giuseppe ZAMBERLETTI State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

18.III.80

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr K.H. BEYEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Cecil PARKINSON

Minister of State,
Department of Trade and Industry

The Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Member

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NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE: GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS

The Council held a general exchange of views following which it defined the common positions of the Community and the Member States for the preparatory stage of the global negotiations which is currently taking place in the United Nations Committee of the Whole.

The Council took this opportunity of stressing once again the political and economic importance it attached to the North-South Dialogue and agreed to follow and regularly evaluate the progress of the negotiations.

RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

The Council agreed on the position to be adopted by the Community in the negotiations entered into with Israel in implementation of the review clause of the EEC-Israel Agreement. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the work in the light of today's deliberations by the Council.

YUGOSLAVIA

The Council and the Representatives of the Member States expressed satisfaction at the conclusion of the negotiation of a Co-operation Agreement and an ECSC Agreement with Yugoslavia giving concrete expression to the determination voiced by both parties, in their joint statement made in Belgrade on 2 December 1976, to strengthen their co-operation. They decided to sign the agreements. Signing is scheduled to take place on 2 April in Belgrade.

The Council also authorized the Commission to open negotiations with Yugoslavia for the conclusion of two interim agreements entailing implementation of the trade provisions and the Financial Protocol to the Co-operation Agreement, without waiting for the procedures for the ratification of the Agreement to be completed in the different Member States.

Furthermore, the Council agreed to the opening of a Commission delegation in Belgrade.

PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council prepared the next meeting of the European Council, to be held in Brussels on 31 March/1 April, and decided in particular on the subjects which might be discussed at the European Council.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

The Council took stock of two commercial policy issues concerning trade with the United States, namely imports of man-made textile fibres and Community exports of steel.

RELATIONS WITH THE GULF STATES

The Council took stock of this matter. It agreed to continue soundings on the Community's initiative for the conclusion of co-operation agreements with the Gulf States and to extend these soundings to include North Yemen.

IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS

Budgetary aspects

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the ECSC agreed to pay an amount of 28 MEUA as an additional contribution to the ECSC budget for 1980 in order to enable the Commission to finance the aid intended for the conversion of undertakings in connection with the crisis plan for the iron and steel industry (interest rebates on non-ECSC loans for conversion investments intended to create jobs for ex-ECSC workers).

The Council noted that the Commission would submit a report to it on this subject for September, in the light of which the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States would take a decision on a supplementary appropriation.

External aspects

The Council instructed the Liaison Committee for Steel and the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the matter of the possible conclusion of arrangements with Brazil and South Africa.

OTHER DECISIONS

Agricultural and fisheries policy

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

- amending Directive 77/93/EEC on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products;
- amending the Annexes to Directive 77/93/EEC on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products.

The Council also adopted in the languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources off the west coast of Greenland applicable to vessels flying the flag of Canada or under charter to companies registered in Canada.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the conclusion of Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters modifying certain duty-free quotas opened by the United Kingdom in accordance with Protocol No 1 to the free trade agreements between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Kingdom of Sweden respectively.

Research policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities two research and training programmes (1980-1984) for the European Atomic Energy Community in the fields of biology -- health protection (radiation protection programme) and the management and storage of radioactive waste for the same period.

The aim of the radiation protection programme, an indirect action for which the upper limit of expenditure commitments has been set at 59 MEUA, is, through a co-operative European effort, to increase knowledge in radiation protection while taking into account particular problems and skills available in Europe. It is designed to improve the understanding and control of the ionizing radiation risks encountered, with two main objectives:

- improvement of scientific and technical knowledge with a view to updating basic standards for the health protection of the general public and workers against the hazards arising from ionizing radiation;
- evaluation of the biological and ecological consequences of nuclear activities and of the use of nuclear energy and ionizing radiation, in order to ensure adequate protection of man and of the environment whenever unacceptable harm could be caused to them.

The programme will cover six major areas: radiation dosimetry and its interpretation; behaviour and control of radionuclides in the environment; short-term somatic effects of ionizing radiation; late somatic effects of ionizing radiation; genetic effects of ionizing radiation; evaluation of radiation hazards.

The activities will be carried out mainly under research contracts and partly by the Commission's Biology Group set up at the Ispra establishment.

The aim of the programme for the management and storage of radioactive waste, for which the upper limit of financial commitments has been set at 43 MEUA, is to further the joint development and perfecting of a system of management of the radioactive waste produced by the nuclear industry and to ensure, at the various stages, the best possible protection of the public and the environment.

