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PRESS RELEASE

8759/80 (Presse 107)

651st meeting of the Council  
- Economics/Finance -  
Brussels, 15 July 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 Paul HATRY Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Gunnar RIBERHOLDT Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Gisbert POENSGEN Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

France:

Mr Luc de La BARRE de NANTEUIL Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI Minister for the Treasury

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Luxembourg :

Mr Jacques SANTER

Minister for Finance

Mr Ernest MUHLEN

State Secretary for Finance

Netherlands :

Mr M.H.J.Ch. RUTTEN

Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter REES

Minister of State  
(Treasury)

The Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

The meeting was also attended by:

Mr F.W. RUTTEN

Chairman of the Economic  
Policy Committee

EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

The Council held its second quarterly examination of the economic situation in the Community in accordance with Article 3 of the "Convergence" Decision of 18 February 1974.

For this purpose it had at its disposal a Commission communication "on the economic policy to be followed in 1980 and on the preparation of public budgets for 1981".

On this basis, the Council held a detailed exchange of views which enabled the members of the Council inter alia to outline the latest developments of the economic situation in their countries and to indicate the economic and budgetary measures already taken or envisaged.

In conclusion, the Council noted that at this stage there was no need to amend the economic policy guidelines for 1980 adopted by the Council in December 1979 and confirmed at its meeting on 17 March 1980, and that the Member States had taken the measures necessary to comply with these guidelines.

COMMUNITY LOANS: 2nd CNI TRANCHE

Pursuant to Decision 78/870 empowering the Commission to contract loans for the purpose of promoting investment within the Community, the Council released the second loan tranche amounting to 500 MEUA at the rate of 80% (400 MEUA), on the understanding that the decision to release the remaining 100 MEUA would be taken in the light of the deliberations the Council would hold at its meeting in October with regard to the scope of the loans.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted the texts and decided on the signing of the Additional Protocols to the Agreements

- between the European Economic Community and Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;
- between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and Finland, Norway and Sweden, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;
- between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and Iceland and Switzerland to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;
- concerning the validity, for the Principality of Liechtenstein, of the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Swiss Confederation to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community.

Relations with Cyprus

The Council signified its agreement, as far as the Community is concerned, to the draft Decision of the EEC-Cyprus Association Council setting out the guidelines for co-operation between the Community and Cyprus.

Textiles

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78 on the common arrangements applicable to the imports of certain textile products originating in third countries.

### Technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to straight ammonium nitrate fertilizers of high nitrogen content.

The provisions of this Directive determine the characteristics and limits which ammonium nitrate fertilizers of high nitrogen content must satisfy in order to be eligible for the marketing description "EEC fertilizer". Measures to check that the Community specifications are observed are laid down in the Directive and include, amongst others, a test of resistance to detonation.

Compliance with the "EEC fertilizer" provisions exempts these products from national provisions, in particular as regards storage, which are as stringent as those applying to products which do not satisfy these provisions.

### Research and atomic questions

The Council took note that the Commission intended to participate, on behalf of the Community,

- in Annex VI to the IEA implementing Agreement for a programme of research and development in hydrogen production from water;
- in the IEA implementing Agreement for a programme of research and development in radiation damage to fusion materials.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive (Euratom) amending the Directives laying down the basic safety standards for the health protection of the general public against the dangers of ionizing radiation.



### Environment

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

- the Directive on air quality limit values and guide values for sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates;
- the Resolution on transboundary air pollution by sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates.
- the Directive relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption.

(See Press Release 8279/80 (Presse 99) of 30.VI and 1.VII.80).

### Agricultural questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals (a series of Regulations in this sector which were adopted by the Council at its meeting on 30 June and 1 July 1980 - see Press Release 8279/80 (Presse 99) - will be published in the Official Journal and will enter into force at the same time as this Regulation).

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

- the Regulations
  - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1582/79 fixing the amounts of aid granted for seeds for the 1980/1981 and 1981/1982 marketing years;
  - = fixing, for the 1980/1981 marketing year, the activating price for aid for peas and field beans and the minimum price for these products;
  - = amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats and supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 1360/78 on producer groups and associations thereof;

- = amending for the second time Regulation (EEC) No 564/80 laying down general rules on distillation operations for table wines for which the delivery contract must be approved before 15 April 1980,
- the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters;
- the sixth Council Decision on:
  - = the equivalence of field inspections carried out on seed-producing crops in third countries;
  - = the equivalence of seeds produced in third countries.

### ECSC

The Council gave the assents requested under the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty, to the granting of

- loans to borrowers other than actual ECSC undertakings to finance installations facilitating the marketing of Community coal;
- a loan by the Community to the Société Anonyme Centrale Sidérurgique de Richemont - Richemont (Moselle).

The Council also gave the assent requested under Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty concerning

- Société de développement régional du Sud-Est (France);
- Crédit national (France).

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning certain tariff measures for the second half of 1980.

PRESS RELEASE

8916/80 (Presse 109)

652nd meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 21 July 1980

President: Mr Paul HELMINGER,  
State Secretary, Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and  
Co-operation 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 Albert LAVENS                      Minister of Agriculture and for  
Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSAGER                      Minister for Fisheries

Mr Jørgen HERTOFF                    State Secretary,  
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL                         Federal Minister for Food,  
Agriculture and Forestry

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

France:

Mr Joël LE THEULE                    Minister for Transport

Ireland:

Mr Patrick POWER                     Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Nicola SIGNORELLO                Minister of Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Paul HELMINGER                    State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister of Agriculture and  
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Mr George YOUNGER

Secretary of State for Scotland

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

FISHERIES POLICY

Internal aspects

The Council held a wide-ranging exchange of views on various internal aspects of the common fisheries policy, paying particular attention to questions relating to the conservation of fish stocks, catch quotas for 1980, access areas and structures.

As regards the "technical" conservation measures, the Council made some progress towards reaching a consensus on the mesh sizes of nets (for white fish, nephrops, shrimps and prawns), and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining these questions in the light of today's discussions.

The Council undertook a preliminary examination of the Commission's proposals on the catch quotas for 1980, concentrating mainly on questions relating to the basic criteria, i.e. the definition of traditional fishing activities, preferential allocations in favour of certain regions, and compensation for losses in third-country waters. The Council concluded by instructing the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the proposals in question, together with any amendments to them there might be, in order to prepare more thoroughly for a discussion in depth at the next meeting of the Council.

As for questions of access and fishing plans, the Council also agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination, started at Council level,

on the basis of the Commission's recent communication. It further requested the Commission to supply it with any further details which might help to speed up preparatory work in this area.

On this occasion the Council took note of the Commission's amended proposals on structural policy, an essential adjunct to the other aspects of the fisheries policy. The Commission proposes a policy of structures comprising arrangements to encourage fishery pilot schemes and fisheries co-operation in the context of joint ventures, the restructuring, modernization and development of the fisheries sector and fish farming, together with the co-ordination and promotion of research in this sector. In conclusion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue with its examination of these schemes.

Confirming the positive trend taken by the technical dossiers in the fisheries sector, the Council proposes to examine further the issues in question at its next meeting, scheduled for 29 September. Pending this meeting, it extended the term of validity of the interim decision on the preservation of fish stocks <sup>(1)</sup> until 31 October 1980.

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<sup>(1)</sup> See Press Release 11209/79 (Presse 153) of 3.12.1979.

External aspects

The Council briefly discussed the International Whaling Convention (IWC) the annual meeting of which begins today in Brighton.

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The Council also held a short discussion on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on Fisheries with Spain now that the European Parliament has delivered a favourable Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation in question. After its discussion, the Council agreed to take a decision on the matter at a forthcoming meeting.

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In connection with an oral report by Vice-President GUNDELACH on Community relations with third countries as regards fisheries, the Council briefly discussed the matter of capelin fishing rights for Iceland and Norway in the 200 mile fishing zone that Denmark has just instituted to the east of Greenland, and the adjustment of the TAC for herring in the Skaggeak and the Kattegat. The Italian delegation also raised some matters of special interest to Italy regarding relations with Mauretania, Tunisia and Canada in connection with fishing.



