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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
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1021st Council meeting

- Economic and Financial Affairs -

Brussels, 8 July 1985

President: Mr Jacques SANTER,
Minister for Finance
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 Paul NOTERDAEME
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Anders ANDERSEN
Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Alexander ZAFIRIOU
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

France:

Mr Claude MARTIN
Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Alan DUKES
Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA
Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance
Mr Jacques F. POOS
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER
Minister responsible to the
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING
Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD
Vice-President
Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN
Vice-President

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The following were also present as observers:

Spain:

Mr Gabriel FERRAN de ALFARO
Ambassador

Portugal:

Mr Luiz GOIS FIGUEIRA
Ambassador

The following also took part in the meeting:

Mr WEIDES

Chairman of the Co-ordinating Group
for Economic and Financial Policies

Mr Hans TIETMEYER

Chairman of the Monetary Committee

Mr I. BYATT

Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee

BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE

In accordance with the conclusions of the Council of 4 December 1984 on budgetary discipline, the Council arrived at a joint position on the reference framework for the 1986 financial year.

During its meeting on 22 and 23 July 1985 the Council will invite the European Parliament to talks on this subject.

SECOND QUARTERLY EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council carried out the second quarterly examination of the economic situation in the Community in accordance with Article 3 of the 1974 Convergence Decision, on the basis of the Commission communication "The economic outlook for 1986 and Member States' fiscal policies" and in the light of a statement from the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Group for Economic and Financial Policies.

In conclusion, it endorsed the Commission's opinion that it was not necessary at this stage to adjust the economic policy guidelines for 1985 as adopted by the Council on 19 December 1984.

In addition, it took note of the quantitative guidelines for public budgets in 1986 as put forward by the Commission to the Member States.

TAX MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN UNDERTAKINGS FROM
DIFFERENT MEMBER STATES

The Council heard a statement by Lord COCKFIELD, Vice-President of the Commission, on the elements of a compromise intended to resolve the final problem regarding these three Directives, which are primarily concerned with taxation and aim to encourage co-operation between undertakings from different Member States. The Directives concern the following areas:

- mergers, divisions and contributions of assets between companies from different Member States,
- parent and subsidiary companies from different Member States,
- elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustment of transfers of profits between associated companies (arbitration procedure).

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the Commission's new proposal for a compromise dealing with the problem of withholding taxes levied in Germany on dividends distributed to parent companies in other Member States and to report back to the Council meeting in October.

TWENTIETH DIRECTIVE ON VAT

After hearing a report by the President on his contacts with the European Parliament in connection with the proposal for a 20th Directive on VAT, the Council agreed to formally adopt the Directive at a forthcoming meeting.

APPROXIMATION OF VAT AND EXCISE DUTIES - FOLLOW-UP TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council agreed to hold an initial discussion at its informal meeting in September on the Commission's proposals in Part III - the Removal of Fiscal Barriers - of its white paper on completing the internal market, and to continue this examination at its meeting in October.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Financial question

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Directive amending Directive 77/780/EEC on the co-ordination of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions. This Directive makes it possible for Greece to continue to apply the criterion of economic need in assessing requests for authorization of banks and credit institutions for a specified period.

Tax questions

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, Directives ⁽¹⁾

- amending Directive 69/169/EEC on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to exemption from turnover tax and excise duty on imports in international travel;
- amending Directive 74/651/EEC on tax reliefs to be allowed on the importation of goods in small consignments of a non-commercial nature within the Community;
- amending Directive 83/181/EEC determining the scope of Article 14(1)(d) of Directive 77/388/EEC as regards exemption from value added tax on the final importation of certain goods;
- amending Directive 68/297/EEC on the standardization of provisions regarding the duty-free admission of fuel contained in the fuel tanks of commercial motor vehicles.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release 7297/85 (Presse 92) of 11 June 1985.

Customs Union

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

- introducing Community export and import declaration forms
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 222/77 on Community transit.

These Regulations contain certain technical adaptations resulting from the introduction of the "single document" in trade in goods within the Community.

Agricultural questions

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2744/75 as regards products falling within subheading 23.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff. This is to allow the elements on which the levy applicable to bran imports is calculated at present to continue to be used, these elements having served to stabilize imports of this product.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending for the seventh time Regulation (EEC) No 355/79 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of wine and grape musts. This extends until 31 August 1987 the temporary clause enabling Member States to make it compulsory to indicate alcoholic strength on still wine labels.

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation establishing a minimum mesh size for nets used when fishing for capelin in the section of the area of the Convention on Future Multilateral Co-operation in North-East Atlantic Fisheries outside the maritime waters under the fisheries jurisdiction of Contracting Parties to the Convention.

External relations

The Council approved the Decision on negotiating directives concerning the final clauses of the Convention on the Law of Treaties concluded between States and International Organizations or between two or more International Organizations for the consultations to be held in New York in July 1985.

United Nations Conference - Decade for Women

The Council endorsed the guidelines in the Commission communication on the United Nations Conference on the Decade for Women to be held in Nairobi from 13 to 26 July 1985. It instructed the representatives of the Member States and the Commission to finalize the Community position on the spot, on the basis of this communication, in the light of progress made in the Conference and in accordance with Community legislation in this field.

ECSC

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the ECSC, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the opening of a zero-duty tariff quota for chromium-coated sheets and plates. (2 000 tonnes from 1 July to 31 December 1985 for certain sheets and plates intended for the manufacture of packaging for non-perishable preserves - heading ex 73.13 B IV d of the Common Customs Tariff).

Appointment

The Council, acting on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, appointed Mr G.M. WEEL, Ministry of Education and Science, as member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners as a replacement for Drs. N.J. DERSJANT for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 10 October 1986.

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1022nd meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 15 and 16 July 1985

President: Mr Marc FISCHBACH,
Minister for Agriculture
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 DE KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Henri NALLET
Minister for Agriculture

Mr René SOUCHON
Minister attached to the Minister
for Agriculture, with
responsibility for Agriculture and
Forestry

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI
Minister for Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH
Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

United Kingdom

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

Mr Stanley CLINTON DAVIS
Member

The following also took part as observers:

Spain:

Mr Gabriel FERRAN de ALFARO
Ambassador

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO
Minister for Agriculture

CEREAL PRICES

After the Council's discussions on the problem of the fixing of cereals prices for the 1985/1986 marketing year, the President of the Council made the following statement:

"Many informal talks have taken place between the June meeting of the Council and the present one to resolve the deadlock that had arisen in the cereals sector. These talks continued throughout 15 July.

At the end of the talks, both the Commission and the Presidency noted by mutual agreement that as positions had not changed, it was not possible for the Council to reach formal decisions at this meeting.

It also appeared that there was a degree of consensus between the Commission and delegations to avoid prejudice to agricultural procedures as a result of the continuation of the existing legal situation (x). With that in mind, the Commission announced a number of measures that it intends to take.

It is understood that the Commission intends to submit specific proposals concerning reorganization of the cereals market in the early autumn: such proposals could make it easier for the Council to reach a decision.

As far as the procedure within the Council is concerned, all matters relating to cereals prices remain on the agenda, and the Council stresses its determination to continue its efforts with the aim of reaching decisions at one of its autumn meetings."

(x) See letter from the Commission dated 21 June 1985

The Commission made the following statement:

"The Commission notes with regret that the Council has been unable to take a decision on the prices of cereals and oilseed rape today.

The state of default ("carence") which already exists for durum wheat, for intervention for other cereals in the south of the Community, and for oilseed rape, will on 1 August be extended to all cereals. The Commission draws attention to the fact that it has invited the Council to take a decision by virtue of Article 175 of the Treaty, and still hopes for a decision from the Council.

The Commission will continue to apply the measures taken for oilseed rape and durum wheat. If no decision is taken before 1 August the Commission will apply analogous measures for the other cereals:

- for intervention, application of a price equal to that of the 1984/1985 marketing year abated by 1,8%;
- the calculation of MCAs on the basis of the intervention price as calculated above, notably for common wheat;
- fixing of the levy on the basis of the threshold price for the old marketing year reduced by the effect of the reduction of 1,8% above.

Given the link which exists between the threshold price for maize and the minimum price for potatoes for starch, the Commission will authorize Member States "à titre conservatoire" to pay this price abated by the reduction applied to the threshold price for maize.

In order to enable the application of a Council decision on carryover payments for common wheat and rye of bread-making quality, the Commission will invite the Member States to survey stocks and will authorize them to pay on a provisional basis a carryover payment calculated according to the methods set out in the last proposal (June) on this subject and taking into account the operative intervention price for the month of August.

Moreover the Commission announces its intention:

- to reduce the 120-140 days delay before intervention payment for cereals is made to 90-120 days and, following a decision from the Council, to authorize Member States to apply a delay of 60 days for deliveries to intervention coming from small producers
- to anticipate a special intervention measure for common wheat of bread-making quality towards the end of the 1985/1986 marketing year (April-May) subject to the following conditions:
 - . quantity: 3 million tonnes
 - . price: 5% above the price applied for intervention (i.e. abated by 1,8%)
 - . quality: protein 11%; Hagberg 200; machineability test.
- not to modify during the 1985/1986 marketing year the humidity standard applicable for purchases into intervention."

MACARONI, SPAGHETTI AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS

The Council agreed by a qualified majority to the Regulation enabling the Commission to vary export refunds for macaroni, spaghetti and similar products (CCT 19.03) according to their destination.

GREEN PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF THE CAP

The Council heard a statement by Vice-President ANDRIESSEN, who presented the Commission's Green Paper on the future of the CAP. The Council congratulated the Commission on presenting this important document on which discussions are to begin in various fora during the next few months.

The Council itself will hold an initial discussion on this document in Luxembourg in September.

PROTECTION OF FORESTS

At the end of a broad exchange of views on the proposal establishing a Community scheme to provide forests in the Community with increased protection, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the two aspects of this subject (protection against fire and protection against acid rain) and to report back to it in the early autumn.

ESTABLISHING GENERAL RULES RELATING TO THE SYSTEM OF MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES FOR DRIED GRAPES

At the end of its discussions, the Council, by a qualified majority, reached a joint position on the general rules relating to the system of minimum import prices for dried grapes. These rules lay down, in particular, that:

- the minimum price, determined by the Commission under the Management Committee procedure, will be fixed before the beginning of the marketing year;
- the minimum price may be adjusted by a monetary coefficient to avoid distortions in trade between Member States. The coefficient will be valid for two months;
- the countervailing duty levied if the minimum price is not complied with will be fixed in the light of the most favourable prices on the world market. The duty will, however, be varied in such a way that it will be applied in full only where the difference between the minimum price and the import price exceeds 9%.

The formal decision will be taken at the Council meeting on 22 July after completion of the consultation procedure with the delegations of Spain and Portugal.

COMMON MEASURE TO IMPROVE THE PROCESSING AND MARKETING CONDITIONS
IN THE CATTLEFEED SECTOR IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation No 1943/81 on a common measure to improve the processing and marketing conditions in the cattlefeed sector in Northern Ireland.

This Regulation extends the measure introduced in 1981 until the end of 1987 and provides for additional Community financing of 4,5 MECU.

DISMANTLING OF THE NETHERLANDS POSITIVE COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation fixing the Community contribution to the financing of compensation following the fall in farm income as a result of the dismantling of the Netherlands positive compensatory amounts. This Community contribution has been fixed at 16,5 MECU in 1985 and 13,5 MECU in 1986.

HEAT-TREATED MILK

The Council reached a joint position on the proposal for a Directive on health and animal-health problems affecting intra-Community trade in heat-treated milk.

This decision was taken with a view to the implementation of the Commission's White Paper on completion of the Internal Market, submitted to the Milan European Council.

It is an important step in the establishment of common health standards in one of the key sectors of products of animal origin subject to organization of the markets. It thus supplements already existing Community rules on live animals, fresh meat and meat products.

Initially, the Council has laid down the requirements which must be met by sterilized, pasteurized or UHT milk intended for intra-Community trade.

In this respect, standards to be observed by dairies are laid down according to precise stages:

1. Application of the stage 1 standards to all heat-treated milk from 1 January 1989,
2. Application of the stage 2 standards to milk intended for direct human consumption from 1 April 1990,
3. Application of the stage 2 standards to all milk intended for intra-Community trade from 1 January 1993 with the possibility of putting back this time limit by a maximum of 2 years.