The programme will cover work to solve certain technological problems involved in the processing, storage and disposal of radioactive waste.

As regards processing:

- immobilization of low and medium-activity waste; development of processes and operation of pilot installations;
- conditioning of high-activity waste: fuel claddings and residues from dissolvers;
- processing of medium-activity liquid waste;
- processing of waste contaminated by alpha emitters;
- examination and evaluation of high-activity solidified waste;
- immobilization and storage of gaseous waste.

As regards storage and disposal:

- burial of low-activity solid waste at shallow depth;
- storage and disposal in geological formations.

The programme also covers work to define the general framework for the projects relating to the storage and disposal of radioactive waste:

- evaluation of processes, criteria for the launching of experiments and strategies for waste management;
- studies of the legal, administrative and financial aspects of waste management.

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The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision adopting a second research programme in the field of medical and public health research, consisting of four multiannual concerted projects:

- detection of the tendency to thrombosis (4-year project)
- understanding, evaluation and treatment of hearing impairment (3-year project)
- criteria for perinatal monitoring (4-year project)
- common standards for quantitative electrocardiography (4-year project)

The projects consist in co-ordination at Community level of the research which forms part of the research programmes of the Member States.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

6078/80 (Presse 39)

629th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 26 and 27 March 1980

President: Mr Giovanni MARCORA

Minister for Agriculture and Forestry
of the Italian Republic

27.III.80

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

Belgium:

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| Mr Albert LAVENS | Minister for Agriculture and Small Firms and Traders |
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Denmark:

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| Mr Poul DALSAGER | Minister for Agriculture |
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Germany:

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| Mr Josphe ERTL | Federal Minister of Food, Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR | State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry |

France:

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| Mr Pierre MEHAINGERIE | Minister for Agriculture |
| Mr Jacques FOUCHIER | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture |

Ireland:

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| Mr Ray MacSHARRY | Minister for Agriculture |
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Italy:

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| Mr Giovanni MARCORA | Minister for Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Ferruccio PISONI | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |

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Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Inland Waterways
and Forestry

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES FOR 1980/1981 AND RELATED MEASURES

The Council held a very detailed discussion on the Commission proposals on the fixing of agricultural prices for 1980/1981 and related measures and the proposals on changes in the common agricultural policy to help balance the markets and streamline expenditure. During this discussion it took note of the recent Resolution of the European Parliament on this topic.

These discussions enabled certain basic questions in these areas to be pinpointed -- in particular the level of possible price increases and the treatment of surplus products -- with a view to identifying the components of an overall compromise.

Pending the meeting at which this decision will be taken, the Council agreed to extend by one month the current marketing year for milk products (until 30 April) and beef and veal (until 4 May). The granting of aid for dehydrated fodder is also extended until 30 April and Italy will continue to be able to reduce the import levy on certain cereals until 1 August 1980.

The Member States agreed that they would have recourse to the option provided for in Article 2a of Regulation 974/71 after 31 March 1980 by extending the mutual arrangements regarding payment of monetary compensatory amounts by exporting countries with strong currencies.

The Council also agreed to the implementation of the devaluation in the green rate of the French franc decided upon when agricultural prices were fixed in 1979. The new representative rate for the "green" franc (= 0.173343 ECU) (applied as from 1 October 1979 for the pigmeat sector) will be applicable as from

- 1 April 1980 for the milk and milk products and for beef and veal
- 1 July 1980 for the isoglucose sector
- 1 August 1980 for eggs, poultry, ovalbumin and lactalbumin
- 16 December 1980 in the wine sector; however, other dates may be laid down for distillation operations
- 1 January 1981 for fishery products
- the beginning of the 1980/1981 marketing year for the other products for which there is a marketing year
- the beginning of the 1980/1981 milk year in all other cases.

The Council agreed to discuss all questions relating to agricultural prices (including structures policies) and changes in the common agricultural policy at its next meeting on agricultural questions to be held in Brussels on 21/22 and 23 April.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council took note of the delegations' statements and of the Commission's replies with regard to:

- competition in the horticultural sector;
- private storage of butter;
- the situation of the market in apples.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agricultural Decisions

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

- amending the fifth Decision (76/538/EEC) on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops;
- amending the fifth Decision (76/539/EEC) on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries,

and the Decision amending Decision 79/277/EEC as regards animal health conditions governing the import of masseter muscles from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 72/159/EEC on the modernization of farms.

