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PRESS RELEASE

527th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 18 July 1978

President:

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN,

State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Hervé ROBINET

Minister Plenipotentiary,
Deputy Permanent Representative

Denmark:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN

State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Maurice PAPON

Minister for the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Raymond McSHARRY

Minister of State at the
Department of Public Service

Italy:

Mr Antonio Mario MAZZARINO

Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr F.H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Joel BARNETT

Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Commission:

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Member

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1979

In the context of the budgetary procedure, the customary meeting took place between the Council and a delegation from the European Parliament composed of Mr SPENALE (Vice-President), Mr LANGE (Chairman of the Committee on Budgets), Mr AIGNER and Mr COINTAT (Vice-Chairmen of that Committee), Mr BANGEMANN (General rapporteur on the 1979 budget and Vice-Chairman of the said Committee), Mr RIPAMONTI (Rapporteur for the budgets of the Institutions), Mr SHAW (Rapporteur on the 1978 budget), Lord BRUCE and Mr SPINELLI (Members of the Committee on Budgets).

This meeting enabled the European Parliament delegation to apprise the Council of the European Parliament's initial reactions to the preliminary draft budget for 1979, particularly as regards its general conception and the priorities to be fixed in the draft budget. The meeting also provided the European Parliament delegation and the Members of the Council with the opportunity to state their views on certain related issues raised by the said draft.

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The Council then examined the problems outstanding point by point, taking into account the views put forward by the European Parliament delegation. At the end of its discussion the Council established the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1979, comprising sections relating to the European Parliament, the Council (together with the Economic and Social Committee), the Commission, the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors, as well as the budget estimates of the Publications Office.

This draft budget, totalling approximately 13,022 MEUA in payment appropriations and 13,839 MEUA in commitment appropriations, will be submitted to the European Parliament, as provided for in the budget timetable, at its plenary part-session in September.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Accession of the Solomon Islands to the Lomé Convention

The Council signified the agreement of the European Economic Community to the draft Decision of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers approving the accession to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé of the Solomon Islands.

The Solomon Islands, a former United Kingdom territory which became independent on 7 July 1978, can thus (subject to the ratification in hand relating to three other States) become the 55th State to accede to the Lomé Convention when the Council of ACP Ministers, sitting in Brussels on 22 July, also gives its agreement to the said draft Decision and once the Solomon Islands have deposited their act of accession.

In order that the Solomon Islands do not lose certain advantages, in particular financial, which they enjoy as an OCT, the Council also agreed to the Decision on the provisional application to the Solomon Islands after their accession to independence of the arrangements provided for by Decision 76/568/EEC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community.

Mediterranean questions

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

- derogating for certain products coming from Malta from the Protocol concerning the definition of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta;
- suspending the application of the target ceilings established by Regulation (EEC) No 2818/77 for imports of certain products originating in Israel.

The Council gave the approval of the Community to the draft Recommendation of the EEC-Israel Joint Committee concerning co-operation in agriculture and fisheries.

The Council also approved on behalf of the Community draft Decision No 1/78 of the EEC-Turkey Association Council amending Decision No 5/72 on methods of administrative co-operation for implementation of Articles 2 and 3 of the Additional Protocol to the Ankara Agreement, as well as the draft Community Regulation on the application of this Decision.

ECSC questions

The Council gave its assent, requested by the Commission, to the draft Decision amending Decision No 25/67 of 22 June 1967 laying down in implementation of Article 66(3) of the ECSC Treaty a regulation concerning exemption from prior authorization.

The Council gave the consultation, pursuant to Article 12 of Commission Decision No 73/287/ECSC of 25 July 1973 on coking coal and coke for the iron and steel industry in the Community, on a draft Commission Decision extending the period of validity of Decision No 2216/77/ECSC of 5 October 1977 on coking coal and coke.

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The Council noted a Commission communication to the Council concerning work within the framework of European Co-operation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST). This communication relates to certain details of procedures to be followed to improve co-operation between the Community and its Member States with other European States in the COST context.

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The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on quality requirements for fresh waters needing protection or improvement in order to support fish life.

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On a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mrs Martine AUBRY, Head of the General Employment Policy department, as deputy member of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions to replace Mr REMY, deputy member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which is due to expire on 14 March 1979.

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, adopted the Decision on certain measures to be applied, in respect of State-trading countries, to trade in iron and steel products covered by the ECSC Treaty, including pig iron, cast iron and high carbon ferro-manganese.

No record of a 528th meeting.