PRESS RELEASE

8917/80 (Presse 110)

653rd meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 22 July 1980

President:

Mr Camille NEY,  
Minister for Agriculture, Viticulture,  
Waters and Forestry 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 Albert LAVENS                      Minister for Agriculture and  
for Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER                      Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL                         Federal Minister for Food,  
Agriculture and Forestry

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

France:

Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE               Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Ray MacSHARRY                    Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA                 Minister for Agriculture and  
Forestry

Mr Ferruccio PISONI                 State Secretary, Ministry of  
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Fabio FABRI                       Deputy State Secretary for  
Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture,  
Viticulture, Waters and Forestry

The Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

The 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

POULTRY KEEPING

Following a brief discussion of poultry-keeping issues - particularly as regards the economic, international trade and research aspects - the Council signified its agreement to the following Resolution concerning the protection of layer hens in cages:

"THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Whereas the keeping of layer hens in cages is the most widely used means of egg production in the Community and makes a very large contribution to the high productivity of this sector;

Whereas, however, this means of housing may, in certain cases, lead to unnecessary and excessive suffering on the part of the animal; whereas this risk justifies the adoption of appropriate measures;

Whereas the national laws at present in force in the field of the protection of intensively housed animals present differences which may distort conditions of competition and in consequence have a direct effect on the functioning of the common market;

Whereas there is therefore a need to establish priority parameters and define common minimum requirements satisfactory from the point of view of animal protection, social ethics and health and economically appropriate in all intensive housing systems; whereas it is necessary for this purpose, as a first step, to envisage the establishment of Community measures in order to ensure the protection of layer hens in cages;

Whereas, however, when adopting such measures it will be necessary to provide for a period of adaptation for their implementation;

Whereas, to provide the basis for further Community measures, the studies on poultry welfare must be continued, not only as regards the keeping of poultry in cages but also in possible alternative systems of housing,

HAS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

That the keeping of layer hens in cages must be subject to compliance with minimum standards and criteria established in order to ensure the protection of these animals;

That appropriate rules for this purpose should be adopted by the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, before 1 November 1981;

INVITES THE COMMISSION:

To submit, in good time, a report and, before 1 July 1981, proposals for achieving this objective, taking the economic implications into account in an appropriate manner;

To pursue its studies on the welfare of layer hens kept in the various systems of housing."

POLICY ON STRUCTURES

The Council held a general discussion on a package of structural measures in agriculture. These measures concerned:

- the implementation of decisions of principle restricting investment aid in the milk and pig sectors;
- the revision of Directives 72/159 and 72/161, including a special drive to help young farmers;
- a common project to improve beef and veal production structures in Italy;
- the integrated development programmes for the Western Isles of Scotland, Lozère and the Belgian province of Luxembourg;
- specific measures to improve agricultural structures in Northern Ireland;
- agricultural development in the FOD.

After noting the progress made in talks on the above, and bearing in mind existing commitments, the Council agreed to adopt the relevant decisions at its meeting on 20 and 21 October 1980.

PIGMEAT

At the insistence of various delegations, the Council discussed the pigmeat market situation. It took note of the Commission's intention to submit proposals to the Management Committee this week for immediate measures and of an assessment of the situation, including international trade aspects, in preparation for detailed discussion at the Council's next meeting scheduled for 29 and 30 September 1980.

RELATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND

The Council heard a message from the Vice-President of the Commission, Mr GUNDELACH, on his negotiations with the New Zealand authorities on imports of New Zealand sheepmeat into the Community.

In this context it took cognizance of a draft self-restraint agreement (to an amount of 234,000 tonnes per year at a 10% customs duty rate) negotiated with New Zealand. As a matter of principle, the Council noted that the negotiations had been conducted in pursuance of the brief given to the Commission and it instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture and the Article 113 Committee to examine certain aspects of this draft agreement at the very earliest opportunity.

The Council further took note of the Commission's intention to conduct the necessary negotiations with the other supplier countries concerned at the earliest opportunity.

Following its discussions, the Council agreed that the proceedings and negotiations indicated above should be carried out very rapidly, so that the Commission could submit its proposals in good time for the Council to adopt a position at its meeting on 29 and 30 September, in order to allow the Community rules governing the common organization of the sheepmeat markets to enter into force on 1 October 1980.

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The Council also discussed imports of New Zealand butter (Protocol 18 to the Act of Accession) for the current year and recorded its agreement on the proposal for amending the existing arrangements, i.e. to reduce the quantities actually imported onto the United Kingdom market (from 115,000 tonnes to 95,000 tonnes) by means of a price increase (75% of the intervention price), it being understood that this would not constitute a precedent for a subsequent period.

At the close of a brief discussion the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to finalize the agreement which had been reached and to examine the Commission's other proposal for 1981 onwards in more detail.

#### WINE SECTOR

The Council recorded its agreement on an amendment to Regulation (EEC) No 343/79 designed to adapt it, for the 1980/1981 marketing year, to the decisions taken on 18 February 1980 concerning extra obligatory wine deliveries and the distillation of wines produced from table grapes.

The Commission was requested to submit a report by 15 December 1980 on the question of distillation products of 85% vol. or less, and also on that of the participation of the EAGGF in the expenditure falling to the intervention bodies.



ENERGY COSTS IN THE HORTICULTURAL SECTOR

Following a discussion on the harmonization of energy costs in the horticultural sector, the Council took note of the Commission's intention to pursue its discussion on the matter, in particular in conjunction with the Netherlands delegation, with a view to submitting a succinct report, where appropriate containing proposals, in good time for discussion at the Council's next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

The Council also took note of the following statements and, where appropriate, of Commission replies:

- = on the forwarding by the Commission of a proposal on the Community's future sugar arrangements applicable from 1.7.1981 (French delegation): revised proposal will be submitted by the Commission in September 1980;
- = on medium and long-term contracts relating to trade in agricultural products (French delegation): document promised by the Commission as a basis for the Council's discussions in the autumn;
- = on eggs and poultry (Irish delegation).

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At the end of the meeting, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 516/77 on the common organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables.

OTHER AGRICULTURAL DECISIONS

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 with regard to the additional intervention measures reserved for holders of long-term private storage contracts in the wine sector;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 to take account of resinated wine (retsina);
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 456/80 on the granting of temporary and permanent abandonment premiums in respect of certain areas under vines and of premiums for the renunciation of replanting;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 357/79 on statistical surveys of areas under vines;
- determining, for the 1980/1981 wine-growing year, the prices to be paid under the compulsory distillation of the by-products of wine-making and the maximum amount of the contribution from the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund.

The Council also noted with interest a report on the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF, cereals sector, drawn up by the Special Committee of Inquiry which had been instructed to examine the possibilities of fraud and irregularities in the administration of the funds of the EAGGF, Guarantee Section and asked the Commission to speed up the implementation of the measures required to act on its recommendations.

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

- amending the Annexes to Regulations (EEC) No 2358/71 and No 1582/79 as regards the names of seeds of certain species;
  - amending Regulation (EEC) No 1674/72 laying down general rules for granting and financing aid for seed;
  - laying down general implementing rules for campaigns aimed at promoting the consumption of olive oil in the Community;
  - fixing, for the 1980/1981 marketing year, production aid for tinned pineapple and the minimum price to be paid to pineapple producers.
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PRESS RELEASE

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654th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 21 and 22 July 1980

President:

Mr Gaston THORN,

Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Brussels, 23 July 1980

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654th Council meeting

-- Foreign Affairs --

Brussels, 21 and 22 July 1980

President:

Mr Gaston THORN,

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of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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

Belgium:

Mr Charles-Ferdinand NOTHOMB                    Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

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

Germany:

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

France:

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

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN                                Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

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

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr C.A. van der KLAUW Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr D.F. van der MEI State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Douglas HURD Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Cecil PARKINSON Minister of State, Department of Trade

Mr Adam BUTLER Minister of State, Department of Industry

Mr Geoffrey FINSBERG Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS President

Mr L. NATALI Vice-President

Mr Wilhelm HAFFERKAMP Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON Member

Mr Antonio GIOLITTI Member

Vicomte Etienne DAVIGNON Member

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT Member

ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS - SPAIN

The Council prepared for the 5th meeting at Ministerial level of the Negotiating Conference for the Accession of Spain to the Communities, which was held on the evening of Monday 21 July.

EEC-GREECE ASSOCIATION

After an exchange of views the Council agreed on the terms of the reply to be sent to the letter of 12 July from Mr KONTOGEOORGIS, Minister for relations between Greece and the European Communities, on the restrictive import measures taken by Greece in view of its balance of payments situation.



RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL

The Council decided, within the limits of its budget possibilities, to grant Portugal aid between now and accession as a contribution to practical measures to enable the Portuguese economy to be integrated harmoniously with that of the European Economic Community.

This aid will involve, on the one hand, granting Portugal investment loans through the EIB from its own resources and, on the other hand, resources drawn on the Community budget in accordance with arrangements and criteria still to be decided.