Fisheries policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning fishing in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Member States, taken on a temporary basis pending the adoption of permanent Community measures. The effect of this Decision is to extend until 30 June 1980 the main provisions of the interim Decision of 3 December 1979 (see Press release 11209/79 (Presse 153) of that date).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concerning, for certain fish stocks occurring in the Community fishing zone, the fixing for 1980 of the total allowable catches, the share available for the Community and the means of making the catches, and the Regulation laying down detailed rules for the recording and transmission of information concerning catches taken by vessels of the Member States.

On the same occasion the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Islands.

Relations with the EFTA countries

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

- amending Regulations (EEC) Nos 3081/78, 3082/78 and 3083/78 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Portugal (1979/1980);
- concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland for the purpose of adjusting certain tariff specifications.

Relations with Cyprus

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down the autonomous arrangements applicable to Cyprus until 31 March 1980 and the Regulation concluding the Transitional Protocol with Cyprus for the period from 1 April 1980 to 31 December 1980.

Relations with the OCT

The Council took due note of the Commission report on the management of financial and technical co-operation in 1976, 1977 and 1978, pursuant to Decision 76/568/EEC on the association of the overseas countries and territories.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages the Decision opening a quota for imports into Italy of tractor engines falling within heading ex 84.06 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Romania..

Fiscal matters

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the 11th Directive on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes (exclusion of the French overseas departments from the scope of Directive 77/388/EEC) and the Directive authorizing the French Republic not to apply Directives 72/464/EEC and 79/32/EEC (manufactured tobacco) in the French overseas departments.

Other decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Decision supplementing the Directives adopted in the Decisions of 15 October 1975 and 20 February 1978 for the negotiation of an Agreement with Austria, Spain, Finland, Greece, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Yugoslavia on the rules applicable to the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus;
- the Directive derogating in favour of the French Republic from Directive 73/403/EEC on the synchronization of general population censuses;
- the Decision concerning chlorofluorocarbons in the environment, the principle of which was approved on 17 December 1979 (see Presse release 11656/79 (Presse 167) of that date).

Nominations

Le Conseil a nommé, sur proposition du gouvernement français, M. Jean-Paul MINGASSON, Conseiller Financier à la Représentation Permanente de la France auprès des Communautés Européennes, comme membre titulaire du Comité du Fonds social européen, en remplacement de M. Henri CHAVRANSKI, membre titulaire démissionnaire, pour la durée restant à courir du mandat de celui-ci, soit jusqu'au 16 avril 1980.

Le Conseil a également arrêté, dans les langues des Communautés, la décision portant nomination des membres titulaires et suppléants du Comité consultatif pour la formation des praticiens de l'art dentaire (1980-1983) :

A. Experts en exercice de la profession de praticien de l'art dentaire

| | <u>Membre</u> | <u>Suppléant</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Belgique | M. Christian CAUCHIE | M. Roland BULLENS |
| Allemagne | M. Werner EGGERS | M. Heribert POHL |
| Danemark | M. Bent MICHAELSEN | Mme Ilse SCHLÜTER |
| France | M. René BECK | M. Jean JARDINE |
| Irlande | M. D. HARRIS | M. P. BARRETT |
| Italie | M. Luigi GALLINARI | M. Vincenzo NATALINI |
| Luxembourg | M. Jean KRAFT | M. Robert PHILIPPART |
| Pays-Bas | M. M. CASTELEIN | M. R.J. BIJLSTRA |
| Royaume-Uni | M. G.L. DALEY | M. R.B. ALLEN |

B. Experts des établissements universitaires d'enseignement dentaire

| | <u>Membre</u> | <u>Suppléant</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Belgique | M. Michel BOSSUYT | M. Jacques KOHL |
| Allemagne | M. Adolf KRÖNCKE | M. Werner HAHN |
| Danemark | M. E.H. HANSEN | M. Sten B. JENSEN |
| France | M. FRANCK | M. PENNE |
| Irlande | M. R.B. DOCKRELL | M. B.E. BARRETT |
| Italie | M. Antonio BARATIERI | M. Pierluigi MASI |
| Luxembourg | M. Pierre SCHAFFNER | M. Jos. SCHWICKERATH |
| Pays-Bas | M. H.W. DIPPEL | M. A.J.J. BAST |
| Royaume-Uni | M. J.R. MOORE | M. E.D. FARMER |