The Directive also lays down general requirements relating to conditions for the entry of raw milk to the establishments where it is to be treated, its heat treatment and transport, and the conditions:

- for authorizing establishments where treatment is carried out;
- for registering collection and standardization centres;
- of hygiene of the premises, equipment and staff in the establishments.

This Directive will be adopted formally as soon as the procedures for consulting the acceding States have been completed.

FIXING OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR PESTICIDE RESIDUES

After hearing a report from the Permanent Representatives Committee on pesticide residues, the Council examined the Commission proposal to fix maximum levels for pesticide residues in cereals and in foodstuffs of animal origin.

As agreement on the simplified procedure to modify these levels was not possible at this stage, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its efforts to find a solution in the light of the Council's discussions.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

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

- the Regulations

- = amending for the fourth time Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81 laying down the general rules for the system of aid for cotton. This Regulation derogates from Article 4(1) and (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81 for a further marketing year (1 September 1985 to 1986) in order to take the situation on the Greek market into account when aid for cotton is fixed;
- = amending Regulation No 1480/84 laying down the date for the application of arrangements for the extension of certain rules laid down by producer groups in the fruit and vegetables sector. This amendment postpones the dates of application of these arrangements;
- = laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1984 harvest;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1603/83 laying down special measures for the disposal of dried grapes and dried figs held by storage agencies. This Regulation extends the arrangements for the disposal of dried grapes and dried figs adopted by the Council for the 1981 and 1982 harvests to stocks from the 1983 harvest;
- = extending retroactively, from 30 April 1984 until 31 March 1986, the period of application of Regulation (EEC) No 1054/81 establishing a common measure for the development of beef cattle production in Ireland and Northern Ireland;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1938/81 on a common measure to accelerate the improvement of public amenities in certain less-favoured agricultural areas of the Federal Republic of Germany;

- the Decisions
 - = replacing the incorrect text of the Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of Hungary on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector;
 - = providing for a Community contribution for the restructuring of the system of agricultural surveys in Greece;
- the Directive
 - = supplementing Directive 81/602/EEC concerning the prohibition of certain substances having a hormonal action and of any substances having a thyrostatic action. This Directive introduces Community inspection measures to guarantee uniform application in all Member States of the standards laid down by Directive 81/602/EEC.

Taxation

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

- the twentieth Directive on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes - common system of value added tax: derogations in connection with the special aids granted to certain farmers to compensate for the dismantlement of monetary compensatory amounts applying to certain agricultural products;
- the seventeenth Directive on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes - exemption from value added tax on the temporary importation of goods other than means of transport.

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT: Stabex

The Council adopted the Decision on the amounts due from the former OCT Belize, under Decision 76/568/EEC; under the terms of this Decision, the Community renounces its claims to the 281 231 ECU owed by Belize for 1975 and 1977 for replenishing Stabex funds.

EFTA

The Council approved, as a common Community position within the Joint Committees, the draft Decisions No 1/85 of the EEC-Austria, EEC-Switzerland Joint Committees - Community transit - amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Switzerland/Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit.

Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on inward processing relief arrangements.

Hitherto inward processing relief arrangements have been covered at Community level by Council Directive 69/73/EEC of 4 March 1969, as last amended by Directive 84/444/EEC.

The Regulation adopted today follows on from the above Directive, incorporating its principles; its adoption reflects the fact that the economic importance of these arrangements in the framework of customs union implies greater uniformity of application in the Community, and that it is now necessary to provide both for an act which is directly applicable in the Member States and for a Community procedure for adopting the rules for implementing it. These provisions together should offer greater legal security for individuals.

Research

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decisions concerning the conclusion of Community-COST concertation agreements on:

- a concerted action project on the use of lignocellulose-containing by-products and other residues for animal feeding (Project 84 bis = Decision 84/197/EEC);
- a concerted action project on the effects of processing and distribution on the quality and nutritive value of food (COST Project 91 bis = Decision 84/304/EEC).

ECSC

On the basis of the Commission Memorandum concerning the financial measures taken by the Member States to help the coal industry in 1984 and the additional financial measures taken by the Member States for that industry in 1983, the Council gave the consultation requested by the Commission, agreeing with it that the financial measures in question were compatible with the provisions of Commission Decision No 528/76/ECSC and with the operation of the common market.

Social policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- the Resolution concerning guidelines for a Community policy on migration;
- the Decision on the comparability of vocational training qualifications between the Member States of the European Communities.

(See Press Release 7299/85 (Presse 94) of 13.6.1985).

Appointments

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr P. de RUITER, Ministerie van Onderwijs en Wetenschappen, a member of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training to replace Mr H. van der ESCH, for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 18 September 1986.

On a proposal from the Greek Government, it also appointed Mr Georgios MITSOPOULOS, Health Protection and Promotion Directorate at the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners to replace Ms Evangelia SCHINA, for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 10 October 1986.

Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities, a Decision appointing members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training for the period from 15 July 1985 to 14 July 1987, namely:

A. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Members

Belgium	Mr J. DENYS	Mr F. DUTRE
Denmark	Mr N. HUMMELUHR	Mrs G. ERSKOV
Germany	Mr A. HARDENACKE	Mrs K. SCHULTE-STEINBERG
Greece	Mr J. HATZIEFSTRATIOU	Mrs A. BIRI
France	Mrs L. DHUICQUE	Mr A. RAMOFF
Ireland	Mr C. O'FEINNEADHA	Mr R. BYRNE
Italy	Mr G. CACOPARDI	Mr R. GIANNARELLI
Luxembourg	Mr P. LENERT	Mr P. WISELER
Netherlands	Mr A.H. KOELINK	Mr Ch. SMOLDERS
United Kingdom	Mr J. WILTSHIRE	Mr J. HEDGER

b) Alternates

Belgium	Mr R. MOONENS
Denmark	Mr G.H. JESSEN
Germany	Mr F. PÜTTMANN
Greece	Mrs A. PATOUHA -PAPAKOSTA
France	Mr A. BRUYERE
Ireland	Mr L. O'MAOLCHATHA
Italy	Mr A. FREDELLA
Luxembourg	Mr A. FRANK
Netherlands	Mr Th. DE KEULENAAR
United Kingdom	Mr J.A. JOHNSTON

II. TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES

a) Members

Belgium	Mrs A.F. THEUNISSEN	Mr G. DERIEUW
Denmark	Mr H.K. SØRENSEN	Mr C.A. HANSEN
Germany	Mr G. FEHRENBACH	Mr F. KEMPF
Greece	Mr G. DASSIS	Mr L. APOSTOLIDIS
France	Mr G. FERRARIS	Mr M. TISSIER
Ireland	Mr R.P. RICE	Mr K. DUFFY
Italy	Mr C. DI NAPOLI	Mr P. PADDEU
Luxembourg	Mr T. WILTGEN	Mr R. SCHADECK
Netherlands	Mr J.W. BESTEMAN	Mr G.A. CREMERS
United Kingdom	Mr F. JARVIS	Mr L. WOOD

b) Alternates

Belgium	Mr J. GAYETOT
Denmark	Mr V. PEDERSEN
Germany	Mr W. HEMPEL
Greece	Mr P. MICHALAKAKOS
France	Mr G. CABUROL
Ireland	Mr T. MCCARTHY
Italy	Mr F. SALVATORI
Luxembourg	Mr L. LUX
Netherlands	Mrs K. ADELMUND
United Kingdom	Mr J.G. RUSSELL

C. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS

a) Members

Belgium	Mr D. DE NORRE	Mr J. BELLEFROID
Denmark	Mr O. SCHANDORFF	Mr P. KRISTIANSEN
Germany	Mr R. RADDATZ	Mr H.P. KUHFUHS
Greece	Mr E. BOUMIS	Mr T. ZOUNIS
France	Mr R. POUPARD	Mr J.P. MEINRAD
Ireland	Mr W.J. FENELON	Mr H.J. BAIRD
Italy	Mr G. SATTA	Mr M. VITA
Luxembourg	Mr E. MULLER	Mr C. KOEDINGER
Netherlands	Mr C.J.C.M. BOEREN	Mr J.A. WESTERHUIS
United Kingdom	Mr R.A. SHEPHERD	Mr D.C. STANLEY

b) Alternates

Belgium	Mr P. VAN DE CRUYCE
Denmark	Mr E. TØTIRUP
Germany	Mr K.G. KRACHTEN
Greece	Mr I. CAMFONAS
France	Mr R. BOUDET
Ireland	Mr A.F. RICE
Italy	Mr B. PUSTERLA
Luxembourg	Mr T. MATHGEN
Netherlands	Mr J.J. KLEYHEEG
United Kingdom	Mr H.H. TOMLINSON

PRESS RELEASE

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1023rd meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 22 and 23 July 1985

President: Mr Jacques F. POOS

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 Leo TINDEMANS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER	Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jürgen RUHFUS	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Otto SCHLECHT	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS	State Secretary for European Economic Community Affairs
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France:

Mr Roland DUMAS	Minister for Foreign Relations
Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE	State Secretary attached to the Minister for Foreign Relations, with responsibility for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI
Mr Mario FIORET

Minister for Foreign Affairs
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS
Mr Robert GOEBBELS

Minister for Foreign Affairs
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN
Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

Minister for Foreign Trade
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Mr Paul CHANNON

Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs

Minister for Trade

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS
Mr Lorenzo NATALI
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES
Lord COCKFIELD
Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN
Mr Claude CHEYSSON
Mr Willy de CLERCQ
Mr Carlo RIPA DI MEANA

President
Vice-President
Vice-President
Vice-President
Vice-President
Member
Member
Member

The following also participated as observers:

Spain:

Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ-ORDONEZ
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Manuel MARIN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Jaime GAMA
Minister for Foreign Affairs

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THE
EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN MILAN

1. THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the conclusions of the European Council meeting in Milan with a view to making tangible progress towards European Union,

Having regard to Article 236 of the EEC Treaty,

Having regard to the proposal for the amendment of that Treaty submitted to the Council by the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in a letter dated 2 July 1985,

Having regard to the Opinion delivered by the European Parliament on 22 July 1985,

Having regard to the Opinion delivered by the Commission on 22 July 1985,

HAS DECIDED to deliver an opinion in favour of calling a Conference of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States for the purpose of determining by common accord the amendments to be made to the EEC Treaty.

2. The President of the Council, in accordance with Article 236(2), accordingly convenes a Conference of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States to examine the proposal submitted by the Luxembourg Government on 5 July 1985. This Conference, which will take place at Minister for Foreign Affairs level, together with a Commission representative, will meet in Luxembourg on 9 September. Spain and Portugal will be represented at this Conference.

The Secretary-General will make the necessary arrangements to provide the secretariat for the Conference.

3. The Ministers for Foreign Affairs instruct a Working Party to prepare its proceedings concerning the revision of the Treaty. Each Member State will appoint its representative to the Working Party. The Chairman will be designated by the President of the Conference.

4. The Ministers for Foreign Affairs instruct the Political Committee to draw up by 15 October 1985 the text of a draft treaty on the basis in particular of the Franco-German and United Kingdom drafts concerning political co-operation with a view to a common foreign and security policy.

This draft will be considered by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs meeting for the purpose within the Conference convened under 2 above.

5. The Ministers will submit their conclusions on all these points to the European Council meeting in December 1985.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OPERATION OF THE INSTITUTIONS

The Council considered an interim report from the Permanent Representatives Committee on the latter's proceedings since Milan concerning the implementation of the conclusions of the European Council on 28 and 29 June relating to improvements in the operation of the Community institutions which are possible without amendment of the Treaty.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions in this connection and to report back to it for its next meeting in September.

STRENGTHENING OF TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

As a follow-up to the conclusions of the European Council in Milan and taking account of progress made by the ad hoc Eureka Committee on 17 July in Paris, the Council stressed the need to ensure co-ordination and consistency between proceedings of the ad hoc Eureka Committee and future proceedings on the Community plan for the strengthening of technological co-operation in Europe.