The Council will adopt a position on the overall appropriation and the arrangements for this aid as soon as possible, so that assistance may become operational before the end of the year.

The Council also prepared for the 3rd meeting of the Conference at Ministerial level for the accession of Portugal to the European Communities, which was held at the end of the morning Tuesday of 22 July.

AGREEMENTS WITH ROMANIA

The Council has decided to sign the two agreements negotiated by the Commission with Romania, namely:

- Agreement on the setting up of a Joint EEC-Romania Committee;
- EEC-Romania Agreement on trade in Industrial Products.

These agreements will be signed on 28 July (morning) in Bucharest.

RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL

The Council has decided to sign the Co-operation Agreement between the EEC and Brazil negotiated by the Commission which is to replace the existing Trade Agreement - of more limited scope - with Brazil.

The signing should take place in September in Brussels.

RELATIONS WITH EFTA COUNTRIES

The Council took note of the report by the Permanent Representatives Committee summarizing the development of co-operation between the Community and the EFTA countries. The report gives details of the decisions and measures taken with a view to improving the operation of the EFTA agreements since the last examination of this problem by the Council on 12 June 1979. In addition, an indication was given of those areas in which work should continue in order to evolve a common approach.

The Council emphasized the importance which the Community attaches to the harmonious development of relations with each of the EFTA countries which, taken together, represent the Community's major trading partner.

EEC-UNITED STATES RELATIONS - SYNTHETIC TEXTILE FIBRES

The Council took note of a Commission report on the progress of the consultations with the United States under GATT concerning the problems arising, with regard to the conditions of competition between American and European industries, from the existence of a double energy tariff in the United States.

The Council expressed its concern that these difficulties were persisting. It asked the Commission to continue its consultations with the United States and to report back as soon as possible.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND - QUOTA FREE PROJECTS

The Council agreed <sup>(1)</sup> to five Regulations proposed by the Commission under Article 13 of the ERDF Regulation setting up specific Community regional development projects (quota free projects) with a view to remedying regional problems connected with the implementation of certain Community policies.

In so doing, the Council approved the Commission's proposals relating to measures for the purpose of remedying the consequences of enlargement (France, Italy), the crisis in the steel industry (Belgium, Italy, United Kingdom) and in the shipbuilding industry (United Kingdom), measures aimed at promoting the use of new forms of energy (Italy) and specific frontier zone projects (Ireland, United Kingdom). This decision relates to sums estimated at 220 MEUA spread over a period of five years <sup>(2)</sup>.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Certain delegations gave their agreement ad referendum.

<sup>(2)</sup> the regions concerned are:

- France: Aquitaine, Languedoc-Roussillon and Midi-Pyrenees regions,
- Italy: the Mezzogiorno regions,
- Belgium: the provinces of Luxembourg, Liège and Hainaut excluding the Ath and Tournai administrative districts,
- United Kingdom: the Strathclyde region, the counties of Cleveland, Clwyd, South Glamorgan, West Glamorgan, Gwent, Tyne and Wear, Merseyside; Belfast urban area and the Employment office area of Corby; the Council districts of Londonderry, Strabane, Omagh, Fermanagh, Dungannon, Armagh, Newry and Mourne.
- Ireland: the counties of Donegal, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Louth.

These new measures exemplify a new approach, from the following points of view in particular: instead of being based on individual projects as is the quota section of the ERDF, the quota-free section will be based on specific programmes concerning a consistent series of measures to be implemented by a Member State. Included in these measures are "aids to initiative" which will help stimulate firms' ability to adapt to market trends and to developments in technology, in management, etc. These measures are intended in particular to promote small and medium-sized undertakings, handicrafts, rural tourism, new forms of energy (mini-turbines) and the renewal of run-down industrial sites.

With regard to the procedure for allocating aid, the Council has agreed to adopt that already in force for the quota section provided for in Article 16 of the Regulation setting up the European Regional Development Fund.

However, in view of the difficulties which had to be overcome in reaching a Decision, the Council has stressed in particular the exceptional and experimental nature of these projects, which cannot be considered as a precedent for any subsequent decisions.

Finally, the Council agreement covers a number of other points, these included the matters on which the Commission had amended its proposal, pursuant to Article 149 of the Treaty, following the Opinion of the European Parliament (budget procedure, information, publicity).

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UNITED KINGDOM CONTRIBUTION TO THE FINANCING OF THE  
COMMUNITY BUDGET

The Council held a general discussion on a number of problems arising in connection with the proposals submitted by the Commission as a follow-up to the conclusions of the Council of 30 May on the United Kingdom contribution to the financing of the Community budget. These proposals concerned the adjustment of the financial mechanism and additional measures in favour of the United Kingdom.

At the close of the discussion certain guidelines were evolved, particularly with regard to the adjustment of the financial mechanism, which will enable the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the proposals pending the Opinion of the European Parliament, which is expected in September.

RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT AND FREEDOM TO PROVIDE SERVICES  
IN THE FIELD OF ARCHITECTURE

The Council took note of progress on the right of establishment and freedom to provide services in the field of architecture and agreed to return to this subject in the autumn.

NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE - PREPARATION FOR THE FORTHCOMING  
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Council approved the guidelines which are to serve as a basis for the common position of the Community and the Member States at the forthcoming special session of the United Nations General Assembly on development problems (New York, 25 August to 5 September 1980).

The Council confirmed the fundamental political importance which it attached to the North-South Dialogue.

COMMODITIES: COCOA

The Council discussed the attitude to be adopted by the Community in the consultations shortly to be held by the UNCTAD Secretary-General with a view to reinstating negotiations for the conclusion of a 3rd International Cocoa Agreement.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH ZIMBABWE FOR ITS ACCESSION TO THE 2nd  
ACP-EEC CONVENTION

After confirming the fundamental importance it attached to the accession of Zimbabwe to the Lomé Convention -- the principle of which was, moreover, accepted by the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers on 9 May in Nairobi -- the Council examined the problems still outstanding in the negotiations. It expressed its intention of approving at its next meeting the additional brief to enable the Commission to resume negotiations.

RELATIONS WITH JAPAN - COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

The Commission submitted to the Council a communication concerning the review of the Community's trade policy vis-à-vis Japan.

Following a preliminary exchange of views during which delegations gave their initial reactions the Council directed the Permanent Representatives Committee, with the aid of the Article 113 Committee, to conduct a thorough study of the Commission communication and to report back so that the Council would be in a position to reach appropriate conclusions at a forthcoming meeting.



IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS

In the context of the application of the anti-crisis measures in the iron and steel sector, the Council granted the consultation requested by the Commission on suspension of minimum prices under certain conditions for reinforcing rods, merchant bars and wide hot-rolled strips.

At the end of its discussion the Council agreed to conduct a thorough study of the iron and steel market in the Community at its next meeting in September.

CASSAVA -- TALKS WITH THAILAND AND QUESTION OF UNBINDING

The Council had an exchange of views on the problems arising in connection with imports of cassava into the Community. It took note of Mr GUNDELACH's intention of visiting Thailand in September to continue the talks begun with that country. It agreed to raise the whole question again in the light of the Commission report on the outcome of those talks.

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22.VII.80

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Emergency food aid for the countries in the Horn of Africa and neighbouring countries

The Council agreed to the emergency food aid proposed by the Commission for the countries in the Horn of Africa and neighbouring countries viz. Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti, Sudan, Kenya and Uganda. This is in response to aid appeals from several governments in the region and from international organizations on behalf of refugees and drought victims in desperate straits.

This aid involves 8,000 tonnes of skimmed milk powder, 1,250 tonnes of butteroil and 1,000 tonnes of sugar. It will be allocated free at destination to the Governments of the above countries and the international organizations operating in the region for free distribution to refugees and drought victims in accordance with such needs as arise in the second half of 1980.

22.VII.80

Aid for Zimbabwe

Having already decided on 17 June to make a contribution of 8 MEUA to the UNHCR programme to meet urgent needs in Zimbabwe, the Council agreed, after completion of preparatory work with the Zimbabwe authorities, to the Community programme of aid to Zimbabwe suggested by the Commission. This plan provides for a Community contribution of 4 MEUA to the financing, within the framework of the five-year plan prepared by the Zimbabwe authorities for the reconstruction of rural infrastructures, of the first annual programme corresponding to the financial year 1980/1981, the cost of which is estimated at 40.4 MEUA.

The Community aid will serve in particular to provide some of the equipment for the rebuilding of rural roads and tracks and to rebuild the first set of cattle dips which are essential for the reconstitution of cattle herds which constitute the local population's main livelihood.