C. Experts des autorités compétentes de l'Etat membre

| | <u>Membre</u> | <u>Suppléant</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Belgique | M. Felix BEHETS | Mme Yvonne ROMBOUTS |
| Allemagne | Mme Marilene SCHLEICHER | M. Georg SCHOLZ |
| Danemark | M. Erik Randers HANSEN | Mme Jette MERSING |
| France | M. VINCENT | M. Pierre CHOISSELET |
| Irlande | M. V.B. MORRIS | M. D. O'MULLANE |
| Italie | M. Gianni CITTARELLA | Mme Agata MARCHETTI |
| Luxembourg | M. Mathias SCHROEDER | M. Joseph MERSCH |
| Pays-Bas | M. N.J. DERSJANT | M. K. KRANENBURG |
| Royaume-Uni | M. F.E. HOPPER | M. D. HINDLEY-SMITH |

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Other decisions

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

- the Regulations

= laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable for the period until 30 June 1980 to vessels flying the flag of Norway;

= on the common arrangements applicable to imports of certain jute products originating in India;

- the Decision authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded by Member States with third countries.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

6504/80 (Presse 49)

630th Council meeting
- Economic and Financial Affairs -
Luxembourg, 21 April 1980
President: Mr Filippo PANDOLFI,
Minister for the Treasury
of the Italian Republic

21.IV.80

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

Belgium:

Mr Gaston GEENS Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Ivar NØRGAARD Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Gisbert POENSGEN Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

France:

Mr René MONORY Minister for Economic Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI Minister for the Treasury

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Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Mr Ernest MUHLEN

Minister for Finance
State Secretary, Ministry
of Finance

Netherlands:

Mr J. H. LUBBERS

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Vice-President
Member

21.IV.80

MEETING OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE IMF

The Council made preparations for the next meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund to be held in Hamburg on 25 April.

In this connection, the Council heard an introductory statement by Mr Haberer, Chairman of the Monetary Committee, on the work done by the Committee and in particular its opinion on the substitution account, one of the main topics currently occupying the Interim Committee.

Finally, the Council approved the text of the statement which the President is to make on behalf of the Community at the meeting on 25 April.

PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council prepared the ground for deliberations at the forthcoming session of the European Council in Luxembourg on 27 and 28 April on the item "Convergence and budgetary questions", paying particular attention to the figures quoted in connection with the problems involved and the methods to be used in analysing them.

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EXPORT CREDITS

The Council examined the position to be adopted by the Community as regards the adjustments to the existing OECD Arrangement on guidelines for officially supported export credits.

The Council agreed to the principle that a certain selective increase in the minimum interest rates fixed in the Arrangement was desirable and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the Community position in order that the Community might play a useful part in the forthcoming meeting of the parties to the Arrangement, to open in Paris on 12 May 1980.

SECOND TRANCHE OF BORROWINGS UNDER THE NEW COMMUNITY INSTRUMENT (NCI)

The Council examined the Commission proposal to authorize a second tranche of NCI borrowings for an amount of 500 MEUA (balance of the total borrowings authorized under the basic decision establishing the NCI) and extend the scope of the loan provided for in the Decision covering the first NCI tranche, by expanding the concept of infrastructure to include factories built in anticipation of need and housing).

In this connection, the Council noted that the Commission had recently submitted its first annual report on the expenditure and revenue operations resulting from the contracting of loans.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on the matter so that a Council decision might be forthcoming at a forthcoming meeting.

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OTHER DECISIONS

Food aid

Palestine refugees

The Council adopted the instruments necessary for implementing the Community's contribution to the UNRWA's programme for Palestine refugees, one of which was the Decision concerning the conclusion of the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to **refugees** in the countries of the Near East for 1979 and 1980.

This Convention, which is a follow-on to the Community's programmes of aid to Palestine refugees for 72/74 and 75/78, provides for the supply in kind and in cash to UNRWA for two years, of contributions to be used in the Basic Rations Programme and the Supplementary Feeding Programme.

Basic Rations Programme

1979

- 27,593 tonnes of wheat flour (equivalent to 36,700 tonnes of cereals),
- 3,200 tonnes of butteroil,
- 6,000 tonnes of sugar;

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1980

- 27,593 tonnes of wheat flour (equivalent to 36,700 tonnes of cereals),
- 3,735 tonnes of butteroil,
- 650 tonnes of skimmed milk powder,
- 6,000 tonnes of sugar.

