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Letter from: Permanent Representation of Denmark to the European Communities, signed by Mr ERSBØLL, Ambassador

Dated : 31 July 1973

To : Mr HOMMEL, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Communities

Subject : Proceedings for the second half of 1973

My dear Secretary General,

Please find enclosed a note by the Presidency on the work in the second half of 1973.

I would be grateful if you would have it circulated to the Permanent Representatives.

(complimentary close)

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1- July 31st, 1973

NOTE BY THE PRESIDENCY

Subject: The Community's schedule of work  
in the second half of 1973

The Presidency is circulating a note on the above-mentioned subject. It is the intention to circulate as soon as possible an annex to the Note setting out the Presidency's preliminary plans for the main items on the Council's agendas during the period of September to December.

The schedule of work is in all essentials determined by previous decisions and declarations of intent.

The primary tasks are those resulting from the decisions taken by the heads of State and government at their conference in Paris on October 19-20, 1972. A substantial part of these tasks calls for Community action before the end of 1973.

Given the importance and the complexity of these matters it is unlikely that the Community will be able to devote considerable time and efforts to a large number of other questions. It is therefore essential that the Council and the Committee of Permanent Representatives concentrate on these questions in the second half of 1973. Other matters must be given second priority, and efforts should be made to settle as many as possible of such items in the respective working groups.

The work of the Council and the Permanent Representatives on the first priority tasks agreed upon by the Paris Summit Conference should be so organized that the need for coherence and parallelism can be met with a view to arriving at an ensemble of decisions meeting to a sufficient degree the legitimate interests of all Member States.

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The priority tasks according to the Paris Summit decisions are:

- the transition to the second phase of the Economic and Monetary Union;
- the setting up of a Regional Development Fund;
- the adoption of a programme of action in the field of social policy;

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- the adoption of the programmes of action in the field of industrial, technological and scientific policy;
- the adoption of the programme of action in the field of environmental policy, cfr. the declaration adopted by the Council on July 18.

In addition to these priority tasks special attention should be given to the following subjects:

- a review of the agricultural policy;
- the preparation of the multilateral negotiations in the GATT;
- the negotiations with the associated and associable countries in Africa, the Pacific and the Caribbean;
- the energy policy;
- the transport policy; and
- the fisheries policy.

The following summary of work in the different fields lists only the most important subjects for new decisions. It does not deal with decisions necessary to implement existing arrangements, e.g. in the field of agricultural policy.

#### THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

1. The main task is the decisions to be taken for the transition to the second phase of the Economic and Monetary Union.
2. The guidelines for the second phase are to be elaborated on the basis of, i.a., the Commission's communication of May 1, 1973, and the reports of June 27, 1973, on the adjustment of the short-term monetary support and a progressive pooling of foreign exchange reserves of Member States.

The objective should be the adoption of a Council Resolution by the end of 1973.

### COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC POLICY

1. The Council will effect the third annual review of the economic situation of the EC with a view to preparing the annual report for 1973/74.
2. Pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Council Resolution of December 5, 1972, on measures to be taken against inflation, the Council shall examine in connection with the third annual review of the economic situation, progress made in respect of the programme of action to combat inflation.
3. By the end of 1973, the draft directive on stability, growth and full employment envisaged in the Council Resolution of March 22, 1972, will be submitted by the Commission.

### REGIONAL POLICY

1. The work in the sphere of regional policy is to be carried out in accordance with the guidelines given in the Summit Declaration.
2. A European Regional Development Fund is to be set up before December 31, 1973. As from the beginning of the second phase of the Economic and Monetary Union the Fund will be financed from the Community's own resources.
3. In addition, the Commission has proposed the setting up of a Regional Development Committee to elaborate the framework of expanded cooperation in regional policy.
4. The proposal to use part of the resources of the FEOGA Guidance Section for the creation of industrial employment in agricultural priority areas is to be considered in conjunction with discussions of other aspects of regional policy.
5. Finally, the Commission has proposed decisions on the principles for the administration of the Regional Development Fund.

### INDIRECT TAXATION

1. The questions relating to indirect taxation are to be discussed in the light of the discussions concerning transition to the second phase of the Economic and Monetary Union.