[ This aid will be charged to the Community budget funds for non-associated developing countries. ]

Relations with Yugoslavia

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for products originating in Yugoslavia (1980)

= "Slivovica" plum spirit

= certain tobaccos

EFTA

The Council approved on behalf of the Community:

- Draft Decisions No 2/80 of the EEC-Austria and EEC-Switzerland Joint Committees (Community transit) on the amendment of the Agreements between the European Economic Community and Austria and Switzerland on the application of the rules on Community transit and on the amendment of Appendix II to those Agreements;
- Draft Recommendation No 1/80 of the EEC-Austria Joint Committee on Community transit on the amendment of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on the simplification of formalities in respect of goods traded between the European Economic Community, on the one hand and Greece and Turkey on the other hand when the said goods are forwarded from Austria.

### Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Council Regulations increasing the volume of the Community tariff quotas opened for 1980 for

- ferro-silicon falling within subheading 73.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff
- ferro-silico-manganese falling within subheading 73.02 D of the Common Customs Tariff
- ferro-chromium containing not more than 0.10% by weight of carbon and more than 30% but not more than 90% by weight of chromium (super-refined ferro-chromium) falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff
- ferro-chromium containing 4% or more by weight of carbon falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff

### Textiles

The Council agreed to sign the Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Hungarian People's Republic, the Polish People's Republic and the People's Republic of Bulgaria respectively, on trade in textile products, the texts of which were approved at its meeting on 27 May 1980.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Council Regulation concerning the arrangement for importation into the Benelux countries of jute yarn originating in Thailand.

### Technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Directives

- amending Directive 73/173/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (solvents);
- on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to rear-view mirrors for two-wheeled motor vehicles with or without a side-car and to their fitting on such vehicles.

### Summertime

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Council Directive on summertime arrangements (see Press Release 8171/80 (Presse 94) of 24.6.80).

### Public contracts

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Council Directive adapting and supplementing Council Directive 77/62/EEC of 21 December 1976 co-ordinating procedures for the award of public supply contracts in respect of certain contracting authorities.

### Community loans

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Council Decision applying for the second time Decision 78/870/EEC empowering the Commission to contract loans for the purpose of promoting investment within the Community (see decision of 15 July 1980; Press Release 8759/80 (Presse 107)).

### European Regional Development Fund

The Council took note of the 4th Annual Report (1978) on the European Regional Development Fund submitted by the Commission; it also noted the comments made by the various delegations on this report.

### ECSC

The Council gave its assent under Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty on

- Yates Circuit Foil Company (Ltd.) (United Kingdom)
- R.H.M. Foods Ltd. (United Kingdom).

### Appointment

On a proposal from the Belgian Government, the Council appointed Mr P. COLIN, Advisor at the Employment Administration, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training to replace Mr A. COEN, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 15 October 1980.

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PRESS RELEASE

9518/80 (Presse 117)

655th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 15 and 16 September 1980

President: Mr Gaston THORN,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg



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

Belgium:

Mr Charles-Ferdinand NOTHOMB      Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Kjeld OLESEN                      Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Niels ERSBØLL                     State Secretary,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER          Federal Minister for Foreign  
Affairs

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

France:

Mr Jean FRANCOIS-PONCET             Minister for Foreign Affairs

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

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN                     Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO                    Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Giuseppe ZAMBERLETTI             State Secretary,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr C.A. van der KLAUW Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr D.F. van der MEI State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Sir Ian GILMOUR Lord Privy Seal

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS President

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI Vice-President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON Member

Mr Antonio GIOLITTI Member

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT Member

PARLIAMENT-COUNCIL CONCILIATION COMMITTEE: AID TO  
NON-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

At the beginning of its proceedings the Council, within the framework of the Conciliation Committee, met a delegation from the European Parliament led by Mr Gérard JAQUET, Vice-President, and composed of Mr Heinrich AIGNER, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control and member of the Committee on Budgets, Mr Giovanni BERSANI and Mr Heinz KUHN, Vice-Presidents, and Mr Andrew PEARCE and Mr Paul VERGES, members of the Committee on Development and Co-operation, and Mr Anselmo GOUTHIER, member of the Committee on Budgets.

The conciliation meeting, which dealt with problems outstanding in the draft framework Regulation on financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries, gave the Council the opportunity of explaining the grounds for the second set of joint guidelines communicated to the European Parliament in June of this year and enabled the delegation from the European Parliament to make its observations and comments.

After a wide-ranging discussion, the European Parliament delegation and the Council set themselves a further period for reflection to enable the two Institutions to give due consideration to the arguments put forward on both sides.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH ZIMBABWE ON ACCESSION TO THE 2ND LOME  
CONVENTION

The Council approved a supplementary brief enabling the Commission to resume negotiations with Zimbabwe on its accession to the 2nd Lomé Convention.

FINANCIAL MECHANISM AND ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ASSIST  
THE UNITED KINGDOM

Pending the Opinion which the European Parliament is to give at its part-session from 15 to 19 September, the Council continued its policy debate with particular reference to the proposal for a Regulation providing for additional measures to assist the United Kingdom, in accordance with the conclusions of the Council on 30 May on the United Kingdom contribution to the financing of the Community budget.

The discussion enabled the Council to decide on certain guidelines, having particular regard to criteria and definition of the fields of application; these guidelines should enable the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the proposal in question.

EXPORT CREDITS: ARRANGEMENT ON GUIDELINES

Following a brief discussion of the problems arising in connection with the adaptation of the Arrangement on Guidelines for export credits, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of this.

REPORT OF THE THREE WISE MEN

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs recorded their agreement to the report to the European Council concerning the Report of the Three Wise Men.

PORTUGAL: PRE-ACCESSION AID

The Council agreed to comment at its next meeting on the overall amount and detailed arrangements for pre-accession aid to Portugal.

NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE - OUTCOME OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Council took note of the outcome of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to development problems which recently finished in New York. It expressed the hope that the remaining difficulties could be solved at the XXXVth ordinary session so that the global negotiations could be effectively launched and final approval given to the 3rd International Development Strategy.

NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL

The Council has appointed Mr Niels ERSEØLL, who is currently State Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Denmark, as Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities for a period of 5 years.

Mr ERSEØLL will succeed the present Secretary-General, Mr Nicolas HOMMEL, who is due to retire on 8 October.

(See Curriculum Vitae overleaf)

Curriculum vitae

ERSBØLL, NIELS E.N., State-Secretary for Foreign Economic Affairs, Ambassador.

Born April 9, 1926, in Copenhagen.

Married to Birgitte E., journalist.

1955            Master of Law

1955            Entered the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1958-60        Secretary of Embassy, the Danish Representation to NATO, Paris

1960-63        Seconded for service in the EFTA-secretariat, Geneva

1963-64        Secretary of Embassy, the Danish Mission to EFTA and GATT, Geneva

1964-67        Head of Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1967-73        Director, Secretariat for European Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1973-77        Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the European Communities, Brussels

1977-           State-Secretary for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1978-           Chairman of the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Emergency aid for Nepal

The Community will grant Nepal emergency aid of 150,000 EUA. This aid is intended for the people living in the areas devastated by an earthquake at the end of July and is in response to an appeal made to the Community by UNDR0 (United Nations Disaster Relief Office). It will take the form of supplies of tents (approximately 475) and blankets.

Commercial policy

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

### Relations with Portugal

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on financial aid from the Community for the eradication of African swine fever in Portugal.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 9 of the Supplementary Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic (concerning the Portuguese provisions governing wine covered by a registered designation of origin).

### Appointment

On a proposal from the Italian Government, the Council appointed Mr Danilo BERETTA, Segretario Sindacale della CISL, a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr Bruno FASSINA, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 18 September 1982.

### Renewal of the ECSC Consultative Committee

The Council confirmed for a period of two years the existing distribution of seats within the ECSC Consultative Committee, the term of office of which expires on 15 October.

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PRESS RELEASE

9737/80 (Presse 125)

656th Council meeting

- Budget -

Brussels, 23/24 September 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 G. GEENS Minister for the Budget

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Maurice PAPON Minister for the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Sean CALLEARY Minister of State in the  
Department of the Public  
Service

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI State Secretary,  
Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER Minister for Finance  
Mr Ernest MUHLEN State Secretary at the  
Ministry of Finance

Netherlands:

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON

Financial Secretary to the  
Treasury

Commission:

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Member

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

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Also attending as observer:

Greece:

Mr George CONTOGEOORGIS

Minister for relations with  
the European Communities

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET 1981

During a meeting of the Interim Committee at ministerial level prior to the Council's proceedings, the Greek delegation made comments on a number of points relating to the 1981 budget, and in particular to the Greek staff complement in the various Community institutions, additional measures to assist the United Kingdom, the break-down of the Regional Fund and expenditure relating to the marketing and processing of agricultural products.