The Community will be responsible for transport of the products up to the ports of unloading and will pay UNRWA the sum of 35 US dollars per tonne of each product delivered, as a contribution to costs of inland transport and distribution during 1979 and 1980.

Supplementary Feeding Programme
(for each of the 2 years 1979/1980)

- 2,150 tonnes of wheat flour (equivalent to 2,860 tonnes of cereals),
- 152 tonnes of rice (equivalent to 440 tonnes of cereals),
- 700 tonnes of skimmed milk powder for 1979 and 900 tonnes of skimmed milk powder for 1980,
- 86 tonnes of sugar,
- 165 tonnes of butteroil.

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The Community will be responsible for transport of the products up to ports of unloading. It will also pay to UNRWA for each year of this Convention the sum of 3,266,000 US dollars for 1979 and 3,600,000 US dollars for 1980 as a contribution to the costs of operating the Supplementary Feeding Programme, inter alia for the purchase of products which will be used in connection with this programme.

Emergency aid to the Sahel countries

In response to the appeal made by the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (ICDCS) to deal with the effects of the drought which again in 1979 affected the Sahel countries, the Council approved an emergency aid measure in the form of cereals, involving the following quantities:

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| - Cape Verde | 3,000 t of cereals (CIF) |
| - Gambia | 2,600 t of cereals (CIF) |
| - Mauritania | 4,000 t of cereals (CIF) |
| - Senegal | 6,000 t of cereals (CIF) |
| - Chad | 2,000 t of cereals (free at destination) |
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| Total | 17,600 t |

It was agreed that provision could be made for further measures when the 1980 programme came to be drawn up.

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Emergency aid to Somalia

The Council agreed to an emergency aid measure involving a quantity of 10,000 tonnes of cereals to be delivered to Somalia for distribution in camps for refugees from Ethiopia, currently said to number more than 1.000,000 including about 450,000 in camps.

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision amending Decision 80/158/EEC as regards the quota for imports into the Federal Republic of Germany of panels of reconstituted wood falling within heading ex 44.18 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania.

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631st Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 21, 22, 23 and 24 April 1980

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

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

Belgium:

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| Mr Albert LAVENS | Minister for Agriculture and Small Firms and Traders |
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Denmark:

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| Mr Poul DALSGER | Minister for Agriculture |
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Germany:

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| Mr Joseph ERTL | Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR | State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry |

France:

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| Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE | Minister for Agriculture |
| Mr Jacques FOUCHIER | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture |

Ireland:

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| Mr Ray MacSHARRY | Minister for Agriculture |
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Italy:

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| Mr Giovanni MARCORA | Minister for Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Ferruccio PISONI | State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |
| Mr Fabio FABBRI | Under State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture |

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Inland Waterways
and Forestry

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES FOR 1980/1981 AND RELATED MEASURES

The outcome of the Council's discussions on the Commission proposals concerning the fixing of agricultural prices for 1980/1981 and related measures and the proposals relating to changes in the common agricultural policy to help balance the markets and streamline expenditure was as follows:

1. The general principles on which a settlement must be based are as follows:
 - (1) In order that the common agricultural policy can play its full role in the Community, it is essential to recreate a climate of confidence and stability in the policy. In this way Community farmers must be reassured about the continuity and permanence of the policy. It is in this context that the decisions on prices must be seen.
 - (2) If confidence and stability are to be restored, it is also important that certain disciplines must be accepted in order to re-establish a market balance where imbalances now threaten the common policy through their financial consequences.
2. The necessary preconditions, therefore, of any settlement are that confidence should be re-established and maintained in the common policy; that for this purpose there must be some increases in prices; that measures are taken to start the restoration of a better balance in certain markets, in particular for milk, and that the budget constraints are respected.

3. The decisions on prices must take account of producers' incomes, the market balances and the relationship between support prices for different products. It follows that the price decisions must be modulated by product. It should also be recalled that structural policy (on which the Commission has made a series of proposals) is also an essential element in the maintenance and fair distribution of incomes. There was a large majority in favour of a higher level of price increases than proposed by the Commission.

4. The most essential factor for market balances is that for milk there should be both a disincentive for increases in milk production above the level for a reference period and sufficient funds to finance the extra cost of disposal without putting an extra charge on the budget. There is a consensus that under these conditions of surplus production the disposal cost of any additional milk delivered to dairies by comparison with the reference period (Commission assessment: 515 MEUA on base 1979 - 1%; suggestion of certain delegations: 346 MEUA on base 1979) should be the responsibility of producers themselves, which should be implemented by a linear levy, at least at the level of the 1979 decision, plus an additional element. There are still certain differences of view over the form and the arrangements for applying the additional element.