2. The proposals on which, pursuant to Council Resolution of March 22, 1971, decisions shall be taken before December 31, 1973, cover:

- establishment of a uniform basis for the computation of VAT;
- harmonization of the scope of application, basis of computation and methods of collection of selective taxes of major importance. Proposals have been submitted on wine, alcoholic beverages, beer, and mixed beverages. A proposal for a blanket directive and a proposal for establishment of a tax committee have also been submitted by the Commission.

3. Moreover, the Council should endeavour to take decision before the end of 1973 on the elimination of taxfree sales in international travel.

In this context, decision is also to be taken on the proposal concerning fiscal exemption on imports of small goods consignments for private individuals.

#### AGRICULTURAL POLICY

1. A principal task in the second half of 1973 is the opening of a general debate on agricultural policy measures to secure a reasonable increase in farmer incomes without causing a deterioration of the market situation. The Commission has requested that this debate take place in October in order to enable it to elaborate its proposals for the fixation of agricultural prices for 1974/75 and for supplementary steps in the light of the debate. It is important that the timetable be observed so that the fixing of common prices is not delayed.

2. An obvious objective for the efforts to improve the functioning of the common agricultural policy is to lay down rules for the gradual elimination over a fixed period of the existing monetary compensatory amounts which are applied where currency rates differ from the official parity.

3. Other questions to be given priority are:

- the market organization for alcohol;
- investigation of the need for continuous granting of premiums for grubbing of orchards (apples, pears, and peaches) as part of the measures for re-organizing Community fruit production;

- rules concerning the content of sulphur dioxide in wines and general rules concerning the description and presentation of wines and musts;
- provision for the implementation of directives 72/159-161, including specifically the rules governing differentiated application of the directives and the grant of national aid to certain regions;
- measures in support of hill farmers and farmers in other specially unfavoured regions;
- decision as soon as possible with respect to the Commission Proposals concerning harmonization of laws in fields where disparate national provisions hamper intracommunity trade;
- financing of intervention expenditures for which uniform amounts have not been fixed;
- adoption of the market regulation on sugar;
- determination of the EC position on re-negotiation on the international Wheat Agreement.

#### FISHERIES POLICY

1. One of the main tasks is the examination of the fisheries policy of the EC with respect to certain areas of the North Atlantic in the light of changes which have taken place since the negotiations in December 1971 with the new Member States.
2. Furthermore, the following specific questions are to be considered:
  - the proposed regulation concerning prices of fishery products which, as in the case of the agricultural sector, shall be fixed annually under the existing organization of markets;
  - provisions for the implementation of the common structural policy in the fishery sector, on which point the Commission, pursuant to Council Decision of December 19, 1972, is to submit a proposal before August 1, 1973;
  - decision concerning the extent to which Member States shall coordinate their positions with regard to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.
3. Moreover, the Council is expected to consider the proposals concerning certain frozen fishery products.

### INDUSTRIAL POLICY

1. In the sphere of industrial policy work on the concrete proposals already under discussion should be carried on in parallel with the preparation of the industrial policy programme which the Council is to adopt before the end of 1973.
2. Special attention should be given to the following questions:
  - elimination of technical barriers to trade. A faster elimination of the technical barriers to trade is a part of the communication from the Commission on the industrial and technological policy programme of the EC. Work underway is to be accelerated. According to annex 2 to the Commission's communication Council directives should be adopted before January 1, 1974;
  - the work on the proposed second directive concerning pharmaceutical specialities is to be continued. This question is related to the work on the proposed directives on the right of establishment for manufacturers of pharmaceuticals;
  - the Commission's amended proposal on a directive concerning coordination of procedures for the access to bid for public purchases of goods is to be discussed as soon as possible with a view to enabling the Council to adopt the directive before the end of 1973;
  - work in progress on the proposed regulations concerning joint undertaking and industrial development contracts is to be continued;
  - the programme of action for the aeronautical sector should be adopted by the end of 1973;
  - the Commission is expected to submit a proposal for an industrial policy in the data processing sector in the course of the second half of 1973. This could be an important part of the progress towards an industrial policy.