With a view to attaining this objective, the Council invited France, the country which proposed the Eureka project, to take steps to ensure close co-operation between the Presidency, the Commission and the Federal Republic of Germany which will enable the next meeting of the ad hoc Eureka Committee to be prepared by 15 November 1985. At the same time it asked the Commission to propose what measures should be taken within a Community context in order to ensure in a co-ordinated manner consistent with the Eureka project, the strengthening of European technological co-operation. The Permanent Representatives Committee has been entrusted with the task of examining this Commission communication in order to enable the General Affairs Council to discuss it as soon as possible.

RELATIONS WITH THE GULF STATES

The Council heard a progress report by Mr CHEYSSON on the Commission's exploratory talks with a view to the conclusion of an agreement with the Gulf Co-operation Council. It confirmed the major political and economic importance which it attaches to the development of relations between the Community and the Gulf Co-operation Council. It agreed to resume examination of this question at its next meeting in the light of the latest developments and with a view to a ministerial meeting between the Community and the Gulf Co-operation Council.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Further to the conclusions agreed at the San José Ministerial meeting aimed at extending, developing and institutionalizing relations between the two regions, the Council authorized the Commission to open negotiations with the countries of Central America ⁽¹⁾ with a view to concluding a co-operation agreement and it adopted the directives necessary to this end.

There was also agreement that political dialogue between the Member States of the Community and the countries of Central America should be institutionalized at the same time.

These decisions are consistent with the objective pursued by the Community and its Member States to offer political and economic support to the process of stabilization and peace in the region initiated by the Contadora Group.

⁽¹⁾ Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Panama.

TEXTILES: FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS POST-MFA III

The Council approved the outline of a statement which the Community will submit at a meeting of the GATT Committee on Textiles in Geneva on 23 July concerning discussions due to begin in the framework of that Committee on the textile trade arrangements after the expiry of MFA III at the end of 1985.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

- CITRUS FRUIT - PASTA PRODUCTS

The Council had an exchange of views on the basis of an oral report by Mr DE CLERCQ, Commissioner, on talks between the Commission and the United States authorities regarding citrus fruit and pasta products.

Following this exchange of views, the Council confirmed the statement it adopted in this connection on 19 June 1985 ⁽¹⁾. It agreed to return to this question, on the basis of a written report from the Commission, at its next meeting in September.

- STEEL

The Council took stock of the situation on the basis of an oral report from the Commission concerning negotiations with the United States authorities on steel. It reaffirmed its determination to reach a solution which was reasonable and fair for both parties.

The Council also reaffirmed that it could not agree to any unilateral measures taken by the United States. Such measures would inevitably lead to the adoption of counter measures by the EEC.

⁽¹⁾ See Press release 7475/85 (Presse 101) of 18/19.6.85.

INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES

The Council held a conciliation meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament in connection with Integrated Mediterranean Programmes. The Parliament's delegation was led by its President, Mr Pierre PFLIMLIN and consisted of the following members:

Mr DE PASQUALE, Chairman and rapporteur of the Committee on
Regional Policy,

Mr DUCARME, 1st Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Regional Policy,

Mr NEWMAN, 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Regional Policy,

Mr LIGIOS, Mr MUSSO, Mr HUTTON, Members of the Committee on Regional
Policy,

Mr McMILLAN-SCOTT, Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Youth,

Mr ANASTASSOPOULOS, Chairman of the Committee on Transport.

The meeting permitted a wide-ranging and frank exchange of views to be held on the common guidelines which the Council had approved at its meeting on 25 June. In this connection it was noted that the Council had adopted Parliament's suggestions on a large number of points, notably two fundamental ones. As the Parliament wished, the decision-making procedure for the implementation of the IMPs delegated extensive powers to the Commission and furthermore the Council had adopted a very wide field of application for the use of the additional line of 1 600 MECU. Furthermore with a view to ensuring adequate information on the IMPs the Council signified its agreement at today's meeting on two Parliamentary amendments concerning the publication in the OJ of Commission decisions approving programmes and programme contracts.

Following the meeting with the European Parliament, the Council formally adopted the Regulation on Integrated Mediterranean Programmes ⁽¹⁾ which will enter into effect on 1 August 1985.

⁽¹⁾ See Press release 7602/85 (Presse 106) of 25.6.85.

IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDITERRANEAN FINANCIAL PROTOCOLS

The Council adopted common guidelines concerning the procedure for implementing new Mediterranean Financial Protocols.

The common guidelines adopted by the Council essentially provide for an annual Council policy debate, approval of projects in accordance with the traditional Management Committee Procedure and ex-post facto assessment of the projects completed.

The financial regulation will apply to new Mediterranean Financial Protocols due to take the place of current Protocols and will enter into force not later than 1 January 1987.

RELATIONS WITH EFTA COUNTRIES

The Council approved the 8th report on co-operation with EFTA countries submitted to it by the Permanent Representatives Committee; it agreed to communicate this report to the EFTA countries and the European Parliament.

In connection with the adoption of this report, the Council once again stressed the importance which it attaches to the strengthening of co-operation with EFTA countries and the speedy implementation of the Joint Ministerial Declaration adopted in Luxembourg on 9 April 1984. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to take all the measures necessary to this end.

The Council also noted with satisfaction the participation of certain EFTA countries in the EUREKA project which will contribute to the strengthening of technological co-operation in Europe.

PRE-ACCESSION FISHERIES AID FOR SPAIN

The Council defined a common position with a view to seeking agreement with Spain in connection with conditions for the implementation of the specific financial aid of 28,5 MECU agreed upon during the accession negotiations and intended to facilitate and accelerate adjustment of capacity in the fisheries sector in Spain.

CHANGE IN TARIFF CONCESSIONS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

The Council discussed the Commission Recommendation that it be given negotiating directives in connection with changes in tariff concessions for certain electronic products.

It instructed the Article 113 Committee to continue examining this question, which will be included on the agenda for the Industry Council on 25 July 1985.

BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE

The Council formally adopted the frame of reference for the 1986 budgetary year, approved in principle by the Council on Economic and Financial Affairs on 8 July 1985.

This is the first occasion that the conclusions of the Council of 4 December 1984 on budgetary discipline have been applied.

In this connection, the Council confirmed its wish to examine with the European Parliament and the Commission the means to ensure the necessary co-operation with a view to budgetary discipline common to the three Institutions.

RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT IN THE FIELD OF PHARMACY

The Council signified its agreement in principle, subject to consultation with the acceding States, to a series of measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment in the Community of pharmacists, including those that are self-employed.

These measures include a Directive on the mutual recognition of diplomas in the field of pharmacy and a Directive concerning the co-ordination of national provisions in respect of certain activities in the field of pharmacy.

The Directive on the mutual recognition of diplomas takes account of the fact that certain Member States, in the framework of their national policy in the area of public health, limit the number of new pharmacies which may be set up and permits the Member States to limit the effect of the mutual recognition to the taking over of pharmacies established for at least 3 years.

A review clause will permit the Council, on a proposal from the Commission, to extend these effects 5 years after the implementation of the Directive.

Taking account of the special difficulties of Greece, the Directive limits free movement between Greece and the nine other Member States to employed pharmacists only.

A review clause will permit the Council, on a proposal from the Commission to extend the effects of the mutual recognition of diplomas so as to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment between Greece and the other Member States ten years after the implementation of the Directive.

The enacting terms also regulate arrangements for accepting persons benefiting from the recognition of diplomas, requirements as to proof of good character and good repute, supervision and professional discipline as well as conditions governing the use of titles.

It was also decided to set up an Advisory Committee on the Training of Pharmacists and the Decision setting up a Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health was amended to take account of the decisions on pharmacists.

The introduction of the right of establishment for pharmacists implements free movement in the area of the last major medical profession, following the decisions already taken for doctors and nurses, midwives and dentists.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations

- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duty on Aldicarb (ISO), dissolved in dichloromethane, falling within subheading ex 29.31
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain polyester films falling within subheading ex 39.01 C III a) of the Common Customs Tariff.

EEC/Portugal relations

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

- Protocol between the EEC and the Portuguese Republic concerning the arrangements for the progressive liberalization of imports of motor vehicles into Portugal from the Community;
- Pre-Accession Protocol to the Agreement between the EEC and the Portuguese Republic.

Aid to non-associated developing countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision determining the general guidelines for 1985 concerning financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries. These guidelines correspond to a large extent to those adopted for 1984.

Agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77 concerning the certification of hops
- laying down general rules governing the system of minimum import prices for dried grapes.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty, to the establishment of a Fifth ECSC Research Programme on Technical Control of Nuisances and Pollution at the Place of Work and in the Environment of Iron and Steel Works.

Appointment

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the Foreningen af Danske Stålstøbeværk, Mr Kristian STAUSHOLM-PEDERSEN, Det Danske Stålvalseværk A/S, member of the ECSC Advisory Committee - in place of Mr Niels W. HOLM, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 17 February 1987.

1024th meeting of the Council was cancelled.

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1025th Council meeting

- Industry/Steel -

Brussels, 25 July 1985

President: Mr Jacques F. POOS
Minister for Economic 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 Mark EYSKENS
Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Martin BANGEMANN
Federal Minister for Economic
Affairs

Mr Otto SCHLECHT
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic
Affairs

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON
Minister for Industrial
Redeployment and Foreign Trade

Italy:

Mr Bruno ORSINI
State Secretary,
Ministry for Industry

Netherlands:

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN
Minister for Foreign Trade

Denmark:

Mr Ib STETTER
Minister for Industry

Greece:

Mr Alexandre ZAFIRIOU
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Andrew O'ROURKE
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS
Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Johny LAHURE
State Secretary for Economic
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Norman LAMONT
Minister of State,
Department of Trade and Industry

Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES
Vice-President

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ
Member

Mr Peter SUTHERLAND
Member

The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Joan MAJO
Minister for Industry
and Energy

Portugal:

Mr CARVALHO-CARREIRA
State Secretary,
Ministry of Industry

STEEL POLICY AFTER 1985

The Council, taking as a basis the Commission communication of 16 July, held an initial detailed discussion on Community steel policy after 1985, covering both the organization of the steel market and the rules applying to financial aid and intervention by the Member States after 1985.

The Council approved the following conclusions regarding the organization of the steel market:

"The Council:

- having taken note of the Commission's views concerning the market surveillance arrangements proposed for the years after 1985;
- convinced of the need to return as swiftly as possible, in an orderly manner, to a market in which Community undertakings freely compete;
- being aware, however, that the process of restructuring is still in progress and that a transitional period limited to a maximum of three years is necessary;
- calls on the Commission to prepare, in line with the principles set out in the second and third indents, a specific document on which the Council will take a final decision on the basis of Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty, with the aim of continuing market surveillance arrangements."

As regards the rules applying to financial aid and transfers to the steel industry after 1985, the President of the Council, at the close of the discussion, asked the Commission to further elaborate the guidelines set out in its communication in the light of the substantive comments made at the present Council meeting.

The Council agreed to resume its discussions on the whole of this question at its meeting on 17 October with the aim of taking final decisions before the end of the year.

AMENDMENT OF THE QUOTA SYSTEM

The Council gave its assent under Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty to the Commission's proposed amendment to Decision No 234/84 concerning quota arrangements for Denmark's sole steel producer.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE STEEL SECTOR

The Council took note of an interim report by Commissioner DE CLERCQ on the talks with the United States concerning "consultation" steel products. It invited the Commission to continue to take a firm line in its talks with the United States authorities, in close liaison with the Member States, in order to arrive swiftly at an equitable arrangement.

The Council noted that it should be ready to meet again at very short notice should the need arise.

TARIFF CONCESSIONS ON CERTAIN ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

The Council authorized the Commission to notify GATT of the Community's intention to renegotiate the concession on video recorders (heading 92.11 B) and to invite contracting parties who considered they had negotiating rights with regard to this concession to notify the EEC accordingly (Article XXVIII of GATT).

The aim of the above measure is to replace the measures in the grey area in the sector by an appropriate tariff scheme.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL

Following the discussions of the Research Council on 4 June 1985 (¹), the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, decisions concerning:

- the realization of a tritium handling laboratory, complementing the Decision of 22 December 1983 adopting a research programme to be carried out by the Joint Research Centre (1984-1987);
- a definition phase for a Community action in the field of Telecommunications Technologies (RACE).