PRESS RELEASE

529th Council meeting

- Economics/Finance -

Brussels, 24 July 1978

President: Mr Hans MATTHÖFER,
Minister for Finance of the
Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Gaston GEENS	Minister of Finance
Mr Willy CLAES	Minister for Economic Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Per HAEKKERUP	Minister for Economic Affairs
Mr Knud HEINESEN	Minister of Finance
Mr Kurt HANSEN	State Secretary, Ministry for Economic Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans MATTHOEFER	Federal Minister of Finance
Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance
Mr Otto SCHLECHT	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of the Economy

France:

Mr René MONORY	Minister for Economic Affairs
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Ireland:

Mr George COLLEY	Deputy Prime Minister Minister for Finance
Mr Martin O'DONOGHUE	Minister for Economic Planning and Development

Italy:

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI	Minister of the Treasury
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Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques POOS

Minister of Finance

Netherlands:

Mr F.H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Minister for Finance

Mr G.M.V. van AARDENNE

Minister for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Denis HEALEY

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr Francois-Xavier ORTOLI

Vice-President

Mr Richard BURKE

Member

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

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GUIDELINES FOR THE ELABORATION OF THE EUROPEAN MONETARY SYSTEM

1. The Council called upon the Monetary Committee and the Committee of the Governors of the Central Banks to examine in co-operation with the Commission, in the light of the discussions at the present meeting and at that on 19 June 1978, and taking into account the main points raised at those meetings, the system outlined in the Annex to the summary of conclusions of the Presidency of the European Council on 6 and 7 July 1978, relating to the creation of a closer monetary co-operation. It asked these Committees to report back to it for its meeting on 18 September 1978.
2. The Council called upon the Economic Policy Committee to study the action which needed to be taken, within the framework of the European Monetary System, to strengthen the economies of the less prosperous Member States and to report back to it, through the Permanent Representatives Committee, in time for its meeting on 18 September and its subsequent meetings on economic and monetary questions.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to define, at its meeting on 27 July 1978, the brief thus entrusted to the Economic Policy Committee.

SECOND QUARTERLY EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council approved the decision on the adjustment of the 1978 official budgets and the preparation of the 1979 official budgets in the framework of the co-ordinated Community approach. One delegation entered a provisional reservation.

This decision fixes the individual contributions of the Member States to the common strategy to deal with the economic situation which were decided upon at the European Council meeting on 6 and 7 June 1978.

WESTERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The Council heard an account by its President and by the Commission concerning the Western Economic Summit held on 16 and 17 July 1978 in Bonn.

APPLICATION OF THE EUA TO COMMUNITY ACTS

The Council established a common approach on the proposal for a Regulation on the procedure for applying the EUA to legal acts adopted by the Institutions of the European Communities. This common approach will be communicated to the European Parliament within the framework of the conciliation procedure.

This draft Regulation concerns the use of the EUA as an instrument of management of the general budget of the Community. It also contains certain provisions regarding the expression in EUA of the financial rights and obligations of the European Communities. The introduction of the EUA in the customs field and in the field of tax reliefs as from 1 January 1979 is also provided for therein.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

The Council approved a Decision and a Directive amending the economic policy conditions for Community loans and medium-term financial assistance granted to the Italian Republic in past years.

PRESS RELEASE

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530th meeting of the Council
- Fisheries -
Brussels, 24 and 25 July 1978

President: Mr Joseph ERTL,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Antoine HUMBLET Minister for Agriculture and
Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Svend JAKOBSEN Minister of Fisheries
Mr Jørgen HERTOFT State Secretary, Ministry of
Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Joseph ERTL Federal Minister of Agriculture
Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR State Secretary, Federal Ministry
of Agriculture

France:

Mr Joël LE THEULE Minister of Transport

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Vito ROSA State Secretary, Ministry of
Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Albert BERCHEM

State Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture

Netherlands:

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

Minister of Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Clav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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RESTRUCTURING THE INSHORE FISHING INDUSTRY

The Council recorded its agreement on the Regulation on a common interim measure for restructuring the inshore fishing industry.

Subject to certain conditions of eligibility for fishing vessels and for breeding, this Regulation allows Community participation in the financing of investment projects intended either to develop inshore fishing in regions where fishing possibilities allow, or to develop aquaculture in regions particularly suited to it.

This interim measure does not extend beyond 31 December 1978 and covers a maximum amount of 5 MEUA.

INSPECTION AND SURVEILLANCE

The Council recorded its agreement on the Decision on financial participation by the Community in respect of inspection and surveillance operations in the maritime waters of Denmark and Ireland.

Under this Decision the Community contribution to those activities will be 10 MEUA in the case of Denmark and 46 MEUA in the case of Ireland for the period from 1 January 1977 to the end of 1982.

QUOTAS IN THE WATERS OF THE FAROE ISLANDS AND NORWAY

The Council approved the Regulations allocating certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the waters of the Faroe Islands and in the Norwegian exclusive economic zone north of 62°.