### ENERGY POLICY

1. The Council Decisions of May 22, 1973, concerning the Commission's proposal for a common energy policy, etc., are to be implemented in compliance with the decision of the Summit meeting to adopt a common energy policy ensuring a stable flow of supplies at reasonable prices.

2. Special importance is to be attached to the following specific questions:

- proposed regulation concerning a joint system for import of hydrocarbons from third countries;
- proposed regulation concerning transnational oil and gas pipe lines.

3. The possible amendment of Chapter 6 of the EURATOM Treaty is to be examined.

#### SOCIAL POLICY

1. The work on existing specific proposals should be carried on in parallel with the preparation of the social action programme which the Council is to adopt before the end of 1973.

As the contours of the programme of action emerge, intensified efforts should be made with respect to the adoption of specific decisions on the main points of the action programme:

- (a) full and better employment
- (b) improvement of living and working conditions including the working environment
- (c) increased participation in the decision-making by the parties of labour and management.

2. In this connection work should be continued on the following questions:

- proposed regulation concerning the establishment of homogeneous statistics relating to foreign workers;
- proposed directive concerning collective lay-offs;
- adjustment of the rules governing the composition of the Standing Committee on Employment;
- proposed directive concerning synchronization of censuses;
- the application of the rules relating to the Social Fund.



### TRANSPORT

1. The examination of the working document from the Commission on the development of the common transport policy should continue.
2. Attention should be given to the following questions:
  - proposed regulation concerning quotas for road freight haulage to be allotted to the three new Member States for 1973 and 1974. A Council decision on this matter should be taken as soon as possible;
  - proposed directive concerning size and weight of utility road vehicles. The outstanding technical problems are to be resolved as soon as possible so that the Council can settle the matter;
  - proposed Council decision for improving the economic situation of the railway companies and for harmonizing rules governing financial relations between the companies and States;
  - proposed directive concerning harmonization of levies on utility road vehicles;
  - proposed directive concerning access to and exercise of self-employed activity in the road haulage business;
  - negotiations with Switzerland on temporary lay-up of river transports.

### COMPANY LAW

1. The working party is to continue its work on the second Directive concerning company capital.

The working party should subsequently, if possible, start the examination of the third Directive concerning internal mergers.

2. Technical modifications arising out of the enlargement of the EC to the draft Convention on Transnational Mergers should begin so that substantive discussions of the draft can be initiated when the work on the third Directive has been finalized.

3. The examination of the draft Regulation concerning the Statute of "The European Company" must await the Commission's considerations with respect to possible amendments of the proposal and the opinion of the Parliament.

### LEGAL COOPERATION

1. The Ad Hoc Group on adaptation of the Art. 220 Conventions will complete its work on the Convention on the Competence of the Courts of Justice and the enforcement of civil and commercial court decisions.
2. The Group then commences work on adaptation of the Convention on Mutual Recognition of Companies.
3. The Ad Hoc Group on Legal Cooperation between the EC and the Council of Europe will continue its work in the light of the outcome of the Conference of Ministers of Justice held in Stockholm on June 14-15, 1973.
4. The proposed Council regulation concerning prescription in legal proceedings and enforcement in transport and competition law is being considered by an ad hoc working group which will continue its discussions.

### HARMONIZATION OF CORPORATE TAXATION

The Working Party reviews the proposed directive concerning a common tax system applicable to parent and subsidiary companies in different Member States and, subsequently, the proposed directive concerning a common tax system applicable to mergers, scissions and merging of assets of companies established in different Member States.

### COMPETITION

The Commission is expected to submit, before the end of 1973, a draft regulation concerning concentration of enterprises.

### ESTABLISHMENT AND SERVICES

The respective working groups are to continue their work on the following proposals:

1. Proposed Council directive concerning the attainment of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of various activities of self-employed persons (CITI Group ex 01-85). The positions of the three new Member States on the proposal are being considered.
2. Proposed Council directive concerning trade in or the distribution or professional use of toxic products. The positions of the three new Member States on the proposal are to be considered.