The Community delegation took note of these comments and proposed to come back to them at a later stage in its deliberations if necessary.

It should also be noted that the Greek delegation took part in the Council's subsequent discussions as an observer.

During the work devoted to preparing the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1981, the Council held a meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament led by Mrs VEIL, President of the European Parliament, and composed as follows: Mr LANGE, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr NOTENBOOM, Mr SPINELLI and Mr ROSSI, Vice-Chairmen of the Committee on Budgets, Mr ADONNINO, Rapporteur for the 1981 Budget (Commission), Mr ANSQUER, Rapporteur for the 1981 Budget (Other Institutions), Mr TAYLOR and Mr BONDE, Members of the Committee on Budgets and Mr AIGNER, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control.

The meeting enabled the Parliamentary delegation to give its initial reactions to the preliminary draft budget, with regard both to certain general questions and to specific problems relating to the 1981 budget, and enabled members of the Council to enter into a useful dialogue with the European Parliament representatives on the matter.

After this exchange of views, the President of the Council said that the Council would bear in mind the approval followed by the Parliamentary delegation and the conclusions of the discussions during the forthcoming deliberations on the preliminary draft budget.

The Council then proceeded to examine the preliminary draft budget item by item, bearing in mind the observations of the Parliamentary delegation.

At the close of the debate, the Council prepared a draft general budget of the European Communities for 1981, comprising 20,915 MEUA in commitment appropriations and 19,250 MEUA in payment appropriations.

This draft budget will be forwarded to the European Parliament at the earliest opportunity.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision on the notification of provisional application by the European Economic Community of the International Natural Rubber Agreement 1979.

The Council gave the consultation requested under Article 6(1) of Decision 528/76/ECSC on the financial aid awarded by the Member States to the coal industry in 1979 and on the additional financial aid awarded by the Member States to the coal industry in 1978.

The Council gave its assent to a set of eleven applications under Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty.

Appointments

On a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr Peter DIXON of the Confederation of British Industry as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers to replace Mr Vincent CHAMPION, who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 March 1982.

Finally, on a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mr Preben KARLSEN, Økonom, Landsorganisationen i Danmark, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers to replace Mr Holger JENSEN, who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 March 1982.



PRESS RELEASE

9911/80 (Presse 128)

657th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 29 September 1980

President: Mr Paul HELMINGER,  
State Secretary, Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and  
Co-operation 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 Albert LAVENS                     Minister of Agriculture and for  
Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER                     Minister for Fisheries  
Mr Jørgen HERTOFF                  State Secretary,  
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

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

France:

Mr Joël LE THEULE                  Minister for Transport

Ireland:

Mr Patrick POWER                    Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Nicola SIGNORELLO                Minister of Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Paul HELMINGER                  State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS	Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
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United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER	Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
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Mr George YOUNGER	Secretary of State for Scotland
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Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH	Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
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Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH	Vice-President
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## FISHERIES POLICY

### Internal aspects

The Council recorded its agreement to the Regulation on technical conservation measures concerning the definition of areas, net mesh sizes, by-catches, fish sizes, a prohibition on fishing for certain species during certain periods and limitations on the use of certain types of gear or boats.

The Council agreed that this specific aspect of the common fisheries policy would apply provisionally between 1 October and 20 December 1980 pending finalization of the whole policy before that date.

In view of the importance of the aspects of the common fisheries policy still under examination, the Council agreed to meet again on 28 October in order to give a fresh impetus to other matters, such as TACs and quotas for 1980, structural policy and improving the organization of the markets, and thus pave the way for the overall decision to be taken before the end of the year.

### External aspects

The Council took note of the report from Mr GUNDELACH, Vice-President of the Commission, on fisheries relations with third countries, notably Norway, Spain and Finland.

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PRESS RELEASE

9938/80 (Presse 130)

658th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 30 September 1980

President:

Mr Camille NEY,  
Minister for Agriculture, Viticulture,  
Water and Forestry 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 Albert LAVENS                      Minister for Agriculture and  
for Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER                      Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

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

France:

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

Ireland:

Mr Ray MacSHARRY                    Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Ferruccio PISONI                  State Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture and  
Forestry

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture,  
Viticulture, Waters and Forestry

The Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

The 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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USE OF HORMONES IN THE PRODUCTION OF VEAL

At the instigation of the Italian delegation the Council held an exchange of views on the use of hormones in the production of calves and veal.

All delegations emphasized the importance they attached to early solution of the problems which had recently jolted public opinion on the matter, and the Council was favourably disposed towards a ban on the use of oestrogens, whether natural or artificial.

The Council also signified its agreement to the desirability of greater harmonization of Community laws in the case of veterinary medicines too and a more efficient system of supervision in this field, at both the slaughtered meat and the production stage.

Lastly, it requested the Commission to submit the necessary proposals in good time for the Council to have a reasonable discussion on the issue at the earliest opportunity.



SHEEPMEAT SECTOR

Following a detailed exchange of views, during which it clarified the last questions remaining outstanding (notably with regard to the external aspect of the organization of the market in this sector), the Council signified its agreement in principle to the necessary regulations and to the content of the exchanges of letters on the voluntary restraint agreements with the main countries which export sheepmeat to the Community market.

The aspects of the compromise reached during today's Council discussions relate in particular to:

- = the level of the customs duty applicable to imports covered by voluntary restraint agreements (10%);
- = the defence of sensitive regions, including the duration of the protection offered (until 31.3.1984);
- = the import arrangements (certificates) and application of safeguard measures;
- = application of the rules for granting the slaughter premium and of those relating to intervention.

Decisions will be taken as soon as the procedures for consulting Greece and informing the relevant Committees of the European Parliament have been completed.

Consequent upon this agreement in principle and subject to completion of the procedures mentioned, it is envisaged that the system of organization of the market in this sector will enter into force on 20 October 1980, as regards both its external and internal aspects.

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER

After a brief exchange of views the Council confirmed its agreement in principle of 22 July providing for retention of the mechanisms of the present butter import arrangements together with an increase in the CIF price to be complied with by New Zealand (213.37 ECUs/100 kg, the equivalent of 75% of the intervention price of Community butter) and a special levy to be fixed by the Commission at 25.18 ECUs/100 kg. This adjustment will be made in exchange for a 20,000 tonne reduction in planned imports from New Zealand (95,000 tonnes instead of the 115,000 tonnes authorized for 1980).

This arrangement will be applicable as from 6 October 1980.

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The Council agreed to postpone discussion of the question of imports of New Zealand butter in 1981 and subsequent years until its next meeting, planned for 20/21 October 1980.

HORTICULTURE

The Council took note of an oral report by the Vice-President, Mr GUNDEBLACH, concerning distortion of competition in hothouse horticulture, with particular reference to the rates horticulturalists in the Netherlands were charged for natural gas. The Commission said that it would assume its responsibilities in the matter, on the basis in particular of Article 93 of the Treaty.

OILSEEDS

The Council held a brief exchange of views on amendment of the Regulation concerning the criteria for determining the world market price of oilseeds.

At the close of the debate, which concerned the desirability of adjusting current aid for oilseeds, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to go into the questions still outstanding and to report back to the Council for its next meeting.

SITUATION ON THE PIGMEAT MARKET

On the basis of a Commission report, the Council held an exchange of views on the situation in the pigmeat sector, including the aspects relating to trade with third countries. The Commission report described in particular price trends since winter 1979/1980 and the support measures taken by the Commission. The various delegations gave their reactions and expressed their concern on the matter during the discussion.

INVESTMENT IN PIG PRODUCTION

The Council held an exchange of views on the amended text proposed by the Commission regarding the restrictions on investment aid in pigmeat production. It considered it desirable to resume examination of this issue in the context of its discussions on structural policy at its next meeting.

VARIOUS STATEMENTS

The Council noted the statements by various delegations, accompanied where appropriate, by the Commission's replies, on the following matters:

- = measure to facilitate the disposal of intervention butter, known as "Christmas butter" (German delegation);
- = expiry of the derogations for swine fever (Danish delegation);
- = sluice-gate price for poultry (United Kingdom delegation).

FUTURE OF COMMUNITY SUGAR ARRANGEMENTS

In view of the expiry on 30 June 1981 of the existing sugar arrangements, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal for new arrangements for the organization of the market in sugar and isoglucose.

The Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine the Commission proposal and agreed to resume its discussion on the new arrangements for sugar at its next meeting.