With regard to the tritium laboratory, the Council decided that the aim of the research project of European significance referred to in the Council Decision of 22 December 1983 on the multiannual research programme of the JRC, to which an amount of 12,5 MECU had been allocated, should be to realize a tritium handling laboratory at the Ispra Establishment of the JRC.

The construction and operation of the laboratory will be fully integrated into the JRC subprogramme on Fusion technology and safety and the laboratory will contribute to the JET fusion project. In general, the laboratory will be concerned with the problems involved in the operational safety of future fusion power stations.

The RACE Decision introducing a definition phase for a Community action in the field of telecommunications covers a period of 18 months and consist of two parts.

(¹) See Press release (7115/85 Presse 87) of 4 June 1985

The first part will comprise analytical work required for the formulation of a reference model for integrated broadband communication (IBC) to be carried out by organizations such as CEPT (European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations).

The second part will comprise evaluation projects carried out by means of contracts, as required to clarify technology options and establish techno-economic feasibility of the reference model.

The Decision provides for the possibility of financial contributions from the Community to both parts; the amount estimated to be necessary for the implementation of Part II is 14 MECU.

The main purpose of this definition phase is to carry out the initial work required for arriving at a precise definition of IBC operational requirements and the exploratory research and development work in key areas requiring immediate action.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

The Council adopted the Directive on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning liability for defective products.

By adopting this Directive, the Council has permitted an extremely important step forward to be made in the field of consumer protection, by offering to the victim specific recourse against the producer of a defective product. It will involve passing, in seven Member States, from a traditional liability system based on negligence to a system where liability is borne by the manufacturer regardless of any negligence, thus avoiding the grave inadequacies, in an age of increasing technicality, of systems whose overriding principle is fault. The adoption of this Directive will lead to limitation of costs and time involved in litigation and thus make it easier for the victims and their families to obtain compensation for injury or death caused by defective products in full accordance with the aims set out in the resolution for a policy programme on information and protection of consumers.

The Directive covers both compensation for death and personal injury and compensation for damage to property. The latter has however been limited to goods for private use or consumption and has been made subject to a deduction of an amount of 500 ECU in order to avoid litigation in an excessive number of cases.

In order to provide a fair apportionment of risk between the injured person and the producer, the Directive provides that the producer can free himself from liability if he furnishes proof as to the existence of certain exonerating circumstances. The producer is for example afforded the possibility of freeing himself from liability if he proves that the state of scientific and technological knowledge at the time when he put the product into circulation

was not such as to enable the existence of a defect to be discovered. As this possibility, in view of what is expected for the protection of consumers in certain States, might be felt to restrict unduly such protection, the Directive provides that a Member State may maintain in its legislation or provide by new legislation that this exonerating circumstance should not be admitted. This derogation possibility has however been made subject to a Community stand-still procedure, in order to raise, if possible, the level of protection in a uniform manner throughout the common market.

Taking into account the legal traditions in most Member States, the Directive does not set any financial ceiling on the strict liability of the producer. As there are however differing traditions in certain Member States, the Directive allows Member States to derogate from the principle of unlimited liability by providing a limit for the total liability of the producer for personal damage caused by identical items with the same defect. This limit should be of at least 70 MECU, a level sufficiently high to guarantee adequate protection of the consumer and the correct functioning of the common market.

In order to achieve greater harmonization, the Council will at regular intervals receive reports from the Commission on the application of the Directive, accompanied as the case may be by appropriate proposals. In particular, in 1995 the Commission will submit to the Council a report on the effect that rulings by the courts as to the application of the provisions of the Directive, in particular of those concerning "development risks" and the financial ceiling, have on consumer protection and the functioning of the common market, accompanied if necessary by proposals for amendment to the Directive, on which the Council will decide pursuant to the terms of Article 100 of the Treaty.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

EEIG

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG), the decision on the substance of this Regulation having been taken on 27 June (¹).

Research and atomic questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning the conclusion of the co-operation agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway on a research and development programme in the field of metals and mineral substances.

The Council took note of the Commission communications on two IEA Agreements between the EAEC represented by the Commission and the United States of America, Department of Energy,

- concerning a co-operative programme for the investigation of toroidal physics in, and plasma technologies of, Tokomaks with poloidal field divertors
- concerning co-operation in developing the Stellarator concept in the field of thermonuclear fusion research and development.

(¹) See Press release 7803/85 (Presse 108) of 27 June 1985.

Commercial policy and Customs Union

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain kinds of polystyrene sheet originating in Spain.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending the list in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2763/83 as regards the arrangements for processing under customs control.

In addition, 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 deep-frozen fillets of Alaska pollack falling within subheading ex 03.01 B II b) 14 of the Common Customs Tariff.

EFTA

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations on the application of Decisions No 1/85 of the EEC-Switzerland/EEC-Austria Joint Committees - Community transit - amending Appendix II to the Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation concluding the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters with Portugal on tomato concentrates (1985).

Generalized scheme of preferences

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation applying supplementary generalized preferences in respect of certain industrial products originating in developing countries and sold at the Berlin "Partners in Progress" Fair.

Agricultural decisions

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation adopting the general rules concerning the special measures for soya beans. This Regulation lays down in particular the conditions under which the aid will be granted to recipients (first purchaser or first processor).

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3247/81 on the financing by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section, of certain intervention measures, particularly those involving the buying-in, storage and sale of agricultural products by intervention agencies. The purpose of this Regulation is to make provision for national financing of supplementary expenditure resulting from the use of the option of shortening the period of payment for small producers from 90 to 60 days.

The Council adopted its position (in the form of a letter to the Commission) under Article 175 of the EEC Treaty following an invitation to act forwarded by the Commission on 20 June 1985 regarding the fixing of cereals prices for 1985/1986.

EEC-Israel relations

The Council signified the Community's agreement to an increase in customs duties in Israel for certain products in application of the "emergent industries" clause in the EEC-Israel Agreement.

EEC-Yugoslavia relations

The Council adopted the decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate the conclusion of a second EEC-Yugoslavia Financial Protocol.

Fisheries

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products, salted, falling within subheadings ex 03.02 A I b) and ex 03.02 A II a) of the Common Customs Tariff.

ECSC

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

- Cleveland Redpath Offshore Limited (United Kingdom)
- INTERBANCA, Milan (Italy)
- Royal Bank of Scotland plc (United Kingdom).

European Foundation

In connection with the implementation of provisions setting up the European Foundation:

- the Council adopted:
 - a Decision laying down the procedure for appointing those members of the Board of the European Foundation to be chosen by the Community. These members will be appointed by the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament. The list proposed will include members of the European Parliament;
- the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States adopted:
 - a Resolution which, in order to ensure co-ordination with certain institutions and organizations active in the same area or in similar areas, stipulates that the membership of the Board of the Foundation should include a suitable number of representatives of the Council of Europe, the European Cultural Foundation in Amsterdam, the Cultural Centre in Delphi and other comparable institutions and organizations, by virtue of the activities being parallel to or convergent with the objectives of the Foundation.

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1026th Council meeting

- Industry/Steel -

Brussels, 6 August 1985

President: Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary 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 Mark EYSKENS
Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Esper LARSEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Dieter von WURZEN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Elias LYMBEROPOULOS
Deputy Permanent Representative

France:

Mr Claude MARTIN
Deputy Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Andrew O'ROURKE
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Pietro CALAMIA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Johnny LAHURE
State Secretary for Economic
Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN
Minister for Foreign Trade

United Kingdom:

Mr Norman LAMONT
Minister of State,
Department of Trade and Industry

Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES
Vice-President
Mr Willy DE CLERCQ
Member

The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Enrique GONZALEZ SANCHEZ
Counsellor

Portugal:

Mr Luis ALBUQUERQUE
Minister, Plenipotentiary

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE STEEL SECTOR

The Council approved a complementary self-restraint Arrangement on certain steel products hitherto covered only by a consultation clause. This Arrangement is the outcome of consultations between the Commission and the United States authorities.

The complementary Arrangement, which safeguards the essential interests of the Community producers concerned, has the following main features:

- it covers a five-month period from 1 August to 31 December 1985. It does not prejudice the arrangements to be negotiated for the future;
- the total quota is 197 917 tonnes;
- the allocation among the various product categories will be made on a linear basis using the reference years 1982, 1983, 1984;
- semi-finished products are excluded from the quota arrangements.

The Council also adopted the internal allocation among Member States of the quotas negotiated with the United States authorities for each product category, on a linear basis which also uses the reference period 1982, 1983, 1984.

With respect to oil tubes (OCTG), following a wide-ranging exchange of views the Council agreed on the internal allocation (burden-sharing) of the quotas among Member States. This allocation is as follows:

- Germany : 4,38%
 - France : 0,53%
 - Italy : 3,25%
 - Netherlands : 0,02%
 - Belgium : 0,50%
 - Luxembourg : 0,01%
 - United Kingdom: 0,55%
 - Greece : 0,76%
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1027th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 16 September 1985

President:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH,
Minister for Agriculture
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 L. VAN DEN MOORTELE
Secretary-General
Ministry of Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Henri NALLET
Minister for Agriculture

Mr René SOUCHON
Minister attached to the Minister
for Agriculture, with
responsibility for Agriculture and
Forestry

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI
Minister for Agriculture

Mrs Paola CAVIGLIASSO
State Secretary
Ministry of Health

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister of Agriculture

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH
Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

United Kingdom

Mr John GUMMER
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

The following also took part as observers:

Spain:

Mr Jordi CARBONELL
Technical Secretary-General,
Ministry of Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO
Minister for Agriculture

PRICES OF CEREALS AND COLZA SEED

The Council again considered the fixing of the prices of cereals and colza seed. It noted at the end of its discussion that no new development likely to bring about agreement had emerged at the meeting.

The Council will pursue its efforts to take decisions in this field and accordingly has agreed to keep this question on its agenda.

The Council also stressed the importance in this connection of the discussion of all cereals to be held at its informal meeting planned for 23 and 24 September 1985 on the basis of the green paper which the Commission submitted to it in July 1985.

SUGAR

The Council noted with great interest Mr ANDRIESSEN's introduction of the Commission proposal for the Community sugar system for the marketing years 1986/1987 to 1990/1991.

It then discussed the matter and the Ministers were able to give their initial reactions.

At the close of the discussion the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue its proceedings as a matter of urgency so that the Council could deal with the subject at its meeting in October.

GUARANTEED PRICES FOR ACP SUGAR

The Council first heard an introduction from the Chairman of the Special Committee on Agriculture, then examined the proposal for the amendment of the intervention price for raw Community sugar for the 1985/1986 marketing year submitted by the Commission to make it possible to conclude the negotiations with the ACP concerned on the guaranteed prices for preferential sugar for the delivery period starting on 1 July 1985.

At the close of the discussion the Council agreed to return to this problem at its informal meeting on 23 and 24 September in Luxembourg.

FOREST PROTECTION

The Council heard a statement from the Chairman of the Permanent Representatives Committee on its proceedings on the introduction of a Community scheme to provide forests in the Community with increased protection.

At the close of its discussion the Council had to record that it was not yet in a position to agree on common positions on the matter.

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LAYING HENS KEPT IN
BATTERY CASES

The Council held an exchange of views on the main aspects of this question, from which a number of common guidelines emerged.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize these guidelines to enable agreement to be reached at its meeting in October.

CHRISTMAS BUTTER

The Council took note of a question from the German delegation regarding the desirability of implementing a reduced-price "Christmas butter" scheme in 1985.

IMITATION MILK PRODUCTS

The Council took note of a question from the German delegation, which drew further attention to the importance of the problem of imitation products in the milk sector and to the desirability of taking adequate steps to deal with the matter at the earliest opportunity.

MARKETING STANDARDS FOR EGGS

The Council took note of a request from the German delegation, supported by a number of other delegations, for an immediate Community-wide ban on the use of incubator clears for supply to the food industry.

SITUATION ON THE BEEF AND VEAL MARKET

The Council noted the concern felt about developments on the beef and veal market.

It also took note, with satisfaction, of the Commission's intention to monitor the situation closely and if necessary to take steps to relieve market pressures.