The Regulation on quotas in the waters of the Faroe Islands covers the period from 1 August to 31 December 1978; that on quotas in the exclusive economic zone of Norway north of 62° covers the period from 1 August to 31 October 1978.

RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES

The Council recorded its agreement in principle on three Regulations laying down certain conservation and management measures for fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Islands, vessels flying the flag of Norway and vessels flying the flag of Sweden.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize these Regulations, which lay down catch quotas, arrangements for issuing licences and restrictions on by-catches.

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The Council also recorded its agreement on the Regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of common fishery resources in waters situated off the west coast of Greenland applicable in 1978 to vessels flying the flag of Canada.

This Regulation fixes quotas for Greenland halibut, round-nose Grenadier and deep-sea prawn in the waters between the coasts of Canada and Greenland and lay down the reporting procedures to be followed by Canadian fishermen.

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The Council adopted in the official languages of the European Communities the Regulation extending until 30 September 1978 certain interim conservation and management measures for fishery resources applicable to vessels blying the flag of Spain. At the same time the Council noted a report by Vice President GUNDELACH on the progress of negotiations with Spain for the conclusion of a framework fisheries agreement.

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The Council also took note of a Commission report on the progress of negotiations with Senegal and Mauritania for the conclusion of framework fisheries agreements with those countries.

25.VII.78

UNILATERAL MEASURES BY THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Commission reported to the Council on the progress of its discussions in connection with the unilateral measures adopted or proposed by the United Kingdom Government in the fisheries sector and various delegations took the opportunity of commenting on both the principle and the form of those measures. The United Kingdom delegation replied by clarifying the reasons justifying its action and its intention.

Finally, the President of the Council urged the Commission to continue its work in an attempt to find Community solutions, based on the latest objective scientific data, to the problems raised by the measures in question.

25.VII.78

ISLE OF MAN HERRING

The Council noted a statement by the United Kingdom delegation on the situation as regards Isle of Man herring stocks and the reply by the Commission which drew the Council's attention to the proposals made in this area within the context of the catch quotas for all herring stocks which is already being discussed in the Permanent Representatives Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters between the European Economic Community and Barbados, the People's Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, Mauritius, the Republic of Surinam, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, and also the Republic of India, on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for 1978/1979, and the Council Regulation fixing the guaranteed prices applicable for cane sugar originating in the overseas countries and territories (OCT) for 1978/1979
(unrefined: 27.81 UA/100 kg - white: 34.49 UA/100 kg).

PRESS RELEASE

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531st meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 25 July 1978

Presidents: Mr Joseph ERTL,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Federal Republic of Germany
and

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR,
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Agriculture
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Antoine HUMBLET	Minister for Agriculture and Small Firms and Traders
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Denmark:

Mr Paul DALSAGER	Minister of Agriculture
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Germany

Mr Joseph ERTL	Federal Minister of Agriculture
Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Pierre MEHAIGNERIE	Minister of Agriculture
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Ireland:

Mr Jim GIBBONS	Minister for Agriculture
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Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA	Minister of Agriculture
Mr Giulio CACCHIOLI	Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
Mr Bruno VECCHIARELLI	Deputy State Secretary for Public Health

Luxembourg:

Mr Albert BERCHEM

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

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

Minister of Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN

Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Gavin STRANG

Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

The Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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BEEF AND VEAL FROM BOTSWANA

The Council adopted a Decision allowing the importation of beef and veal from certain regions of Botswana free from foot-and-mouth disease.

The Commission will continue to follow the health situation of cattle herds in Botswana during the coming months in order to examine the possibility of amending the Decision taken if the situation so justifies.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE OF MALE BOVINE ANIMALS

The Council held an exchange of views on the proposal for a supplementary estimate of young male bovine animals weighing 300 kilograms or less intended for fattening for the period to 31 December 1978.

Following the exchange of views, the Council agreed to instruct the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue its examination of the matter so that the Council could discuss it again at its next meeting scheduled for 25 and 26 September 1978.

BUTTER

The Council took note of statements by various delegations regarding problems connected with second quality and Christmas butter resulting from the implementation of the decisions of May 1978 on agricultural prices.

The Commission indicated that it would take the appropriate steps, bearing in mind the need to promote consumption and reduce existing butter stocks.

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The Council also took note of a statement by the Danish delegation concerning the problems of butter imports from New Zealand.

The Commission representative said that this question would be covered both in the report on milk and milk products which the Commission was to submit to the Council during the autumn and in a specific report to be submitted before the end of the current year.

COMMON MEASURE FOR FORESTRY

The Council held an exchange of views in depth on the proposal for a Regulation on a common measure for forestry in certain dry Mediterranean regions of the Community, a proposal which forms an integral part of the guidelines concerning the development of the Mediterranean regions and on which the Council agreed, at its meeting in May 1978, to take a decision by 30 September 1978.