3. Proposed Council directives concerning establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of activities of self-employed doctors.
4. Proposed Council directives on establishment in the pharmaceutical sector.
5. Proposed Council directive concerning the attainment of freedom to provide services in respect of certain activities of lawyers.
6. Proposed Council directives on freedom to provide services in respect of activities of self-employed persons in film distribution.
7. Proposed Council directive concerning freedom of establishment in respect of activities of self-employed persons in agriculture. The positions of the three new Member States will be discussed following, supposedly, the setting up of a special working party.
8. Proposed Council directive concerning establishment in certain auxiliary trades within the transport sector.
9. Proposed Council directive concerning the attainment of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of activities of self-employed itinerant traders.

#### EDUCATION

1. Preparations of a Council meeting of Ministers of Education are to be continued. Among the topics for the agenda are:
  - mutual recognition of degrees and diplomas;
  - guidelines for future cooperation in the educational field.
2. The European University in Firenze. The Preparatory Committee is to finalize the preparation of the statutes, etc., related to the Convention and to continue the preparation for establishment of the University, including appointment of the body of administrative and professional governors.

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## SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH

1. The work in the field of science and technology will be organized in the light of the programme of action which the Commission has announced that it will propose as soon as possible. The programme is to be adopted before the end of the year.

In April 1973 an ad hoc group submitted a report to COREPER on the Commission's proposal of November 1972 for a Council resolution concerning the common research policy. Deliberations on this proposed resolution should not delay the adoption of the programme of action.

2. In addition, work should continue on the following specific questions:

- the proposed project within the framework of COST cooperation for the establishment of a European Information Center for data programmes;
- the practical implementation of EURATOM's multi-annual research programme;
- the harmonization of the multi-annual research programme with the programme of action in research policy. The environmental projects of the research programme should be in harmony with the time-schedule for the environment programme of action.

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. The work in the field of environmental policy is to be organized in the light of the programme of action adopted on July 19, 1973.

2. Within the framework of the programme of action, special emphasis is to be placed on the following specific questions in the second half of 1973:

- a list of sources of information material concerning pollution control is to be available before the end of 1973;
- the Commission is to submit to the Council, before December 31, 1973, a proposal for distribution of the costs of pollution control and the modalities for application of the polluter pays principle on Community basis;
- establishment of health-determined environment quality standards with respect to certain particularly dange-

rous substances. Such standards should be adopted as soon as possible without awaiting the establishment of criteria;

- an initial summary report concerning SO<sub>2</sub> pollution in connection with energy production is to be finalized before September 30, 1973, with a view to discussions with national experts. In the light of these discussions the Commission submits a report to the Council as soon as possible and at the latest by March 31, 1974;
- France has convened a conference in the autumn of 1973 to consider land-based pollution of the sea. The Community's position on and action at that conference is to be clarified before then;
- under EURATOM's multi-annual research programme the Council, on May 14 and 18, 1973, approved a number of direct and indirect research projects in the environmental field. Steps are to be taken as soon as possible to shape and implement these projects as well as any other projects approved in connection with the environmental action programme.

3. A thorough study is to be made to determine what action could appropriately be taken at Community level for improvement of the environment. In this connection necessary coordination is to be secured with programmes to be implemented separately within other spheres of EC activity (e.g. improvement of the working environment within the framework of the social action programme).

#### THE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY

Efforts to implement the common commercial policy should continue. Particular issues are:

- uniformization of liberalization measures in relation to State trading countries;
- determination of the status of the GDR as regards commercial relations with the Member States of the EC.

#### MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. The multilateral GATT negotiations will be formally opened at a meeting of Ministers in Tokyo on September 12-14, 1973. The Community's attitude is defined in the General Approach.

2. In addition, attention is to be given to the following specific questions:

- completion of the Article XXIV:6 negotiations;
- preparation of regulations concerning the general system of preferences of the EC in 1974 and examination of ways and means to improve this system.

3. The following other questions are to be considered by the Council in the course of the second half of 1973:

- preparation of the EC position on meetings in the UNCTAD;
- advance consultation with a view to discussions in the OECD of questions of relevance for Community policies;
- preparation of measures to carry the International Cocoa Agreement into effect;
- possible establishment of a new textile arrangement within the framework of GATT;
- continuation of the discussions of the Community's position in regard to Development Assistance;
- the Community's participation in the United Nations Sugar Conference.