DE-ACIDIFICATION

The German delegation emphasized the importance it attached to a prompt decision on the establishment of a Community method of de-acidifying wines. The Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to re-examine the whole question of oenological practices at its next meeting to enable a decision to be taken on the matter at the Council meeting in October 1985.

HORMONES

The German delegation, supported by a number of other delegations, reiterated its request for a total ban on the use of hormones for animal-fattening purposes.

Aware of the urgent need to resolve this question, the Council agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume its examination of the matter to enable it to discuss it constructively at its meeting on 21 and 22 October 1985.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the financing by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guarantee Section, of certain intervention measures, particularly those involving the buying-in, storage and sale of agricultural products by intervention agencies. This Regulation is intended to supplement the provisions of Regulation No 3247/81 in respect of the wine and olive oil sectors.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of the exchange of letters relating to clause 2 of the Voluntary Restraint Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Argentine Republic on trade in mutton and lamb.

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 354/79 laying down general rules for the import of wines, grape juice and grape must. These rules will enable the Commission to relax the rules on import documents in respect of third countries which impose an efficient system of controls on their wine producers.

Right of establishment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a set of measures for the actual implementation of the right of establishment in the field of pharmacy (see Press Release 8395/85, (Presse 120) of 22/23.VII.85).

Commercial policy

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

Relations with China

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concerning the conclusion of a Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement between the EEC and the People's Republic of China, signed in Brussels on 21 May 1985.

Both sides intend to proceed with the necessary notifications regarding the completion of internal procedures so as to enable the Agreement to enter into force on 1 October 1985.

Appointments

On a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mr Philippe DIDIER-COURBIN, currently an Alternate Member of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing, as a Full Member of the Committee to replace Mrs Nicole LORAUX for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 7 October 1985.

It also appointed Mrs Nicole QUIVRON, "Conseillère Infirmière à la Direction Générale de la Santé", as an Alternate Member of the above Committee to replace Mr Philippe DIDIER-COURBIN for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 7 October 1985;

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1028th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Luxembourg,

17/18 September 1985

President :

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER

Minister attached to the
Department of Finance, with
responsibility for the Budget
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 Knud-Erik TYGESEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Yannis PAPANTONIOU
State Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

France:

Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE
State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Foreign Relations, with
responsibility for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Jim O'KEEFE
Minister of State,
Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER
Minister attached to the
Department of Finance, with
responsibility for the Budget

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. VAN EEKELEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Ian GOW
Minister of State to the
Treasury

Commission:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN
Vice-President

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The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Miguel A. FERNANDEZ-ORDONEZ
State Secretary, Ministry of
Economic Affairs and Planning

Portugal:

Mr Ernani RODRIGUES LOPES
Minister for Finance

MEETING BETWEEN A DELEGATION FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

Before commencing the reading of the preliminary draft budget for 1986 the Council had a meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament consisting of: Mr Pierre PFLIMLIN, President, Mr Jean-Pierre COT, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS, 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mrs Carla BARBARELLA, 3rd Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr Efthimios CHRISTODOULOU, Rapporteur for Section III - Commission - of the budget, Mr Pieter DANKERT, Rapporteur on budget discipline, Mr Heinrich AIGNER, Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Mr Jean-Claude PASTY, Mr Jens-Peter BONDE, Mr Olivier d'ORMESSON and Mr Horst LANGES, Members of the Committee on Budgets.

This meeting enabled the Council to acquaint itself with the European Parliament's initial reactions to the preliminary draft budget and subsequently to have an exchange of views on this subject.

1986 BUDGET

Having discussed in detail all the questions submitted to it, the Council established the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1986 by a qualified majority as follows:

MECU

	c/a	p/a
EAGGF-Guarantee	21 012	21 012
NCE	8 782,4	6 536,7
CE other than that under EAGGF-Guarantee	4 423,6	4 507,4
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	34 218	32 056,1

The main features of this draft budget are as follows:

Regional Fund and Social FundMECU

	c/a	p/a
ERDF	2 705	1 668
ESF	2 183	1 447

Food Aid

The appropriations entered in the 1985 budget, viz. c/a of 635,5948 MECU and p/a of 507,8619 MECU, are repeated in 1986.

The Council considers that the appropriations it has entered in the draft budget under this heading constitute an appropriate basis for implementing Community food aid projects. It will continue to monitor developments in the situation in the countries concerned closely and declares itself ready to review the arrangements it has made in the light of requirements.

Energy, Research, Industry, Innovation

The Council agreed on the following appropriations for this title:

- 832 MECU in c/a
- 736 MECU in p/a

As regards research appropriations in particular, this chapter of the draft budget shows an 11% increase in p/a compared with the 1985 budget.

Integrated Mediterranean Programmes

The Council entered 230 MECU in c/a and 85 MECU in p/a for the initial implementation of the IMPs.

Previous commitments

The Council gave the Presidency an exploratory brief to examine this question with the Commission in the light of the viewpoint of the other branch of the budget authority and to work out the broad outlines of a solution.

This draft budget will be finalized by the Presidency as soon as possible and forwarded to the European Parliament by 5 October 1985.
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OTHER DECISION

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the authorizations requested by certain Member States relating to temporary exports of copper waste and scrap not to be charged against quota.

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1029th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Luxembourg, 27 September 1985

President:

Mr René STEICHEN

State Secretary,

Ministry of Agriculture
and Viticulture

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 Léon VAN DEN MOORTEL
Secretary-General,
Ministry of Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Henning GROVE
Minister for Fisheries

Mr Thomas LAURITSEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr C PAPATHANASIOU,
Secretary-General,
Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Guy LENGAGNE
State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Transport, with
responsibility for Maritime Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Patrick O'TOOLE
Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI
Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr René STEICHEN
State Secretary,
Ministry for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr A. PLOEG
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Mr John GUMMER
State Secretary,
Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Lord GRAY
Minister of State for Scotland

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

The following also took part as observers:

Spain:

Mr Miguel OLIVER
Secretary-General for Fisheries

Portugal:

Mr Almeida SERRA
Minister for the Sea

CONSERVATION MEASURES

The Council was unable to reach agreement on both the proposal amending the Regulation on technical conservation measures as regards an increase in the level of by-catches of white fish in Norwegian pout fishing and on the proposal amending for the third time Regulation No 1/85 concerning TACs and quotas for 1985 (monkfish/megrim).

It accordingly agreed to resume its examination of these matters at its meeting planned for 4 November, provided that the preparatory discussions continued in the meantime.

TACs and QUOTAS FOR 1985

Herring

The Council agreed to reduce the size of the zone in which fishing for herring in the Irish Sea is banned during the period from 21 September 1985 to 16 November 1985. It also agreed that as from the next fishing year the fishing ban would enter into force on 1 September. It requested the Commission to submit a proposal to it along these lines by that date.

Plaice in zone VII f), g)

The Council took note of the fact that at this stage the Commission did not intend to submit proposals for an increase in the TACs and quotas for plaice in zone VII f), g).

UNDER-USE OF QUOTAS

The Council took note of a statement by the Netherlands delegation on the problem of the under-use of quotas. In this context the Commission submitted some data - of a provisional nature - concerning the extent to which quotas were used for the different stocks.

The Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine this matter further.

COMPENSATORY ALLOWANCES IN RESPECT OF SARDINES

The council agreed on a common position on the Regulation laying down general rules on the granting of compensatory allowances in respect of sardines for producers in the Member States of the Community as it stands at present.

It agreed to grant the Portuguese delegation's request for the initiation of the consultation procedure on this matter.

FISHERIES RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES AND CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Council took note of an oral report by the Commission representative on relations between the Community and certain international organizations.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Environment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Directive extending until 1 October 1989 Directive 83/129/EEC, which provides for the Member States to take all the necessary steps to stop commercial imports of the skins of seal pups and derived products into their territory.

Commercial policy and customs union

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for aubergines falling within subheading ex 07.01 T II of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Cyprus (1 October 1985 to 30 November 1985);
- 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 and originating in Tunisia (1 November 1985 to 31 October 1986);
- temporarily and totally suspending the autonomous CCT duties on certain products falling within subheadings ex 29.04 A III a), ex 39.02 C I a) and ex 39.02 C I b) and amending, in respect of certain monolithic integrated circuits falling within subheading ex 85.21 D II, Regulation (EEC) No 1736/85 temporarily suspending the autonomous CCT duties on a number of industrial products.

EFTA

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 a decision concerning the opening of negotiations with the EFTA countries on the amendment of the ECSC free trade agreements (cold-rolled plate, in coils and strips of a thickness of 3 mm or more).

Cultural Affairs

The Council and the Ministers meeting within the Council adopted the following resolution on collaboration between libraries in the field of data processing:

"The Council of the European Communities and the Ministers with responsibility for Cultural Affairs, meeting within the Council

1. having noted that:

- the collections built up by all the public and private libraries in the European Community constitute a treasure-house of material both culturally and from the viewpoint of scientific, technical and economic development;
- full use can be made of this treasure-house only if there is also proper application of the present wealth of new technologies for processing and disseminating information, which alone will provide the user with access to the whole of this heritage,

believe that the European Community should take action in this sector;

2. at Member State level, recognize the need for greater harmonization of the initiatives already taken in this area by a large number of libraries in the European Community and the need for others to acquire new management techniques without this undermining their budgetary possibilities for acquiring new works;

3. at Community level:

- request libraries, on the basis of a prior cost/benefit evaluation, to increase their co-operation at Community level and help in drawing up a common programme aimed at establishing the most suitable procedures for promoting such co-operation;
- request the Commission to take into consideration the desirability of swift action to help libraries;
- recall that this action may be realized within the framework, and with the resources, of the Community programme for the development of the specialized information market in Europe, adopted by Decision 84/567/EEC.

Such action should be aimed in particular at:

- (a) defining and setting up in close collaboration with the most important libraries in the European Community, a system which, based on existing systems and forms of collaboration, would enable computerized catalogues to be linked up;
- (b) preparing, in close collaboration with those responsible for libraries in the Member States, a possible work programme designed to speed up the development of library activities both at the cultural level and as a major force on the information market in terms of both innovation and innovation support;

4. request the Commission to:

- keep them informed of work currently in progress in areas connected with the management and use of libraries;
- submit an annual report to them on any initiatives it sets in motion on the basis of this Resolution.

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1030th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 1 October 1985

President: Mr Jacques F. POOS
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 Paul de KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

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

Germany:

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

Greece:

Mr Yiannos KRANIDIOTIS Executive Secretary,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS Minister for Foreign Relations
Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Foreign Relations,
with responsibility for European
Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Andrew O'ROURKE Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Mario FIORET State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg

Mr Jacques F. POOS
Mr Robert GOEBBELS

Minister for Foreign Affairs
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN
Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

Minister for Foreign Trade
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom

Mr Malcolm RIFKIND

Minister of State, Foreign
and Commonwealth Office

Commission

Mr Jacques DELORS
Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN
Mr Willy DE CLERCQ

President
Vice-President
Member

The following also participated as observers:

Spain

Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ-ORDONEZ
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Manuel MARIN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal

Mr Jaime GAMA
Minister for Foreign Affairs

ADJUSTMENT OF MEDITERRANEAN CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS FOLLOWING
ENLARGEMENT

In the light of its statements of 30 March 1985, the Council held a general discussion on relations with Mediterranean countries as a whole. For this purpose it had at its disposal a note from the Presidency containing a progress report on proceedings.

In this connection the Commission submitted the second set of its proposals dealing with co-operation; the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the guidelines proposed by the Commission, so that on the basis of these guidelines the Commission could at an early date submit to the Council more detailed proposals for negotiating Directives.

At the close of its discussions, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to speed up proceedings as a whole, including the co-operation aspect, with a view to its next meeting.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

The Council heard Mr DELORS' statement introducing the Commission communication concerning the implementation of its memorandum "Towards a European Technology Community" which the European Council had approved and endorsed in Milan.

After a brief exchange of views, the Council concluded that this significant communication should first be examined by the Ministers for Research at an early date.

1986 BUDGET (*)

The Council noted the comments made by the Spanish and Portuguese Ministers concerning the results of the Budget Council on 17 and 18 September 1985 at which the draft budget of the European Communities for 1986 was adopted.