The discussion centred on certain financial questions connected with this proposal and on the size of the regions which could benefit under the measure.

The Council finally agreed to instruct the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue its examination of the proposal so that the Council could discuss it in accordance with the undertakings given at its meeting on 8-12 May 1978.

WINE

The Council took note of a Commission communication on future measures in the wine sector wherein it was stated that the Commission would forward a series of proposals on this sector to the Council by 1 August 1978.

MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Council took note of a statement by the French delegation on the GATT multilateral trade negotiations, notably their agricultural aspects, and of the Commission representative's reply.

WORK SCHEDULE

The Council took note of the German Presidency's work schedule for the period up to 31 December 1978.

Emphasis was placed especially on a number of questions which stemmed from the decisions taken by the Council on 8/12 May and which should be examined on a priority basis (structures in the Mediterranean regions, wine sector and milk products), on the drawing up of the common fisheries policy, on new market organizations (sheepmeat, potatoes and alcohol) and on the review of the socio-structural directives.

Other agricultural questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

.. the Regulations

- = on a common measure to improve public amenities in certain rural areas;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products;
- = on the sale of butter at reduced prices to persons receiving social assistance;
- = on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of skimmed-milk powder by the intervention agencies of other Member States;
- = on the granting of aid for the consumption of butter in Italy;
- = on the reduction of the levy on certain imports of feed grain into the Italian Republic;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables;
- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/77 laying down special measures to encourage the marketing of products processed from lemons;
- = fixing, for the 1978/1979 marketing year, the production aid for canned pineapple and the minimum price to be paid to pineapple producers;
- = adopting the general rules concerning the special measures in respect of castor seeds;
- = laying down, for the 1978/1979 wine-growing year, the prices to be paid for the compulsory distillation of the by-products of wine-making and the maximum amount of the contribution of the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund;
- = amending for the second time Regulation (EEC) No 1930/76 on the distillation of the by-products of wine making;

- = amending Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine;

- the Decisions

- = authorizing the United Kingdom to grant national aid to milk producers in Northern Ireland;
- = concerning employment aid for certain slaughterhouses in Northern Ireland;
- = amending the 5th Council Decision 76/539/EEC on the equivalence of seeds produced in third countries;
- = amending the 5th Council Decision 76/538/EEC on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops;
- = on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in third countries (3rd Decision);

- the Directives

- = amending Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 66/403/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 69/208/EEC and 70/458/EEC on the marketing of beet seed, fodder plant seed, cereal seed, seed potatoes, material for the vegetative propagation of the vine, seed of oil and fibre plants and vegetable seed;
 - = laying down specific criteria of purity for emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs;
 - = laying down the specific criteria of purity for anti-oxidants that may be used in foodstuffs intended for human consumption.
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PRESS RELEASE

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532nd meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 25 July 1978

Presidents: Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Federal Republic of Germany

and

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

25.VII.78

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

Belgium:

Mr Henri SIMONET Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mrs Lise ØSTERGAARD Minister without Portfolio
Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

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

France:

Mr Oliver STIRN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Ray BURKE Minister of State,
Ministry of Industry, Commerce
and Craft Trades

Italy:

Mr Arnoldo FORLANI	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Carlo DONAT CATTIN	Minister for Industry, Trade and Craft Trades
Mr Vittorino COLOMBO	Minister for Transport and Shipping
Mr Angelo-Maria SANZA	Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER	Ambassador, Permanent Representative
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Netherlands:

Mr C.A. van der KLAAUW	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr K.H. BEYEN	State Secretary for Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr David OWEN	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Mr Edmund DELL	Secretary of State for Trade
Mr Frank JUDD	Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS	President
Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI	Vice-President
Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP	Vice-President
Mr Claude CHEYSSON	Member
Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON	Member
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT	Member

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ELECTION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

After receiving the Opinion which the European Parliament gave on 4 July, the Council formally adopted the Decision fixing the period from 7 to 10 June 1979 for the first election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage.

The Council welcomed the adoption of the decision and stressed its political importance.

EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council took stock of the way in which the meeting of the European Council in Bremen on 6 and 7 July was to be followed up.

WESTERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The Council heard information from its President and the Commission on the Western Economic Summit in Bonn on 16 and 17 July.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW ACP-EEC CONVENTION

The Council expressed its satisfaction with the climate in which the negotiations for a new ACP-EEC Convention had opened at Ministerial level on 24 July and took note of the timetable agreed on for those negotiations. This schedules the beginning of the negotiations between the Commission and the representatives of the ACP States no later than mid-September, a meeting at Ministerial level towards December and a further meeting, which should be conclusive, towards May next year, to coincide with the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers.

RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA

The Council was informed by Mr HAFERKAMP, Vice-President of the Commission, of the guidelines on which the Commission would base the new proposals to be submitted **in** September for the resumption of negotiations and the conclusion of a new Agreement with Yugoslavia.

The Council directed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine these proposals as soon as work was resumed after the summer holidays, so that the Council would be in a position to comment on them at its October meeting.

GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Council took note of an oral report from Vice-President HAFERKAMP on the progress of the negotiations following the Geneva Declaration of 13 July 1978 and the Western Summit in Bonn.

During the discussion, the delegations commented on and gave details about their various positions.

In conclusion, the Council requested the Commission to continue negotiations on the basis of the Council's earlier Directives and conclusions, in close consultation with the Article 113 Committee. The Council expressed the wish that the Commission should inform it regularly, and for the first time at its next meeting in September, of the progress of the negotiations.

IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS

With regard to the internal aspect of iron and steel problems, the Council first took stock of the situation on the Community steel market following implementation of the recent measures to strengthen the anti-crisis arrangements.

The Council then discussed in depth the guidelines to be adopted for restructuring of the iron and steel sector in conjunction with the general steel objectives, and the Community rules for aids and interventions by the Member States.

It agreed to resume the examination of all these questions at its next meeting and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to go ahead with the preparation for its discussions in the meantime.

The Council also examined the question of the implementation from a budgetary point of view of its decision in principle of Decision 1977 to allocate 32 MEUA to the ECSC's operational budget for 1978; it requested the Permanent Representatives Committee to resolve the problems still outstanding in this connection.

SHIPBUILDING

The Council discussed the Commission communication concerning the re-organization of the shipbuilding industry and reached a considerable degree of agreement on a Resolution regarding Community action in this area, which would be based on the need to maintain within the Community a healthy and competitive shipbuilding industry whose scale of activity would be consistent with the size of the Community's maritime trade and would respect its economic, social and strategic importance.

This action would also be founded on the premise that, while the efforts necessary to adjust the quality and quantity of production capacity are first and foremost the responsibility of the industry itself, it is for public authorities in the Community to provide guidance and stimulus.

TEXTILES: IMPORTS FROM PREFERENTIAL COUNTRIES

After clarifying several matters concerning the measures aimed at ensuring observance of the import ceilings agreed by the Council on 20 December 1977, the Council signified its agreement to the arrangements negotiated by the Commission with the Greek, Portuguese and Spanish authorities concerning imports of textile products for 1978.

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MEETING OF THE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Conciliation Committee involving a delegation from the European Parliament (¹) and the Council, with the participation of the Commission, was held on 24 July in Brussels in the Charlemagne Building; the topic was regional policy.

The meeting enabled both parties to explain their positions and to discuss them in detail.

In conclusion, it was agreed that both parties would consider further their respective positions in the light of this discussion.

(¹) The delegation of the European Parliament consisted of the following:
Mr YEATS, Vice-President of the European Parliament,
For the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport:
Lord BRUCE of DONINGTON, Chairman of the Committee,
Mr NOE, Rapporteur, Mr McDONALD, Deputy Chairman of the Committee, Mrs KELLET-BOWMAN, Member, Mr BRISMAN and Mr JOHNSTON, Members,
For the Committee on Budgets:
Mr RADOUX and Mr SPINELLI, Members.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Freedom to provide services ⁽¹⁾

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Directives
 - concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in dentistry, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services;
 - concerning the co-ordination of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in respect of the activities of dental surgeons;
- the Decisions
 - setting up an Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Surgeons;
 - amending Decision 75/365/EEC setting up a Committee of Senior Officials on Public Health.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Fourth Directive based on Article 54(3)(g) of the Treaty on the annual accounts of certain types of companies.

Commercial and customs questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Regulations
 - concerning the conclusion of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), of 14 November 1975 at Geneva;

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release No 830/78 (Presse 89 of 26 and 27 June 1978

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2635/77 on the opening, allocation and administration of Community tariff quotas for certain handwoven fabrics, pile and chenille, falling within headings Nos ex 50.09, ex 55.07, ex 55.09 and ex 58.04 of the Common Customs Tariff;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2636/77 on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for certain handmade products;
- on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for processing work in respect of certain textile products under Community outward processing arrangements;
- increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1978 by Regulation (EEC) No 2747/77 for unwrought magnesium falling within subheading 77.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concluding the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on trade in jute products and an Agreement in the form of exchanges of letters for the same product.

The Council also adopted the Decision authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between Member States and third countries.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the opening of an additional quota for imports into Italy of flax fabrics from Poland.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters rectifying Annex A to Protocol No 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Mediterranean countries

The Council adopted the Decision concerning the conclusion of the second Financial Protocol between the European Economic Community and Greece signed on 28 February 1977. As Greece has already notified the Community of the completion of the necessary internal procedures on its side, the Protocol can therefore enter into force on 1 August 1978.