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Other agricultural decisions

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

- on measures to encourage the use of flax fibres for the 1980/1981 and 1981/1982 marketing years (encouragement of information programmes, search for new outlets and improved products);
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 fixing the quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers (addition of six varieties to the Annex to the Regulation in question);
- laying down general rules in respect of production aid for olive oil for the 1980/1981 marketing year (largely renewal with some amendments, of the rules applied during the previous marketing year);
- laying down special measures in respect of olive oil producer organizations for the 1980/1981 marketing year (maintenance for the next marketing year of the special measures of the previous year);
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture (clarification of the Annexes to Regulation (EEC) No 1366/80 and correction of a technical error).

Relations with the EFTA countries

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

- No 1/80 of the EEC-EFTA Joint Committees amending lists A and B annexed to Protocol No 3 on Origin (polishing discs or rings and rethreaded tyres);
- No 2/80 of the EEC-EFTA Joint Committees amending list B annexed to Protocol No 3 on Origin (imitation jewellery).

Fisheries policy

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation providing for certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources, to which it signified its agreement on 29 September 1980.

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PRESS RELEASE

10098/80 (Presse 133)

659th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 7 October 1980

President: Mr Gaston THORN,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg



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

Belgium:

Mr Charles-Ferdinand NOTHOMB      Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Willy CIAES                      Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL                      State Secretary,  
   Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT                      State Secretary,  
   Federal Ministry of Economic  
   Affairs

France:

Mr André GIRAUD                      Minister for Industry

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN                      Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Ray BURKE                          Minister of State at the  
   Department of Industry, Commerce  
   and Energy

Italy:

Mr Antonio BISAGLIA                      Minister for Industry  
Mr Giuseppe ZAMBERLETTI              State Secretary,  
   Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN                      Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Paul HELMINGER                      State Secretary,  
   Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr D.F. van der MEI                      State Secretary for Foreign  
   Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Sir Ian GILMOUR	Lord Privy Seal
Mr Adam BUTLER	Minister of State, Department of Industry

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS	President
Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI	Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI	Vice-President
Mr Henk VREDELING	Vice-President
Mr Claude CHEYSSON	Member
Mr Antonio GIOLITTI	Member
Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON	Member
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT	Member

Also present as an observer:

Greece:

Mr Constantin MITSOTAKIS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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The President expressed the Council's gratitude to Mr Nicolas HOMMEL, Secretary-General of the Council since July 1973, who is leaving his post, on reaching retirement age, for his dedication and the great services he has rendered in carrying out the important task entrusted to him by the Council. The President of the Commission associated himself with this tribute.

FINANCIAL MECHANISM AND SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF  
THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Council continued its examination of the two proposals for Regulations, one amending the financial mechanism and the other establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom.

The Council noted that there was agreement on the enacting terms of the Regulation amending the financial mechanism. The Council reached agreement on the main issues outstanding in relation to the supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom.

Concluding the discussion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the texts of these two Regulations.

MATTERS WHICH WILL COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF  
1980

The Council had before it a note from the Presidency listing the main matters which will come before the Council meeting in a composition other than that of the General Affairs Council before the end of 1980 (so-called "la Marlia" procedure) and noted the comments made and opinions expressed by the delegations and the Commission on some of these matters, particularly those involving the 1981 draft budget and the substantive questions relating thereto and the firm undertaking to implement an overall common fisheries policy by 1 January 1981 at the latest.

INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the Community position for the proposed UNCTAD negotiations on the basis of today's discussions.

CASSAVA IMPORTS

The Council noted that the Commission was actively continuing its talks with Thailand and other major supplier countries.

RELATIONS WITH THE ACP STATES: REQUEST FOR ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU TO THE SECOND ACP-EEC CONVENTION

The Council, noting that the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu had made a formal request to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers on 24 September 1980 for accession to the second ACP-EEC Convention, stressed the importance which it attached to the accession of the Republic of Vanuatu to the second ACP-EEC Convention and expressed the hope that the accession procedure could be set in motion as rapidly as possible in accordance with Article 185 of the Convention.

PORTUGAL: PRE-ACCESSION AID

Until its accession, the Community has decided to grant Portugal exceptional aid to assist with practical projects to enable the Portuguese economy to be smoothly integrated into the Community.

This exceptional pre-accession aid will amount to a total of 275 MEUA, comprising:

- 150 MEUA in investment loans financed by the European Investment Bank from its own resources, 125 MEUA of which will qualify for a 3% interest-rate subsidy to be charged to the Community budget;
- resources, to be charged to the Community budget, in the form of non-refundable aid totalling 125 MEUA for the financing of co-operation measures and projects (100 MEUA) and of interest-rate subsidies (25 MEUA).

REGIONAL FUND - QUOTA-FREE SECTION

After resolving the final outstanding question regarding the methods by which the quota-free projects will be financed by the European Regional Development Fund, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the following five Regulations instituting specific Community measures contributing to:

- the development of certain French and Italian regions in the context of Community enlargement;
- overcoming constraints on the development of new economic activities in certain zones adversely affected by restructuring of the steel industry;
- overcoming constraints on the development of new economic activities in certain zones adversely affected by restructuring of the shipbuilding industry;
- improving security of energy supply in certain Community regions by way of improved use of new techniques for hydro-electrical power and alternative energy sources;
- the improvement of the economic and social situation of the border areas of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Council noted that the President of the European Parliament had recently forwarded to it twenty-seven Resolutions adopted by the European Parliament at its sitting in September 1980. The President of the Council drew particular attention to the Resolutions regarding the EEC contribution to the campaign to eliminate hunger from the world, to the measures to assist the United Kingdom and to the iron and steel industry.

IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS

The Council held a detailed exchange of views on the Commission request for assent pursuant to Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty. The Commission considered that the conditions laid down in that Article (manifest crisis) had been fulfilled.

After the discussion, the President noted that eight Member States were prepared to act on the Commission proposals for the establishment of a system of production quotas for the iron and steel industry. One delegation was unable to express an opinion on the matter since it had yet to consult its government. In these circumstances the formal decision on the assent requested by the Commission will be taken by written procedure.

As regards the social measures proposed by the Commission, the Council recognized their importance in the context of Community iron and steel policy and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare this topic thoroughly for discussion by the Council at its next meeting.



MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Appointments

The Council appointed

- on a proposal from the Danish Government, Mr Knud CHRISTENSEN, Naestformand i Landsorganisationen i Danmark, as a member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Mr Poul NYRUP RASMUSSEN, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office i.e. until 18 September 1982;
- on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr G.H. STEVENS, as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency to replace Mrs A.S. GITTELSON, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 28 March 1981;
- on a proposal from the German Government, Mr Georg von KLITZING and Mr Helmut SCHUG, as members of the Advisory Committee of Euratom Supply Agency to replace Mr K.A. KELTSCH and Mr H. KREWER, who have resigned, for the remainder of their term of office, i.e. until 28 March 1981;
- on a proposal from the Danish Government, Mr Jørgen ELIKOPER, Konsulent, Landsorganisationen i Danmark, as a full member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, and Mrs Karen-Lisbeth SVANHOLT, Konsulent, Landsorganisationen i Danmark, as an alternate member of the Committee, to replace Mr Bendt DREWSEN, full member, who has resigned, and Mr Jørgen ELIKOPER, alternate member, who has resigned, for the remainder of their term of office, i.e. until 22 November 1981.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on mechanical alarm clocks (other than travel alarms) originating in the German Democratic Republic and the USSR.

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PRESS RELEASE

10191/80 (Presse 134)

660th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 14 October 1980

President: Mr Camille NEY,  
Minister for Agriculture, Viticulture,  
Water and Forestry 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 Albert LAVENS

Minister for Agriculture and  
for Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER

Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR

State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Food,  
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE

Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Ray MacSHARRY

Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCONI

Minister for Agriculture and  
Forestry

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY

Minister for Agriculture,  
Viticulture, Water and Forestry

The Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

The United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER

Minister for Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick EUCHANAN-SMITH

Minister of State,  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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ORGANIZATION OF THE MARKET IN SHEEPMEAT

Confirming the agreement in principle reached at its previous meeting (<sup>1</sup>), the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the necessary texts on the organization of the market in sheepmeat.

These texts are as follows:

- the Decision on the conclusion of voluntary restraint agreements negotiated with third countries in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector;
- the proposal for a Regulation concerning the collection of the levy applicable to certain live animals in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector;
- the Regulation on the implementation of Regulation No 1837/80 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat;
- the proposal for a Regulation derogating from certain import rules laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat;
- the proposal for a Regulation laying down conditions for the application of protective measures in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector;
- the proposal for a Regulation laying down general rules governing the granting of the premium for the benefit of sheepmeat producers;
- the proposal for a Regulation laying down general rules for intervention with regard to the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector.