In concluding its exchange of views on this issue, the Council reaffirmed the undertaking agreed upon at the Budget Council to reconsider the appropriations entered under the ERDF - the European Regional Development Fund and the ESF - the European Social Fund - at the second reading of the draft budget on 26 November 1985, in the light of the European Parliament's discussions, in order to ensure that the amounts necessary to honour the commitments arising from the accession negotiations vis-à-vis the two new Member States are made available to the countries in question, bearing in mind the spirit in which the negotiations were conducted and the estimates supplied by the Commission at that time.

(*) Revised text

EEC - UNITED STATES RELATIONS

The Council had a general exchange of views on relations with the United States in the light of the latest speech by President REAGAN, recent developments in the monetary field and continuing contacts between the Commission and the United States administration.

LLDCs - MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL NEW PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Having regard to the mid-term review of the implementation of the SNPA (Geneva, 30 September to 11 October 1985) the Council signified its agreement to a Community initiative to secure a new system of compensation for losses in export earnings of the LLDCs which are not parties to the Third Lomé Convention.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Environment

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending for the sixth time (PCBs/PCTs) Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (see Press Release 7803/85 (Presse 108) of 27/28 June 1985).

Research

The Council noted the Commission's intention to participate on the Community's behalf in Annex IX to the Agreement drawn up under the IEA regarding the implementation of an R & D programme for energy conservation in buildings and community systems.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

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LIBRARY

1031st meeting of the Council
- Internal Market -
Luxembourg, 7 October 1985

President: Mr Robert GOEBBELS
State Secretary
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 Marc LEPOIVRE
Deputy Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic
Affairs

France:

Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE
State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Foreign Relations,
responsible for European Affairs

Italy:

Mr Paolo GALLI
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN
State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Ib STETTER
Minister for Industry

Greece:

Mr N. AKRITIDIS
Minister for Trade

Ireland:

Mr Edward COLLINS
Minister of State at the Department
of Energy and the Department of
Industry, Commerce and Tourism

Luxembourg:

Mr Robert GOEBBELS
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Paul CHANNON
Minister for Trade

Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD
Vice-President

The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Luis VELASCO
State Secretary,
Ministry of Commerce

Portugal:

Mr Luis ROMA DE ALBUQUERQUE
Deputy Head of Mission

COMPLETION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET: CONCLUSIONS

The Council considered the results of the work accomplished so far towards the realization of the internal market, in particular since the Copenhagen European Council in 1982. It stressed the importance of the work that had been carried out and welcomed the progress already made, particularly in the fields of technical barriers, customs union and the right of establishment and freedom to provide services. It also observed that significant work had been carried out on harmonization with regard to animal and plant health, animal feedingstuffs, foodstuffs, and seeds and seedlings.

The Council discussed the White Paper on completing the internal market submitted by Lord COCKFIELD. It took note of the statements made on the paper by the different delegations.

It recalled the conclusions of the Milan European Council and took note of the programme of action for the second half of 1985 drawn up by the Presidency, on the basis, in particular, of the Commission's timetable for action. It stressed the importance of observing the timetable proposed right from the first stage of implementing the White Paper. To that end, it drew attention to the need for appropriate co-ordination at both national and Community level. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to make preparations for the necessary work in the different fields and to report to it by its next meeting.

As regards the finalization of the medium-term action programme, it took note of the Presidency's intention to confer with the future Presidencies and report to it at its next meeting.

As it was concerned that a single market should be achieved in a complete, effective and balanced manner by 1992 at the latest, it agreed that the Internal Market Council should take stock regularly of progress being made with this work.

LUXEMBOURG COMMUNITY PATENT CONVENTION

The Luxembourg Community Patent Convention, signed in Luxembourg on 15 December 1975 by the Member States of the Community, nine in number at that time, requires ratification by all the signatory States before it enters into force. Since the Convention has not yet entered into force, ten years after being signed, as only seven Member States have completed the national procedures for approval, the German Government has taken an initiative to amend the Convention so that it may enter into force as soon as seven ratifications have been deposited.

The Council had an exchange of views on this initiative. It noted that a large majority of delegations and the Commission were in favour of it, although some delegations maintained certain reservations or had doubts about the proposed solution.

In conclusion, it noted that the President of the Council would invite the Member States of the Community and the acceding States to take part in an Intergovernmental Conference in Luxembourg in December 1985. The aims of the Conference would be:

- adoption of the instrument to allow prompt entry into force of the Luxembourg Convention,
- adoption of a Protocol on the Settlement of Litigation concerning the Infringement and Validity of Community Patents,
- the adoption of measures to enable Greece to accede to the Luxembourg Convention.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to make preparations for the Conference in close co-operation with the Community Patent Interim Committee.

PEOPLE'S EUROPE

Easing of controls at borders

The Council considered the proposal for a Directive on the easing of controls and formalities applicable to nationals of the Member States when crossing intra-Community borders. The Council had before it a suggestion for an overall compromise from the Presidency concerning in particular the improvement of controls in ports and airports and co-operation between control administrations.

At the end of its discussion, the Council requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work in the light of the exchange of views that had just taken place with a view to adoption of the text in question in the near future.

Right of residence

The Council considered the proposal for a Directive on a right of residence for nationals of Member States in the territory of another Member State, on the basis of a suggestion for a compromise put forward by the Presidency, which covered, inter alia, the right of residence for students.

The Council agreed to request the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine this dossier further in the light of the exchange of views that had just taken place with a view to adoption of the text in question in the near future.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Appointments

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mrs Margit HURUP NIELSEN, Dansk Arbejdsgiverforening, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in place of Mr E. TØTTRUP, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 14 July 1987.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision appointing the members of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency for the period from 29 March 1985 to 28 March 1987:

BELGIUM (3 places)

M. Pierre GOLDSCHMIDT
M. Denis DEWEZ
M. Martin RENIERS

DENMARK (2 places)

Erik BASTRUP-BIRK
Terkel NIELSEN

GERMANY (6 places)

Reg.-Dir. Dr. Rolf-Peter RANDL
Reg.-Dir. Klaus F. UNGER
Bergassessor
Dipl.-Ing. K.-I. KEGEL
Dr. Horst KEESE
Dipl.-Ing. Wolfgang SCHOBER
Klaus JOHANNSEN

GREECE (3 places)

Professor
M. ANTONOPOULOS-DOMIS
M. Themistocles SBAROUNIS
M. George HATZIYANNIS

FRANCE (6 places)

M. Pierre FRIGOLA
M. François MINNARD
M. Jean-Claude BERAULT
M. André PETIT
M. Pierre REYNAUD
M. Michel CHEVET

IRELAND (1 place)

Mr Patrick J. MURPHY

ITALY (6 places)

Sig. Paolo VENDITTI
Sig. Giovanni CUTTICA
Sig. Mariano CUZZANITI
Sig. Marcello PALANDRI
Sig. Michel SANTANGELO
Sig. Giuseppe PREVITI

NETHERLANDS (3 places)

De heer J.J. DE JONG
De heer R. VAN ERPERS ROYAARDS
De heer D.H.J. TIELEMAN

UNITED KINGDOM (6 places)

Mr G. STEVENS
Mr M. TOWNSEND
Mr D.J. GROOM
Mr P.C.F. CROWSON
Mr D. ASTON
Mr H.G. STURMAN

Finally, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision appointing members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers for the period from 7 October 1985 to 6 October 1987:

I. Government representatives

(a) Members

(b) Alternates

Belgium	Mr J. DEQUAN	Mr J. DENYS	Mr M. TAVERNIER
Denmark	Mr N.O. ANDERSEN	Ms B. HERMANN	Ms K. RUDFELD
Germany	Mr O. SCHULZ	Mr E. BIRKER	Mr P. FENDRICH
Greece	Ms E. IOANNIDOU	Ms E. HATZIANDONIOU	Mr D. TSOLAKIS
France	Mr H. de LARY de LATOUR	Mr P. PADOVANI	Ms N. MAROT
Ireland	Mr W. HANNON	Mr M. AHERNE	Mr R. SHEEHAN
Italy	Mr N. FALCHI	Mr A.F. D'HARMANT	Mr G. MORRONE
Luxembourg	Mr R. SCHINTGEN	Mr J.M. MOUSEL	Mr J. HOFFMAN
Netherlands	Mr F.H.A.M. KRUSE	Mr J.W.S. PABON	Mr Th. KNOL
United Kingdom	Ms M.E. GREEN	Mr E.J. PLEASANCE	Mr J.M. CURRIE

II. Representatives of the employers' organizations

(a) Members

(b) Alternates

Belgium	Mr D. DE NORRE	Mr J. LABAR	Mr F. LARDOT
Denmark	Mr P.E. BORGQVIST	Mr. H. MØRKEBERG	Mr D. von GRUMBKOW
Germany	Mr W.D. LINDNER	Mr R. REICHLING	Mr H.-J. RABE
Greece	Ms E. TSOUMANI	Mr A. VAYIAS	Mr D. LEVENDIS
France	Mr A.-A. SOREL	Mr A. BRUM	Mr G. BENSARD
Ireland	Mr V. KEOGH	Mr L. STEEN	Mr G.F. DEMPSEY
Italy	Mr E. PALLADINI	Mr G. PUNZI	Mr R. SORACE
Luxembourg	Mr R. BEFFORT	Mr E. MULLER	Mr M. WAGNER
Netherlands	Mr J.A.P. GREVERS	Ms A.P. van WEGENBERG	Mr B.J. van der TOOM
United Kingdom	Mr R.C.H. THOMAS	Mr W.H. TAYLOR	Ms F. WEBSTER

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(a) Members

(b) Alternates

Belgium	Mr E. LOOF	Mr J.L. STALPORT	Mr R. SPAEY
Denmark	Mr H. HANSEN	Mr B. LARSEN	Mr P. CARLSEN
Germany	Mr K.-H. GOEBELS	Mr O. SEMMLER	Mr R.D. ASCHENBECK
Greece	Mr G. DASSIS	Mr D. GOULIANAS	Mr L. KANELLOPOULOS
France	Mr J. BELLANGER	Mr J.-L. DUFFAUD	Mr D. JACQUOT
Ireland	Mr P. MERRIGAN	Mr W.A. ATTLEY	Mr T. HEERY
Italy	Mr R. MAGNO	Mr N. DE MEOLA	Mr F. SALVATORI
Luxembourg	Mr V. DE MATTEIS	Mr R. DAUBENFELD	Mr H. DENKEL
Netherlands	Ms I. KETELAAR	Mr T. DEMIRHAN	Mr M.A. NEGEMAN
United Kingdom	Mr F.F. JARVIS	Ms P. TURNER	Mr A.L. SAPPER

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1032nd Council meeting

- Industry/Steel -

Luxembourg, 17 October 1985

President: Mr Jacques F. POOS

Minister for Economic 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 Mark EYSKENS
Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Ib STETTER
Minister for Industry

Germany:

Mr Dieter von WÜRZEN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic
Affairs

Greece:

Mrs Vasso PAPANDEOU
State Secretary,
Ministry of Industry

France:

Mr Luc de LA BARRE de NANTEUIL
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Edward COLLINS
Minister of State,
Department of Industry

Italy:

Mr Bruno ORSINI
State Secretary,
Ministry of Industry

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS
Minister for Economic Affairs

Mr Johny LAHURE
State Secretary for Economic
Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr F BOLKESTEIN
Minister for Foreign Trade

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter MORRISON
Minister of State for Industry

Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES
Vice-President

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ
Member

Mr Peter SUTHERLAND
Member

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The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Joan MAJO
Minister for Industry

Portugal:

Mr Carvalho CARREIRA
State Secretary for Industry

COMMUNITY IRON AND STEEL POLICY AFTER 1985

The Council examined Community iron and steel policy after 1985 for the second time. Further to its first discussion on 25 July the Commission submitted two communications on 30 September concerning:

- the organization of the iron and steel market after 31 December 1985;
- the rules on aid and financial transfers to the Community iron and steel industry after 1985.

At this meeting the Council examined the above two communications in the light of a detailed report prepared by the Permanent Representatives Committee.