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Some delegations made their agreement to the principle of the producers' responsibility subject to the condition that the burden of marketing additional quantities should be covered by an additional levy on products that are placed in intervention. Other delegations made their agreement conditional on the application of a progressivity element.

5. The Commission emphasized that its proposal was intended to supplement the Council's decision of 1979 on the increase of the basic rate to 1.5%.
6. Action on the budget cost is clearly important in other sectors.
7. The budgetary situation of the Community is also a fundamental factor in the decisions to be taken. The Council referred in this connection to the conclusions reached at the Council meeting on economic and financial questions on 11 February 1980 (¹).

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Pending the forthcoming meeting on agricultural questions due to start on 6 May 1980 in Luxembourg, where the Ministers for Agriculture will conduct their discussions in the light of the conclusions of the European Council, the Council agreed to extend by one month the current marketing year for milk products (i.e. until 31 May) and for beef and veal (i.e. until 1 June). The grant of aid for dried fodder has also extended until 31 May and the basic and withdrawal prices for cauliflowers were fixed for May 1980.

(¹) See press release No 4897/80 (Presse 14) of 11.2.1980
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IMPACT OF THE EUROPEAN MONETARY SYSTEM ON THE CAPITAL

At the close of a discussion focusing on problems relating to the implications of the monetary compensatory amounts for agricultural trade within the Community, the Council agreed to extend the term of validity of the Regulation on the application of the ECU in the capital until 30 June 1980, while aligning the franchise for the variable positive MCAs on that applying to the fixed positive MCAs (i.e. 1 point).

SHEEPMEAT

During a brief discussion the Council took stock of progress in work on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat.

GUARANTEED PRICE FOR ACP SUGAR

The Council formally adopted the decision authorizing the Commission to start the negotiations with the ACP States which are referred to in Protocol No 3 annexed to the ACP-EEC Lomé Convention, and with the Republic of India, on the guaranteed prices applicable to sugar cane during the 1980-1981 delivery period.

STATEMENTS

The Council took note of the following statements, accompanied where appropriate by the Commission's replies and comments by various delegations, on

the situation on the pigmeat market (German delegation)

the problem of exports of Emmenthal cheese to third countries (German delegation)

the problem of the grubbing up of vines in the Gers Department (French delegation)

trends on the market in common wheat (French delegation).

PRESS RELEASE

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632nd Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 21 and 22 April 1980

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

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

Belgium:

Mr Gaston GEENS Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Kjeld OLESEN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI Minister of State,
 Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

France:

Mr Jean FRANCOIS-PONCET Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Giuseppe ZAMBERLETTI State Secretary,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN

Deputy President of the Government
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr C.A. Van der KLAAUW

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr Francois-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Vicomte Etienne DAVIGNON

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ACCESSION OF ZIMBABWE TO THE LOME CONVENTION

The Council agreed that, at the meeting of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers on 8 and 9 May in Nairobi, it would give the Community's agreement of principle to the accession of Zimbabwe to the Lomé Convention as requested by that country.

The details of accession will be negotiated with Zimbabwe after the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers has given its approval.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN

The Council prepared the fourth ministerial meeting of the negotiating Conference for the accession of Spain to the Community, which was also held today.

PREPARATION FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING

The Council made preparation for the next meeting of the European Council to take place in Luxembourg on 27 and 28 April 1980.

RELATIONS WITH TURKEY

The Council took stock of progress made in the discussions on reviving the Association between the Community and Turkey in accordance with the joint conclusions of the Association Council of 5 February 1980.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue talks on the subject with all due speed and in a positive spirit.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT

The Council defined the position enabling the Community and its Member States to participate in the Negotiating Conference on the Sixth International Tin Agreement.

GULF STATES

The Council took stock of the soundings currently in hand with the Gulf States and North Yemen.

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OTHER DECISIONS

Trade policy

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

- concerning the opening of negotiations with India for the conclusion of an Agreement for commercial and economic co-operation.
- authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with the Arab Republic of Egypt for the conclusion of a multi-annual voluntary restraint arrangement for cotton yarn,
- concerning the conclusion of the Agreement negotiated between the European Economic Community and Canada under Article XXVIII of the GATT concerning certain products in the fruit and vegetables sector.

Commodities

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision concerning the conclusion of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1979.