As regards the arrangements to be applied to Tunisian wines with a registered designation of origin, the Council authorized the Commission to negotiate an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters with Tunisia providing for the opening of an annual Community tariff quota of 50,000 hectolitres for certain wines originating in Tunisia and having a registered designation of origin.

The Council approved a common position on a draft Regulation concerning the application of the Financial Protocols with the Maghreb and Mashreq countries, Malta and Cyprus (procedures and rules for administering financial co-operation).

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The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the driver's seat on wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors.

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The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on a research programme of the European Economic Community on forecasting and assessment in the field of science and technology (1978-1982).

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533rd Council Meeting

- Economic and Financial Questions -

Brussels, 18 September 1978

President: Mr Hans MATTHÖFER,
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of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

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Also attending the Council meeting were:

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Mr H. TIETMEYER

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EUROPEAN MONETARY SYSTEM

The Council continued its discussions of 24 July 1978 on the European Monetary System, on the basis of interim reports from both the Monetary Committee and the Committee of Central Bank Governors. The Council thanked both Committees for their excellent work in preparing the reports.

On the basis of the reports, the Council held a highly constructive discussion on all questions bearing on the implementation of the European Monetary System in accordance with the conclusions reached by the European Council at its meeting in Bremen on 6 and 7 July.

The Council asked both Committees to finalize their discussions in the light of the Council discussions at the present meeting, so as to be in a position to submit final reports by the time of the October Council meeting.

In this connection, the Council was also presented with an interim report from the Economic Policy Committee on its proceedings, in accordance with Council instructions issued on 24 July and with the conclusions reached at the European Council meeting in Bremen calling for the parallel study of measures needed under the system to strengthen the economies of the less prosperous Member State. Such measures will be crucial to the success of the monetary stability zone.

The Council asked the Economic Policy Committee to continue its discussions in the light of today's Council meeting and to report back to it by November.

PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE IMF AND THE WORLD
BANK

The Council recorded its agreement on the statement to be made by the Presidency at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund to be held in Washington next week.

LOANS TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

During the present meeting of the Council there was a second meeting of the Conciliation Committee with the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾ on the proposal for a Decision authorizing the Commission to contract loans to promote investment in the Community.

Each of the two Institutions agreed that it would consider what further action to take on this proposal in the light of today's exchange of views.

(¹) The delegation of the European Parliament consisted of the following:
Mr COLOMBO: President of the European Parliament,
Mr LANGE: Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr AIGNER: Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr SPINELLI: Member of the Committee on Budgets - Rapporteur on the proposal concerning loans to promote investment,
Mr BANGEMANN: Member of the Committee on Budgets - Rapporteur for the 1979 budget, Mr RIPAMONTI: Member of the Committee on Budgets, Mr SHAW: Member of the Committee on Budgets.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation fixing at six the number of licences to be issued to vessels flying the flag of Canada fishing within the 200-mile fishing zones of the Member States off the West Greenland coasts.

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534th Council meeting
- Foreign Affairs -
Brussels, 19 September 1978

President: ^f Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER,
Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

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RENEWAL OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

After consulting the Commission, the Council has appointed the members of the Economic and Social Committee for the period 19 September 1978 to 18 September 1982 ⁽¹⁾.

The Committee is the main forum in which economic and social groups in the Community can take part in the process of forming opinion and decision-taking.

In appointing the members the Council took account of the need to ensure adequate representation of the various categories of economic and social activity.

The Council availed itself of the opportunity of the renewal of the Committee to emphasize that it attaches great importance to the opinions of the Committee, both those delivered in the course of consultation by the Council as provided for in the Treaty and those delivered on the Committee's own initiative.

Over the next four years the Committee will have many important new issues to discuss, such as progress towards economic and monetary union and the enlargement of the Community.

The Council has no doubt that the Committee's range of knowledge of all these matters will continue, as in the past, to be of great value to it in its work.

⁽¹⁾ An alphabetical list is attached.

RELATIONS WITH CHINA

The Council recorded its agreement on the special Regulation concerning the common system applicable to imports from the People's Republic of China, a system which hitherto has been governed by the provisions of the general Regulation applicable to state-trading countries.

The special purpose of this Regulation is to ensure the accomplishment of the objectives of the trade agreement between the Community and the People's Republic of China, signed in Brussels on 3 April 1978, in particular those of Article 4, which provides for the progressive extension of the list of products, the import of which from China is liberalized. The Regulation provides for the liberalization of a score or so of additional products in relations with the People's Republic of China.

This Regulation will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Official Journal.

GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Council heard a report by the Commission on the progress of the GATT trade negotiations and the steps taken to conclude them by mid-December in accordance with the Bonn Summit Declaration..