The discussions made it possible to develop certain guidelines for the technical proceedings of the experts preparing the next Council meeting on iron and steel planned for 29 October. The objective at that meeting will be to find a general solution so that the Member States' iron and steel industries can be given, in good time, the necessary information concerning Community iron and steel policy after 1985. With that in view the Council also invited the Commission to continue its bilateral contacts with the Member States between now and the Council's next meeting in order to bring their positions closer together on points of difference.

As regards the organization of the iron and steel market after 1985 the President noted on the conclusion of the discussions that delegations broadly endorsed the Commission's general philosophy. As regards the technical means of bringing about the proposed liberalization and the products to be subject to it, however, delegations' views continued to diverge somewhat.

As regards the rules on aids and financial transfers to the Community iron and steel industry after 1985 the President noted broad consensus amongst the Member States on the need to adopt strict rules on the basis of Article 95 of the ECSC Treaty.

In the same context the President pointed out that the wisdom of excluding from the future aid system any possibility of operating aid had been stressed, that the need to allow the iron and steel industry to benefit from research and development aid and environmental protection aid under the same conditions as other industries had been recognized, and that provision would have to be made for advance notice of Member State participation in the capital of iron and steel undertakings on a non-discriminatory basis.

The President also noted that a large majority of the Member States was in favour of excluding investment aid and aid of a regional nature from the future system; finally he noted that views differed on using aid as an incentive to further closures.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE IRON AND STEEL SECTOR

The Council took cognizance of the information supplied to it by the Commission on current iron and steel consultations with the United States.

Following an exchange of views, the Council

- emphasized that the EEC was the first to conclude an arrangement in the iron and steel sector with the United States, with which there had been full compliance, and strongly urged that the efforts made by the EEC since then to curtail its exports should also be taken into consideration;
- expressed very great concern at the unacceptable attitudes adopted hitherto by the American side, which was calling for, inter alia, a sizeable increase in product cover coupled with a cut in export opportunities, for an inordinate length of time;
- gave a reminder that a negotiated solution could not be contemplated unless at the same time allowance was made for the fundamental interests of the European iron and steel industry;
- gave the Commission its full backing in the efforts to reach agreement with the American authorities and called upon it to pursue the discussions resolutely, in close consultation with the Member States.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade policy

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 706/84 imposing a definitive countervailing duty in the framework of the anti-subsidy proceedings concerning imports of tube and pipe fittings of malleable cast iron originating in Spain and proposing the definitive collection of the provisional duty;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3072/80 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on certain seamless tubes of non-alloy steels originating in Spain.

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending the list of ACP countries (addition of Angola), in Regulation (EEC) No 486/85 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) or in the overseas countries and territories.

Textiles

The Council authorized the Commission to commence negotiations with all countries which were signatories to bilateral agreements or arrangements on textiles in order to adapt them to take account of the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the European Communities, and laid down the appropriate negotiating Directives.

Export credits

The Council decided to extend until 15 April 1986 the Decision of 4 April 1978 on the application of certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits.

Transport

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation laying down the conditions for access to the arrangements under the Revised Convention for the Navigation of the Rhine relating to vessels belonging to the Rhine Navigation.

Agriculture

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation putting up for sale in Ireland and Northern Ireland, for disposal in feedingstuffs, cereals held by the Irish and United Kingdom intervention agencies.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent:

- under the provisions of Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of a global loan to the Istituto Mobiliare Italiano (IMI) for the financing of investment programmes which contribute to facilitating the marketing of Community steel;
- under Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty with a view to obtaining financial aid for the implementation of an iron and steel pilot/demonstration project programme;
- under the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty for partial financing of an investment project of VEW-Harpen Kraftwerk Werne oHG, involving the construction of a 750 MW coal-fired generating unit.

Appointment

Acting on a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mr Pierre RANCIER, Contrôleur général des services vétérinaires, Direction de la Qualité, alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training to replace Mr Joseph SANTAMARIA for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 18 September 1986.

PRESS RELEASE

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1033rd meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Luxembourg, 21 and 22 October 1985

President: Mr Jacques F. POOS

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 Leo TINDEMANS Minister for External Relations
Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Lutz STAVENHAGEN Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Jürgen RUHFUS State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Théodoros PANGALOS Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS Minister for Foreign Relations
Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE State Secretary attached to the Minister for Foreign Relations, with responsibility for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI Minister for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Robert GOEBBELS	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. VAN DEN BROEK	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr W.F. VAN EEKELEN	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Malcolm RIFKIND	Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Mr Ted EGGAR	Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Mr Paul CHANNON	Minister for Trade

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Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS	President
Mr Claude CHEYSSON	Member
Mr Willy DE CLERCQ	Member
Mr Carlo RIPA DI MEANA	Member

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The following also participated as observers:

Spain:

Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ-ORDONEZ	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Manuel MARIN	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Eduardo AMBAR	State Secretary for Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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MEDITERRANEAN POLICY OF THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY

With a view to achieving the objective, agreed in its statement on 30 March 1985, of maintaining traditional trade flows with non-member Mediterranean countries as a result of Community enlargement and of strengthening co-operation with those countries, the Council discussed in detail the directives for negotiating the adjustment of the Mediterranean agreements.

The discussions enabled considerable progress to be made in defining the Community position prior to the opening of negotiations.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs will confer on certain general aspects of the question at their forthcoming informal meeting on 25 and 26 October.

The Commission will very shortly be submitting proposals for negotiating directives on the "co-operation" chapter in the light of the Council's discussions on the guidelines submitted by the Commission.

The Permanent Representatives Committee was instructed to examine these proposals and to continue the search for satisfactory solutions to certain outstanding trade problems.

The Council intends to adopt a stance on all the negotiating directives with the non-member Mediterranean countries at its next meeting.

EEC-UNITED STATES RELATIONS - COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

The Council held a general exchange of views on bilateral trade relations with the United States on the basis of an oral report from the Commission. It laid particular stress on the importance of combating any protectionist tendencies and, accordingly, of maintaining a constant dialogue in order to find mutually acceptable solutions to the various problems outstanding. The Council considered it important to avoid the proliferation of points of bilateral dispute with the United States, particularly in view of the prospect of a new round of multilateral trade negotiations.

In this context, it noted with concern the intention of the US Government to initiate proceedings in the GATT against Community export refunds for wheat, proceedings which, if pursued, could have far reaching implications within the GATT and for the Community's ability to work harmoniously with the United States. The Council accordingly invited the Commission to take the appropriate steps to defend Community interests.

The unanimous finding of the USITC of absence of any threat of material injury in the cases brought against certain Community table wine exports was, on the other hand, welcomed by the Council, which recalled the incompatibility of present US legislation with the provisions of the GATT Subsidies Code.

The Council also took note of the Commission's intention rapidly to resolve the GATT dispute with the United States over canned fruit in a manner acceptable to both sides.

As regards the citrus/pasta dispute the Council voiced its concern and asked the Commission to continue its efforts to reach a settlement of this problem with the United States as soon as possible, given its relationship with the Community's preferential arrangements with Mediterranean countries.

JAPAN

The Council, after hearing a Commission progress report on economic and trade relations with Japan, discussed this subject in detail.

It noted the measures recently announced by the Japanese Government.

The Council fully supported the efforts which the Commission proposed undertaking at its forthcoming talks at ministerial level with the Japanese authorities to convince the latter to speed up the process of opening up Japanese markets and integrating the Japanese economy with that of its partners.

ROLLBACK: SPEEDING UP THE TOKYO ROUND TARIFF REDUCTIONS

The Council laid down guidelines with regard to the Commission proposal to speed up the implementation of the final instalment of Tokyo Round tariff reductions as at 1 January 1986; the proposal had been formulated with regard to the undertakings to combat protectionism (Rollback) entered into in the framework of the OECD. The Council will take a final decision as soon as possible, after having consulted the Spanish and Portuguese delegations.

4th EEC-ISRAEL CO-OPERATION COUNCIL

The Council proceeded with preparation of the Community position for the 4th ministerial level meeting of the EEC-Israel Co-operation Council, which took place in the afternoon of 22 October (see Press Release CEE-ISR 2907/85 (Presse 150)).

EASING CONTROLS AND FORMALITIES AT INTRA-COMMUNITY BORDERS

The Council mentioned the difficulties still surrounding the proposal for a Directive on easing controls and formalities applicable to nationals of the Member States when crossing intra-Community borders.

Having noted that it was unable to reach a positive conclusion on this matter, the Council referred the whole matter back to the Permanent Representatives Committee with a view to the subsequent resumption of its discussions.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

EFTA

The Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, approved the decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland with a view to adapting the agreements concluded between the Community and these countries in order to take account of the accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Economic Community and to the European Coal and Steel Community.

The Council also approved, as a common Community position within the Joint Committees, the draft decisions of the EEC/EFTA Joint Committees supplementing Annexes II and III to Protocol No 3 on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative co-operation by the addition of alternative percentage rules for the products falling within chapters 84 to 92 of the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature.

Customs union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation adopting certain measures to standardize and simplify trade statistics between the Member States.

Generalized system of preferences

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation derogating, in the case of the countries of the Association of South-East Asian nations, the countries of the Central American Common Market and the countries which have signed the Cartagena Agreement (Andean group), from Regulation (EEC) No 3749/83 on the definition of the concept of originating products for purposes of the application of tariff preferences granted by the European Economic Community in respect of certain products from developing countries.

Relations with the Mediterranean countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities an initial series of Regulations concerning Community tariff quotas and ceilings on the importation of certain products originating in various Mediterranean countries (1986):

- Tunisia: sardines
 - Morocco, Tunisia, Israel: apricot pulp
 - Yugoslavia: industrial products (ceilings)
 - Spain: dried figs, dried grapes, petroleum products, other woven fabrics of cotton.
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PRESS RELEASE

9694/85 (Presse 148)

1034th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Luxembourg, 21 and 22 October 1985

President: Mr Marc FISCHBACH,
Minister for Agriculture
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 DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS Minister for Agriculture

France:

Mr Henri NALLET Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH

Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John GUMMER

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

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The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO

Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO

Minister for Agriculture

PRICES FOR CEREALS, COLZA/RAPE

As agreed, the Council reviewed all the issues relating to price-fixing for cereals and colza and rape seed for the 1985/1986 marketing year.

It noted that no new element which would facilitate agreement on cereal prices had come to light since the previous meeting.

At its meeting on 18 and 19 November 1985, the Council will continue its efforts in the context of the exchange of views on the memorandum on the re-organization of the common organization of the market in cereals which the Commission is to endeavour to submit by the beginning of November 1985.

PERSPECTIVES FOR THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY (GREEN PAPER)

The Council heard a report from Vice-President ANDRIESSEN on the progress of the Commission's consultations with interested circles on the ideas put forward in the green paper submitted to the Council and the European Parliament in August 1985.

It then took note of the Commission's intention of submitting more specific proposals in December 1985 on the main sectors concerned (cereals, milk, meat) and agreed to hold a policy debate before the end of the year.

WINE

With regard to

- oenological practices and quality policy and
- description and presentation of sparkling wines,

the Council noted that proceedings had reached the stage of common positions so that consultations could be held with the acceding States.

The Council agreed to resume its discussions on the basis of the common positions as soon as the consultation procedure had been completed.

SUGAR

The Council examined the proposal for the Community sugar arrangements to apply from 1 July 1986. The main features of the new arrangements are that the present system of quotas would be retained and the financing mechanism for which producers are responsible would be strengthened.

The Council focussed mainly on

- the question of financial burden-sharing between A sugar producers and B sugar producers;
- the problem of derogations from the system of differentiated contracts (mixed price system), for the application of which the Commission proposed annual authorization by the Council.

The Council concluded by instructing the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue examining this dossier so that agreement could be reached in the Council as soon as possible.

INTERVENTION PRICE FOR RAW SUGAR FOR 1985/1986

The Council reviewed the proposal amending the intervention price for Community raw sugar for the 1985/1986 marketing year. The proposal was to increase the price sufficiently to facilitate the conclusion of the negotiations with the ACP States on guaranteed prices for preferential sugar for the 1985/1986 delivery period.

Following the discussion, the Council was obliged to conclude that a consensus had not been reached on the proposal. It therefore asked the Commission representative to inform the ACP States concerned that the Community offer regarding the guaranteed prices in question remained unchanged at this stage.