#### EAMA - ARUSHA - COMMONWEALTH

The negotiations concerning the future relations between the EC and the present associated countries in Africa and the Commonwealth countries in Africa, the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean, envisaged in Protocol 22 to the Act of Accession, will be formally opened on October 17. Preparation and approval of the Community's first mandate to the Commission are to be finalized at the Council meeting on October 15 and 16.

#### THE COMMUNITY'S TRADE AND ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS WITH MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

The work is based on paragraph 11 of the Summit Declaration and on the existing agreements between the Community and Mediterranean countries.

The work includes the following questions:

- finalizing of the additional protocols necessitated by the enlargement of the EC to the EC agreements with Malta and Greece;
- negotiation of new agreements between the EC and Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Israel and Spain with a view to their entry into force on January 1, 1974.

#### RELATIONS WITH THE EFTA COUNTRIES

The following questions are outstanding:

- signature and ratification of the free trade agreement with Finland;
- protocol 6 in Iceland's free trade agreement.

#### RELATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL THIRD COUNTRIES

1. Discussions concerning various aspects of EC's relations with Japan are to be continued (orderly marketing, safeguard clauses for various sectors, etc.).
2. It is the objective to finalize before December 31, 1973, the negotiations with India on a non-preferential five year trade agreement and on an agreement concerning jute and coir.
3. A new negotiating directive is to be prepared after the expiry of the jute agreement between Bangladesh and the EC.
4. Development of trade relations with the Asian countries, Ceylon, India, Malaysia, Pakistan and Singapore is envisaged in the Joint Declaration of Intent appended to the Act of Accession.
5. Negotiations between the Commission and Brazil concerning a three-year non-preferential trade agreement are continuing.
6. The fourth meeting at ambassadorial level between the EC and Latin America scheduled for November 1973 is being prepared by the two working parties.

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### INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

1. Work is continuing on the improvement of relations between the Council and the European Parliament. The Council is to agree on concrete measures before the end of the year.
2. The Commission's proposal for amplifying the European Parliament's budgetary powers is to be discussed with a view to adoption well ahead of the complete transition to own resources.

### PERSONNEL AND SALARY QUESTIONS

1. Negotiations on salaries are as usual to be held with the staff in the autumn.
2. Pursuant to Council Decision of February 5, 1973, adjustment of the number of staff in the Joint Research Centers is to be decided on before December 31, 1973.

### THE COMMUNITY'S BUDGET

The tasks in this field may be summarized as follows:

1. Adoption of the budget for 1974.
2. Examination of the budget estimates for 1974, 1975 and 1976.
3. The adoption of amending or supplementary budgets for 1973.
4. Determination of the powers and obligations of the officials appointed by the Commission pursuant to Council Regulation 2/71 with a view to the Community control with own resources.



Outline of the Council work schedule  
for the second half of 1973

The observance of this timetable presupposes that all the Working Parties under Coreper concerned with the programmes of action submit their reports in due time and not later than mid-November 1973.

1. Council meeting on 20 September 1973

(Ministers of Foreign Affairs)

- Renegotiations under Article XXIV/6 of GATT
- Establishing the Community position for the United Nations Sugar Conference (Geneva, 10 September - 10 October 1973)
- Relations between the EEC and the COMECON
- Conference between the AAMS and the Commonwealth countries
- German internal trade and connected problems  
(in restricted session)
- Commission communication on the industrial and technological policy programme
  - Submission of this communication by Mr SPINELLI and Mr GUNDELACH, members of the Commission
- Work schedule for the second half of 1973
  - Communication from the President
- (possibly) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the admission free of customs duties within the enlarged Community of small consignments of Community goods of a non-commercial character
- (possibly) Proposal for a Third Council Directive on the harmonisation of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to turnover tax and excise duty on passenger traffic
- (possibly) Proposal for a Council Directive on the tax exemptions applicable to the importation of small consignments intended for private individuals

2. Council meeting, September 21, 1973 (Budget Ministers)
  - the Community's budget for 1974.
  
3. Council meeting, September 24-25, 1973  
(Ministers of Agriculture)
  - Sugar problems;
  - Support of hill farmers and farmers in other specially unfavoured regions;
  - The market organisation for alcohol;
  - Proposal concerning wine;
  - Regional differentiation of support pursuant to structural directives;
  - Supply situation for protein feeding stuff.
  