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(<sup>1</sup>) See Press Release 9938/80 (Presse 130) of 30.IX.80.

PRESS RELEASE

10442/80 (Presse 138)

661st meeting of the Council

- Economics/Finance -

Luxembourg, 20 October 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 Paul NOTERDAEME

Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Ivar NØRGAARD

Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN

State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Finance

Mr Otto SCHLECHT

State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of the Economy

France:

Mr René MONORY

Minister for the Economy

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY

Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Renato RUGGIERO

Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative



Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER	Minister for Finance
Mr Ernest MÜHLEN	State Secretary for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE	Minister for Finance
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United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE	Chancellor of the Exchequer
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The Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI	Vice-President
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The meeting was also attended by:

Mr F.W. RUTTEN	Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee
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Mr Jean-Yves HABERER	Chairman of the Monetary Committee
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COMMUNITY LOANS: SECOND TRANCHE OF THE NEW COMMUNITY INSTRUMENT

The Council reached agreement on the exceptional inclusion, under certain conditions and within certain limits, of advance factories and housing projects in the scope of loans to be granted under the second tranche of the NCI.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the details of this agreement.

ENERGY AND ECONOMIC POLICY

The Council heard the presentation by Mr ORTOLI of the Commission communication on energy and economic policy and conducted a policy debate on the problems tackled in the communication.

The debate allowed delegations to express their initial thinking on this complex subject. In conclusion the Council agreed that further thought would be given to the matter at one of its forthcoming meetings and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare the ground for these deliberations.

## PROBLEMS OF RECYCLING

The Council heard an introductory statement by Mr Jean-Yves Haberer, Chairman of the Monetary Committee, who presented the Committee's report on recycling, the Annex to which contains an opinion on the use of the ECU as denominator for loans by the Community. The Council held a policy debate on these subjects.

Concluding its discussion, the Council thanked the Monetary Committee for its excellent report and broadly approved the considerations set out therein.

The Council noted that the Commission would, in the light of the Monetary Committee's report and of today's discussions, submit to it by its next meeting on economic and financial questions a proposal concerning the adjustment of the mechanism for Community loans.

As regards the other aspects of the problem of recycling, the Council requested the Monetary Committee to continue its study along the lines followed in its report.

## EXPORT CREDITS

The Council continued its discussions with a view to arriving at a Community position for the negotiations now under way among the Participants in the Arrangement on Guidelines concerning the amendment of that Arrangement. Having restated its determination to work out a Community position in time for the next meeting of the Participants in the Arrangement, the Council agreed to return to this item at its next meeting on 17 November.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Social policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the protection of employees in the event of the insolvency of their employer.

Emergency aid

The Council signified its agreement to emergency aid amounting to 1 MEUA proposed by the Commission for the victims of the El Asnam earthquake (Article 950 of the budget). As part of this measure, the Commission has already sent an initial amount of 200,000 EUA through the World Council of Churches for the supply of immediate necessities.

Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain catalysts falling within subheading ex 38.19 G of the Common Customs Tariff.

Relations with Cyprus

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for aubergines falling within subheading ex 07.01 T of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Cyprus (1980).

Relations with Canada

The Council gave its approval for the Commission to proceed with the conclusion of a Co-operation Agreement with Canada (AECL) in the field of nuclear waste management.

Budget

The Council signified its agreement to the letter of amendment to the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1981; this letter of amendment transposes into budgetary form the Council's agreement of 7 October 1980 on pre-accession aid to Portugal. It has been sent to the European Parliament under the budgetary procedure.

Appointments

On a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr A. BROWN, Chief Executive, Manpower Services Commission, Training Service Division, a Member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training to replace Dr R.M. JOHNSON, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 14 January 1982.

On a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, the Council also appointed Miss A. MACKIE, OBE, Unilever Limited, and Mr R.F. EBERLIE, Head of Safety and Health Department, Social Affairs Directorate, Confederation of British Industry, alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work in place of Mr John PETRIE and Mr John DEWSBURY, alternate members who have resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 22 November 1981,

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decision designating the representative organizations required to draw up the lists of candidates for the ECSC Consultative Committee.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent under the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty for the financing of investment projects to increase and stabilize pellet production and improve pellet quality at the iron ore mine and processing plant at Kirkenes (Northern Norway) by Aktieselskabet Sydvaranger, Oslo (Norway).

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PRESS RELEASE

10685/80 (Presse 145)

662nd meeting of the Council

- Tax Questions -

Luxembourg, 27 October 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 Marc LEPOIVRE Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark :

Mr Karl HJORTNAES Minister for Fiscal Affairs

Germany :

Mr Hans HUTTER Director-General,  
Federal Ministry of Finance

France :

Mr Maurice PAPON Minister for the Budget

Ireland :

Mr Sean CALLEARY Minister of State, Department of  
the Public Service of Ireland

Italy :

Mr Francesco COLUCCI State Secretary,  
Ministry of Finance

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER Minister for Finance

Mr Ernest MÜHLEN State Secretary,  
Ministry of Finance



Netherlands:

Mr M.J.J. van AMERSVOORT      State Secretary for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter REES                    Minister of State  
Treasury

Commission:

Mr Richard BURKE                Member

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Also participated as observer:

Greece:

Mr Miltiaris EVERT              Minister for Finance

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HARMONIZATION OF EXCISE DUTIES ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Council examined the overall compromise proposal on this matter submitted to it by the Presidency. Certain new elements emerged from the discussion and these will have to be looked at more closely by the Permanent Representatives Committee.

The Council agreed to resume examination of this item at its next meeting on tax questions, which should be held before the end of the year.

MEASURE DEROGATING FROM THE SIXTH DIRECTIVE ON VAT

The Council conducted an exchange of views on the derogation requested by the Belgian Government, on the basis of Article 27 of the sixth Directive on VAT, in respect of the method of paying VAT on second-hand cars.

At the end of this discussion all delegations confirmed that they could agree to the derogation asked for by the Belgian Government. The Council accordingly invited the Commission to reconsider its position to date on this matter and to submit a proposal to it.

TAX EXEMPTIONS (MEANS OF TRANSPORT, PERSONAL PROPERTY,  
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL)

At the end of an exchange of views on the problems still outstanding, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue the discussions in the light of today's debate with a view to the next Council meeting devoted to tax questions.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Measures in favour of the United Kingdom

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities two Regulations giving legal form to the agreement reached by the Council on 30 May 1980 regarding the United Kingdom contribution to the Community budget.

Under that agreement, in 1980 and 1981 the United Kingdom contribution is to be reduced by means of a relaxation of the financial mechanism and supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom. The agreement includes an undertaking by the Community to resolve the problem by structural amendments, and instructions to this effect have been given to the Commission, which is to make proposals by the end of June 1981. The Council also agreed that if the objective of a structural amendment were not achieved, it would decide whether measures along the lines of those planned for 1980 and 1981 would also be necessary for the United Kingdom in 1982.

The first Regulation just adopted by the Council relaxes for the United Kingdom in 1980 and 1981 the operating rules of the financial mechanism adopted in 1976. In particular, a number of the checks previously limiting the amount of the allocation which could be received by a Member State under the mechanism have been suspended.

The second Regulation adopted by the Council lays down supplementary measures whereby the Community will be able to grant a financial contribution towards the realization of certain categories of investments in the framework of special programmes drawn up by the United Kingdom.

The programmes will as a general rule relate to regions covered wholly or in part by areas eligible for State regional aid.

To be eligible for Community financial participation, investments must be undertaken by public authorities and fulfil a series of criteria laid down in the Regulation itself.

Community financial participation in those categories of investments selected may be up to 70% of estimated expenditure.

A decision on financial assistance will be taken by the Commission assisted by an ad hoc Committee, which will monitor implementation of the measures concerned. If the ad hoc Committee issues an unfavourable opinion on a draft Commission decision, the latter must refer it to the Council for deliberation.

The Commission will ensure that each special programme is implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation. To this end, the United Kingdom will make available to the Commission all information requested and will take all steps with regard to Community-assisted categories of investments to facilitate such supervision as the Commission may consider useful.

Application of the two Regulations will result in a net payment to the United Kingdom in the order of 1,175 MEUA for 1980.

Energy policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the granting of measures of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (1980/1982). This is for support in the form of subsidies up to a total amount of 28,097,164 EUA, to be refunded in the event of commercial exploitation of results.