OLIVE OIL

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down the representative market price and the threshold price for olive oil for the 1985/1986 marketing year.

The figures are as follows:

- representative market price	198,59 ECU/100 kg
- threshold price	198,68 ECU/100 kg

The level of consumption aid resulting from all the decisions on price arrangements for olive oil therefore stands at 53,02 ECU/100 kg.

The amounts withheld from the consumption aid are set at

- 1,9% for professional organizations
- 7% for promotion measures.

IMITATION MILK PRODUCTS

The Council discussed the problem of imitation milk products in detail and delegations expressed concern on the matter.

Following the discussion, the Commission confirmed that, as instructed by the Council last May, the Commission would expedite the examination of the problem, bearing in mind the comments made by the various delegations and would, if necessary, submit additional proposals to the Council to enable it to act before 1 April 1986.

LAYING HENS

The Council examined a compromise text submitted by the Presidency on the main points in this dossier, viz. the minimum space per hen in cages and the transitional period for the application of the new standards. Following its discussions, it noted that most delegations were in favour of the compromise and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize the text of the Directive for formal adoption by the Council at its meeting in November 1985.

COMPLETION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET

Against the background of the European Council Resolutions in Milan and the Commission white paper on the completion of the internal market by 1992, the Council discussed the programme drawn up by the Presidency for the period up to the end of 1985.

It endorsed the conclusions of the Internal Market Council on 7 October 1985 and stressed the importance of the initial implementation stage which included important decisions, particularly in the veterinary medicine, plant health and foodstuffs sectors.

It resolved to do all in its power to carry out the programme and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare its proceedings in this area.

HORMONES

The Council took note of the Opinion delivered by the European Parliament on 11 October 1985 to the effect that the administering of hormones for the purposes of fattening should be banned and that the administering of three natural substances (oestradiol 17B, testosterone and progesterone) should be authorized under certain conditions for purely therapeutic purposes.

It noted that the Commission was examining the amendments to be made to its proposals to take account of this Opinion.

Following a discussion in the course of which the delegations confirmed their positions on the principle, the Council agreed to resume examination of the matter at its next meeting in November on the basis of the proposals to be submitted by the Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1320/85 on temporary measures for production aid to processed tomato products.

This Regulation is a follow-up to the Council declaration of intent of May 1985 and will enable Greece to launch the quota system, which is to apply from the 1986/1987 marketing year, more smoothly.

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

- amending Decision 78/476/EEC on the equivalence of checks on practices for the maintenance of varieties carried out in non-member countries.

This Decision is to extend equivalence to Australia, where the checks on practices for the maintenance of varieties offer the same guarantees as those carried out in Member States;

- amending Decision 81/956/EEC on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in third countries.

This Decision extends the validity of equivalence to 30 June 1986 in the case of Austria and Switzerland.



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

9910/85 (Presse 154)

1035th Council meeting
- Economic and Financial Affairs -
Luxembourg, 28 October 1985

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 Louis WALTNIEL
State Secretary
Ministry of Finance

Denmark:

Mr Anders ANDERSEN
Minister for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Gerhard STOLTENBERG
Federal Minister for Finance
Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance
Mr Otto SCHLECHT
State Secretary,
Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Constantin SIMITIS
Minister for Economic Affairs and
Finance

France:

Mr Pierre BEREGOVOY
Minister for Economic Affairs,
Finance and the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Alan DUKES
Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA
Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER
Minister for Finance
Mr Jacques F. POOS
Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER
Minister responsible to the
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Ian GOW Minister of State to the Treasury

Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD Vice-President

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN Vice-President

Mr Alois PFEIFFER Member

The following were also present as observers:

Spain:

Mr José BORRELL State-Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

Portugal:

Mr Luiz GOIS FIGUEIRA Ambassador,
Permanent Representation

The following also took part in the meeting:

Mr R. WEIDES Chairman of the Co-ordinating
Group for Economic and Financial
Policies

Mr Hans TIETMEYER Chairman of the Monetary Committee

Mr I. BYATT Chairman of the Economic Policy
Committee

1985-1986 ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT

After hearing a statement by Commissioner PFEIFFER presenting the Commission's annual economic report for 1985-1986, the Council held an initial discussion on the report.

It will now be forwarded to the European Parliament for its Opinion. The Council will continue its examination after it has received that Opinion.

SAFEGUARD MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT

The Council heard

- a communication from Greece on the measures taken by its Government
- a report by the Chairman of the Monetary Committee on the first examination his Committee had made of the measures.

The Council noted that the Commission intended to submit its conclusions on the measures before the meeting of the Council on 18 November 1985.

The Council accordingly agreed to continue its examination of this matter on 18 November on the basis of any communications and proposals the Commission might submit to it and of a fresh report by the Monetary Committee.

ABOLITION OF TAX FRONTIERS WITH A VIEW TO THE GREATER MARKET

After a brief exchange of views, the Council agreed to hold a detailed discussion on the matter at its meeting on 18 November 1985.

UNDERTAKINGS FOR COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT IN TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES - UCITS

The Council reached almost complete agreement on the two Directives on undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities, viz., the Directive on co-ordination of legislation and the Directive on liberalization of transactions in UCITS shares.

When one specific aspect of the co-ordination Directive has been clarified for one Member State, the Council should be in a position to give its final agreement to the two Directives at its next meeting, which is scheduled for 18 November.

BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE

The United Kingdom delegation raised the question of application to the Community of Twelve of the agricultural guideline as described in the Council's conclusions on budgetary discipline of December 1984.

The Council noted that the Commission was planning to submit a communication on the matter.

1986 BUDGET - LETTER OF AMENDMENT

At the close of its discussion on the letter of amendment to the preliminary draft general budget of the European Communities for 1986, the Council approved the following conclusions:

On the basis of the calculation submitted by the Commission in the letter of amendment to the preliminary draft budget for 1986, the Council recognizes the need for a preliminary adjustment of 264 MECU for the benefit of the United Kingdom under the correction of budgetary imbalances, to be paid during the 1986 financial year.

It therefore requests the Commission, in accordance with the method for calculating the correction provided for in Article 3(3), (4) and (5) of the amended proposal for a Council Decision on the Communities' system of own resources, to submit to the budget authority a preliminary draft amending budget in September 1986 which takes account of this adjustment and of any other correction arising from the most recent budgetary information available. The Council undertakes to take the necessary decisions on the basis of this proposal.

In so doing, the Council in no way prejudices the procedures to be followed in this matter in future.

USE OF ECU BY "OTHER HOLDERS"

The Council adopted a Regulation amending Article 2 of Regulation No 3181/78 as regards the use of ECU by "other holders".

The aim of the proposal is to enable the Community's Central Banks to effect bilateral and temporary transfers of ECUs issued by the ECMF to the central banks of third countries and to international monetary institutions.

The decision is part of a package of measures designed to strengthen the European Monetary System, which was decided on by the Governors of the Central Banks in Basel on 12 March 1985 and approved by the Ministers for Financial Affairs at their informal meeting in Palermo on 13 and 14 April 1985.

The other measures - which have already been put into operation by means of agreements between Central Banks - involve

- the liberation of ECU balances in net credit to cope with a need for intervention currencies;
- increasing the interest rate on accounts in ECU;
- the acceptability limit for the ECU.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Community support - Hydrocarbons

The Council adopted the Decision on the granting of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (1985) in the official languages of the Communities.

The purpose of the Decision is to grant 63 Community projects financial support totalling 42 551 525 ECU under the 1985 budget, in the form of subsidies repayable in the event of commercial exploitation of the results.

The projects involved are particularly likely to speed up the exploitation of resources and improve the conditions of storage and transport of hydrocarbons within the Community, and could not have been carried out, or would have had to be postponed, without Community support.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1698/85 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of electronic typewriters originating in Japan. (Exclusion of certain models not comparable to the electronic typewriters manufactured in the Community).

Relations with Israel

In accordance with the provisions of Article 3(1) of Protocol No 2 to the EEC-Israel Agreement, the Council agreed to the proposed Israeli measure of increasing the customs duties on offset plates for printing (heading No 37.01 of the CCT) from 8% to 20%.

PRESS RELEASE

9911/85 (Presse 155)

1036th Council meeting

- Industry/Steel -

Luxembourg, 29 and 30 October 1985

President: Mr Jacques F. POOS

Minister for Economic Affairs
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 Mark EYSKENS Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Ib STETTER Minister for Industry

Germany:

Mr Dieter von WÜRZEN State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mrs Vasso PAPANDREOU State Secretary,
Ministry of Industry

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON Minister for Industrial Redeployment
and Foreign Trade

Ireland:

Mr John BRUTO Minister for Industry, Trade,
Commerce and Tourism

Italy:

Mr Clelio DARIDA Minister for State Holdings

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Johny LAHURE State Secretary for Economic Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. LELEVELD Director-General,
Ministry of Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter MORRISON

Minister of State for Industry

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Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ

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Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

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The following also attended as observers:

Spain:

Mr Joan MAJO

Minister for Industry

Portugal:

Mr Luiz GOIS FIGUEIRA

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

STEEL POLICY AFTER 1985

After very thorough discussion, the Council gave its assent ⁽¹⁾ to the draft Commission Decisions concerning:

- the organization of the iron and steel market after 1985 (pursuant to ECSC Article 58)
- the rules on aid and intervention by the Member States for the steel industry after 1985 (pursuant to ECSC Article 95).

The Council has thus given Community steel firms the necessary information in time to enable them to base their commercial and investment policies after the end of 1985 on sound data.

The essential details of the new arrangements are as follows:

A. Organization of the market

The following products will be freed from the quota system as from 1 January 1986:

- concrete reinforcing bars (category V)
- coated sheet (category Id)

As regards other products, before the end of 1986 the Commission, together with the Council, will examine the situation on the market. In the light of this examination, it will make new proposals aimed at continuing the progressive liberalization of the system as from 1 January 1987.

The Council also approved a number of technical details of the new system, viz. the maintenance of current references and their updating in accordance with certain criteria, the maintenance of controls over traditional flows, the reinstatement of Article 14 D (d) of Decision 234/83.

⁽¹⁾ The Spanish and Portuguese delegations have been consulted and have raised no objections to the Council giving its assent.

The arrangements also include, inter alia: the suspension of minimum prices as from 1 January 1986, the exclusion of Spain and Portugal from the transitional arrangements, the maintenance of Article 14(c) concerning exceptional orders, the maintenance of special provisions for Greece and Ireland.

The Decision on the new market organization arrangements will be valid until 31 December 1987.

B. Aid schemes

From 1 January 1986 to 31 December 1988, the only aid authorized will be:

- research and development aid provided that the projects concerned have one of the following objectives: reduction in production costs, improvement in the quality of products, improvement in the performance of iron and steel products or extension of the range of applications of steel, improvement in the environment and in working conditions.

The total amount of aid granted for this purpose may not exceed 35% net grant equivalent of the eligible costs of the project in the case of basic industrial research and 25% in the case of applied research and development.

- aid for environmental protection measures for facilitating adjustment to new statutory environmental standards, of up to 15% - in net grant equivalent - of the investment cost directly associated with the environmental protection measure concerned.
- closure aid:
 - . to cover up to 50% of payments to workers made redundant or accepting early retirement under certain conditions and within limits specified in the Decision.

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. to compensate for the complete and permanent cessation of the activities of steel undertakings meeting certain criteria and within the limits laid down by the Decision.

Aids for this purpose may be paid only until 31 December 1988.

= Regional investment aid in Greece in accordance with the general aid schemes, provided that the investments in question do not lead to an increase in production capacity.

Finally, the Decision obliges Member States to give prior notification of all public financing of public or private steel firms for the duration of the new arrangements.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE IRON AND STEEL SECTOR

The Council was apprised of the situation as regards the consultations which the Commission is currently holding with the American authorities on iron and steel.

It had an exchange of views, following which it reiterated its great concern on this important subject, in particular on the quantitative aspects. It voiced the hope that a satisfactory solution might rapidly be found.

OTHER DECISION

Agriculture

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation setting criteria for mobilization on the Community market of vegetable oils for supply as food aid.