4. Council meeting, October 15-16, 1973  
(Foreign Ministers)
  - Commission proposal concerning regional policy;
  - Taxfree sales in international travel;
  - Fiscal exemption on imports of small goods consignments;
  - Mandates to the Commission for negotiations with the associated and associable countries in Africa, the Pacific and the Caribbean;
  - Approval of the outcome of the negotiations pursuant to Article XXIV (6);
  - Decisions concerning the fisheries problems in the North Atlantic;
  - Progress made in the negotiations with Mediterranean countries;

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- Uniformisation of liberalisation measures in relations to State trading countries;
- The general system of preferences of the EEC in 1974;
- The Community's policy in regard to development assistance;
- Council Directive for a common political and administrative procedure concerning the duration of export credits and guarantees.

5. Council meeting, October 22-23, 1973

(Ministers of Agriculture)

- General discussion with a view to a possible revision of the common agricultural policy;
- Sugar problems;
- Support of hill farmers and farmers in other specially unfavoured regions;
- The market organisation for alcohol;
- Export restitutions for breeding animals.

6. Council meeting, October 25-26, 1973

(Finance Ministers)

- Report on economic development and economic policy of Member States in 1974;
- Action to combat inflation;
- Negotiations on transition to the second phase of the economic and monetary union;
- Strengthening of the procedure concerning parity changes;
- Discussion of the Commission proposal for the adjustment of short-term monetary support arrangements and the conditions of the progressive pooling of reserves;

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- Discussion of the international monetary reform following the negotiations at the annual meeting of the IMF, September 24-30, 1973.

7. Council meeting, November 5-6, 1973

(Foreign Ministers)

- Regional policy;
- Commission proposal concerning concentration of enterprises;
- The general system of preferences of the EEC in 1974;
- The Community's policy in regard to development assistance;
- Relations with the EFTA countries (Finland, Iceland);
- Relations with third countries (negotiations with Japan, India, Bangladesh, Ceylon, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, negotiations with Brazil);
- The improvement of relations between the Council and the European Parliament. Amplification of the European Parliament's budgetary powers;
- Determination of the salaries of Community personnel in 1974.

8. Council meeting, November 19-20, 1973

(Finance Ministers)

- Indirect taxation and VAT.

9. Council meeting, November 19-20, 1973

(Ministers of Agriculture)

- General discussion with a view to a possible revision of the common agricultural policy;
- Sugar problems;
- The market organisation for alcohol.

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10. Council meetings, December 3-4, 1973

(Foreign Ministers - Finance Ministers)

- Regional policy;
- Second phase of the economic and monetary union;
- The European monetary cooperation fund;
- Questions in the field of taxation,
- Outstanding questions in the field of commercial policy;
- Improvement of relations between the Council and the European Parliament. Amplification of the budgetary powers of the European Parliament;
- Protocol 6 to Iceland's agreement with the EC;
- Approval of the budget for 1974, possibly at a separate Council meeting.

Following their joint meeting to deal with problems concerning both groups of ministers, the foreign ministers and the finance ministers are foreseen to hold separate meetings for discussion of other outstanding questions.

11. Council meeting, December 10-11, 1973

(Ministers of Agriculture)

12. Council meetings, December 17-18, 1973

The questions listed below will be placed on the agenda of this meeting if agreement thereon has not been reached at previous ministerial meetings (Foreign Ministers, Finance Ministers and, possibly, other ministers).

- The second phase of the economic and monetary union;
- The European monetary cooperation fund;
- Regional policy;

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- Programme of action in industrial policy;
- Programme of action in social policy;
- Programme of action in energy policy;
- Programme of action in research policy;
- Agricultural policy, including compensatory amounts;
- Institutional questions (Council-Parliament, Parliament's budgetary powers).

In addition to the meetings listed above, meetings are foreseen of ministers of Labour and Social Security, possibly industry, research, education, energy, and transport.

It is not possible at this juncture to fix the dates of these meetings, inter alia because the Commission has not submitted documents on all the matters to be discussed. It should be the objective to hold these meetings no later than November 1973.

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