In this context, the Council held a detailed exchange of views on the possibility of the provisions of the American law temporarily authorizing the United States Administration to place a waiver on the imposition of countervailing duties, which is to expire on 3 January 1979 might not be extended by the United States Congress.

The Council expressed gravest concern at the situation which would arise in that event and in particular gave its entire support to the Commission's view that it would not be realistic to conceive of a possible conclusion to the negotiations without an assurance that the waiver regarding compensatory duties would be extended. The Council also confirmed the importance, in the context of a balanced overall outcome to the negotiations, of the GATT rules being applied in a uniform manner by all partners, a point which the Bonn Summit Declaration deemed to be vital.

RELATIONS WITH ASEAN

After expressing its satisfaction at the results of the ambassador-level meeting with the ASEAN, the Council took the work of the Permanent Representatives Committee as a basis to begin preparing the Community position for the ministerial meeting to be held with these countries in Brussels on 20 and 21 November 1978.

The Council will resume this preparatory work at its forthcoming October meeting.

RELATIONS WITH THE CMEA

The Council heard a report by the Commission on the outcome of the meeting of experts held in Brussels from 25 to 28 July 1978.

Arrangements had been made beforehand for this meeting to be followed by another meeting at a higher level before the end of October. The Commission informed the Council that it had sent an invitation to that effect to the Executive Secretary of the CMEA proposing the dates 12 and 13 October 1978 in Brussels.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY

The Council agreed in principle to the extension for two months of the deposit system in the iron and steel industry, with certain alterations in the detailed implementing rules which will be finalized very shortly and confirmed by the Council in an appropriate manner.

The Council also discussed some external aspects of the crisis measures, going on to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the comprehensive report on the operation of the Agreements with third countries which is to be submitted by the Commission in the next few days.

TRANSFER TO THE ECSC

Following its decision in principle in December 1977, the Council discussed details of the transfer by the Member States to the ECSC of 32 MEUA of additional revenue for 1978; it then instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to look at this matter again in the light of today's discussions.

RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, EGYPT, JORDAN, LEBANON AND TURKEY:
CITRUS FRUIT

The Council again discussed the tariff arrangements to apply to imports into the Community of certain citrus fruit originating in these countries. After receiving an amended Commission proposal during the meeting, it noted that some delegations required further time for thought before being able to state a firm position.

REGIONAL POLICY

The Council agreed to hold a further meeting with the European Parliament during its next meeting on 17 October as part of the conciliation procedure on the new regional policy provisions.

FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL AID FOR NON-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The present Council meeting embodied a meeting of the Conciliation Committee (¹) with the European Parliament concerning the proposal for a Regulation on financial and technical aid for non-associated developing countries.

After a very detailed exchange of views it was agreed that the Conciliation Committee would meet again.

(¹) The European Parliament delegation was composed as follows:
Mr SPENALE, Vice-President of the European Parliament,
Mr LANGE, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Miss FLESCHE,
Chairman of the Committee on Development Aid, Mr DESCHAMPS,
Mr SHAW and Mr NOLAN.

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VARIOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Community,

- Regulations:

- concluding the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation for the purpose of adjusting tariff specifications;
- suspending the application of an indicative ceiling established by Regulation (EEC) No 702/78 for imports of certain products originating in Portugal;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 265/78 as regards textile products originating in Romania (alteration of the quantitative limit for certain cotton fabrics);
- extending Regulation (EEC) No 2862/77 on levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia;

- Decisions:

- authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded by the Member States with non-member countries;
- closing the anti-dumping/anti-subsidy enquiry concerning the import of ferro-chromium originating in the Republic of South Africa and Sweden.

Shipbuilding

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution concerning the reorganization of the shipbuilding industry on which it recorded its agreement in principle at its meeting on 25 July 1978 ⁽¹⁾. The definitive text follows:

"THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

- convinced of the need to maintain within the Community a healthy and competitive shipbuilding industry whose scale of activity should be consistent with the size of the Community's maritime trade and respect its economic, social and strategic importance;
- whereas the level of demand for new vessels from Community shipyards in the early 1980s is likely to be considerably lower than the level reached in 1974 and 1975;
- whereas, while the efforts necessary to adjust the quality and quantity of production capacity are first and foremost the responsibility of the industry itself, it is for public authorities in the Community to provide guidance and stimulus;

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release 964/78 (Presse 103)