Mediterranean policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations concerning application of Decision No 3/80 of the EEC-Egypt and EEC-Lebanon Co-operation Councils, amending the Protocol on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative co-operation, to the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Egypt and the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic.

The Council also agreed on the brief to be given to the Commission for negotiating a series of exchanges of letters between the European Economic Community of the one part, and Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Turkey, of the other part, concerning untreated olive oil.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain wines having a registered designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Tunisia (1980/1981).

PRESS RELEASE

10686/80 (Presse 146)

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663rd meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 28 October 1980

President: Mr Paul HELMINGER,  
State Secretary, Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and  
Co-operation 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 Albert LAVENS                   Minister of Agriculture and for  
Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

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

Germany:

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

France:

Mr Daniel HOEFFEL                Minister for Transport

Ireland:

Mr Patrick POWER                 Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Francesco COMPAGNA            Minister of Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Paul HELMINGER                State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS                    Minister of Agriculture and  
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER                    Minister of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Mr George YOUNGER                 Secretary of State for  
Scotland

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

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH            Vice-President

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Also participated as observer:

Greece:

Mr Antoine EXARCHOS               Minister-Counsellor,  
Deputy Permanent Delegate of  
the Mission of Greece  
to the European Communities

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COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

Internal aspects

In the course of a wide-ranging discussion on a number of points concerning the formulation of the common fisheries policy, the Council in particular identified the basic questions regarding the allocation of catch quotas for 1980 and instructed a special working party of senior officials to continue examining this issue for its next meeting on fishery questions scheduled for 17 and 18 November.

The Council also conducted a detailed exchange of views on structural policy and market organization.

In addition, the Council agreed on the Regulation establishing certain supervisory measures for fishing activities by vessels of the Member States. The provisions of the Regulation relate in the main to inspection procedures for fishing vessels and their activities, the keeping of a log book for registering catches, statements on landing or transfer of catches and the notification to the Commission by Member States of the quantities actually caught of each stock or group of stocks subject to a TAC. The Regulation should enter into force on 1 January 1981 following formal adoption at a forthcoming Council meeting.

Pending approval of all the definitive Community measures forming part of the fisheries policy - which should still occur in the course of 1980 - the Council extended the interim Decision on the Member States' fishery activities until 20 December.

External aspects

The Council took note of the report by Mr GUNDELACH, Vice-President, on the overall situation concerning relations with third countries with respect to fisheries and of the delegations' various comments on the matter.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agricultural decisions

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2381/79 on the standard amount for unprocessed olive oil produced entirely in Greece and transported directly from that country into the Community;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3089/78 laying down general rules in respect of aid for the consumption of olive oil.

Commercial policy and customs union

The Council signified its agreement to the Decision on the signing of an agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on trade in jute products.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff (consolidation).

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PRESS RELEASE

664th Council meeting  
Luxembourg, 25 October 1980  
President: Mr Gaston THORN,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of  
the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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

Belgium:

Mr Charles-Ferdinand NOTHOMB      Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Gunnar RIBERHOLDT              Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

Germany:

Count Otto LAMBSDORFF              Federal Minister for Economic  
Affairs

Mr Otto SCHLECHT                   State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

France:

Mr André GIRAUD                    Minister for Industry

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DILLON                  Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Antonio BISAGLIA                Ministry for Industry

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN                    Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Paul HELMINGER                  State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Netherlands:

Mr C.A. van der KLAAUW  
Mr C.M.V. van AARDENNE

Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Adam BUTLER

Minister of State  
Department of Industry

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS  
Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI  
Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP  
Mr Henk VREDELING  
Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

President  
Vice-President  
Vice-President  
Vice-President  
Member

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The following also attended as an observer:

Greece:

Mr Marcos ECONOMIDES

Ambassador,  
Head of Greece's Mission to the  
European Communities

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STEEL: ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF PRODUCTION QUOTAS FOR THE STEEL INDUSTRY

The Council held further discussions on problems arising from the Commission's request for Council assent, under Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty, to the establishment of a system of production quotas for the steel industry.

Discussions centred on the additional information sought by the German delegation on some aspects of the system being contemplated.

Significant progress was made towards agreement on the general conditions for applying Article 58.

Following the discussions, the Council agreed that a further meeting would be held on Thursday 30 October in order to continue on the basis of the results achieved at this meeting, with the aim of reaching a firm decision.

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PRESS RELEASE

10804/80 (Presse 150)

665th meeting of the Council

Luxembourg, 30 October 1980

President: Mr Gaston THORN,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

PRESS RELEASE

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PRESS RELEASE 10804/80 (Presse 150)

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665th meeting of the Council

Luxembourg, 30 October 1980

(concerns the English text only)

page 4 The second indent of the third paragraph should read:

"fine and special steels produced by undertakings with  
an output of less than 6,000 t per quarter.

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

Belgium:

Mr Jose DESMARETS

Deputy-Prime Minister and  
Minister for Small Firms and  
Traders and for the Plan

Denmark:

Mr Gunnar RIBERGHEDEN

Ambassador,  
Permanent Representation

Germany:

Count Otto LAMBSDORFF

Federal Minister for Economic  
Affairs

France:

Mr André GIRAUD

Minister for Industry

Mr Pierre BERNARD-BREYBOND

State-Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Brendan DILLON

Ambassador,  
Permanent Representation

Italy:

Mr Antonio BISAGLIA

Minister for Industry

Mr Bruno CORTI

State-Secretary,  
Ministry of Industry

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Paul HELMINGER

State-Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr G.M.V. van AARDENNE

Minister for Economic Affairs

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Adam BUTLER

Minister of State,  
Department of Industry

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

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STEEL

The Council gave its assent under Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty to the establishment of a system of production quotas for the Community steel industry.

After completing at this meeting its discussions on the final problems still outstanding, and in particular the treatment of fine and special steels under the proposed system, the Council agreed on the following special arrangements in relation to the measures advocated by the Commission in its communication of 6 October:

As regards special steels it was agreed that the following would be exempt from compulsory quotas but would remain subject to production monitoring:

= liquid steel for casting;

= fine and special steels produced by undertakings with an output of ~~at least~~ <sup>less than</sup> 6,000 t per quarter.

It was also agreed that alloy steels with an alloy content of at least 5% - excluding steel containing less than 1% carbon and more than 12% chromium - for which the invoice price is at least 30% greater than the list price for the corresponding ordinary steel product, may be produced in excess of the compulsory quota laid down for their category in respect of a given undertaking.

The Commission will keep a constant check on market developments in consultation with producers and users and will provide the relevant information and guidance.

Where an undertaking avails itself of the option under the above derogation and exceeds the guide figures published by the Commission, the latter will limit the excess to the extent required by the market situation.

In the light of market developments and the information which it receives, the Commission may terminate the derogation for the product concerned by means of a communication in the Official Journal.

Pursuant to a decision under Article 95, undertakings using fine or special steels will be subject to monitoring of their supplies of such steels on the basis of Article 47 of the Treaty.

The agreed arrangements also provide for exemption from quotas for tinsplate, railway equipment and pre-products for pipes. There will be a special system for coils and strips for pipes of less than 406.4 mm in diameter; this system is similar to that for special steels as described above.

With regard to pipes, the Council also gave its assent to a draft Commission Decision introducing notification and monitoring arrangements for undertakings in order to ensure effective control of the actual use of the products in question.

Arrangements of this type are necessary for these products as piping is not subject to the rules of the ECSC Treaty; for the other products exempted from quotas - tinplate and railway equipment - similar controls may be carried out directly under the ECSC Treaty.

The Council also noted a Commission statement to the effect that during the period of application of the system of production quotas, the Commission did not intend to lay down minimum prices under Article 61 of the ECSC Treaty or to propose that this system be accompanied by measures restricting imports under Article 74 of that Treaty.

It further agreed that it would, on the basis of a Commission report, carry out an assessment of the impact of the measures taken by the Commission, which will in any case not apply beyond 30 June 1981.

Finally, the Council stressed the importance which it attached to the further restructuring of the iron and steel industry in the Community and to Community rules being complied with as regards aids and subsidies granted by the Member States; it agreed to discuss these questions on the basis of a Commission report at the beginning of 1981.

Agricultural decisions

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

- fixing for the 1980/1981 marketing year the representative market price and the threshold price for olive oil and the percentages of the consumption aid to be retained in accordance with Article 11(5) and (6) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC;
  - amending Regulation (EEC) No 2967/76 laying down common standards for the water content of frozen and deep-frozen chickens, hens and cocks.
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