1. is of the opinion that the necessary structural adjustments should be made which will lead to the maintenance within the Community of a healthy, competitive industry on a scale of activity consistent with the size of the Community's maritime trade and respecting other essential interests of the Community and its Member States, in particular from a social and strategic point of view; such adjustments must take into account medium and long-term market prospects;
2. urges the industry to continue and suitably intensify its efforts to adapt and restructure production capacity and to diversify its activities;
3. urges the industry to increase its competitiveness by improving management, research and production facilities;
- 4.1. requests the public authorities responsible at local, national and Community level to support and even, if necessary, to guide the industry's efforts referred to above;
- 4.2. requests these public authorities to lay particular stress on the creation of new jobs in conjunction with those progressively lost in the shipbuilding industry and urges them to limit the social consequences for those workers affected by a reduction in the industry's activity;

- 4.3. requests the authorities of the Member States and the Community to take account of all these objectives in their industrial, regional, social and general economic policies and to make available adequate funds for this purpose in-sofar as budgetary requirements or other financial constraints permit;
5. considers that the Community must continue its efforts to obtain, through international co-operation, adequate solutions which will ensure that the inevitable reduction in world shipbuilding capacity may be achieved in the least damaging and most equitable way possible;
- 6.1. notes that the Commission will have medium and long-term market surveys carried out by suitable organizations and will report to the Council on the outcome of these surveys, at the same time giving its opinion on the necessary structural adaptation of production;
- 6.2. notes that the Commission will submit proposals for the accompanying social measures at the earliest opportunity;
- 6.3. notes that certain measures in the field of shipping policy could be of some importance for the shipbuilding industry; therefore requests the Commission to communicate its opinion as to whether and to what extent certain measures might be likely to improve demand for new ships from Community shipyards so that this aspect may be taken into consideration during the preparation of the shipping policies of the Community and of the Member States;

7. notes that the Commission will prepare half-yearly reports on the state of the shipbuilding industry and on the progress made with its reorganization and will submit appropriate proposals as soon as possible.

Food aid

Following an appeal by the Angolan Government concerning its anti-cholera campaign, the Council recorded its agreement to grant Angola financial aid of 7,500 EUA in order to finance in particular the purchase of vaccines and the dispatch of a health adviser to the scene. This aid will be implemented through the World Health Organization.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- a Decision concerning the activities of certain third countries in the field of maritime transport;
- a Regulation laying down uniform costing principles for railway undertakings.

The Council recorded its agreement to these instruments at its meeting on 12 June 1978 on Transport Questions ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release No 731/78 (Presse 78) of 12 June 1978.

Appointments

On a proposal from the German Government, the Council appointed Mr Klaus GROWITSCH, Deutsche Angestellten-Gewerkschaft, Bundesvorstand, Ressort Sozialpolitik, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Mr E. SCHUPETA, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 10 October 1979.

On a proposal from the Commission, the Council appointed Mr K. FELDENGUTH and Mr J.C. LOOISE as alternate members of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions, to replace Mr BALDUIN and Mr VAN DER MEULEN, alternate members who have resigned, for the remainder of their terms of office, which run until 14 March 1979.

On a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mr Jacques HAINZELIN, Administrateur civil, Chargé de Mission pour les affaires relatives au Fonds social européen, Ministère du Travail et de la Participation, as a full member of the European Social Fund Committee in place of Mr J.P. HUCHON, full member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 16 April 1980.

On a proposal from the German Government, the Council appointed Mrs Anne RENKEN, Deutsche Angestellten-Gewerkschaft, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers, to take the place of Mr E. SCHUPETA, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 7 February 1979.

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535th meeting of the Council

- Fisheries -

Brussels, 25 September 1978

President: Mr Joseph ERTL,
Federal Minister of Agriculture
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Antoine HUMBLET

Minister for Agriculture and Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Svend JAKOBSEN

Minister of Fisheries

Mr Jørgen HERTOFT

State Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Joseph ERTL

Federal Minister of Agriculture

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR

State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Joël LE THEULE

Minister of Transport

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN

Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Vito ROSA

State Secretary, Ministry of Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Albert BERCHEM

State Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture

Netherlands:

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

Minister of Agriculture and
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Mr Bruce MILLAN

Secretary of State for Scotland

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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EXTERNAL ASPECTS

The Council noted a Commission report on the conclusion of negotiations for a framework agreement on fisheries between the Community and Spain. It agreed to return at a forthcoming meeting to the question of the signing of this agreement, which will meanwhile be initialled by the Commission.

The Council also agreed to the substance of the results of the Commission's consultations on the allocation of fishing rights between Spain and the Community for the remainder of 1978. It was agreed in particular that the Commission would very shortly submit to the Council a proposal for a Regulation granting Spanish fishermen a maximum quantity of 4,500 tonnes of hake, for which they would receive 240 fishing licences for standard 700 h.p. trawlers.

The fisheries arrangements currently applicable to fishing vessels of the Member States of the Community in Spanish waters were to remain unchanged.

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The Council noted a Commission report on relations regarding fisheries with a number of third countries, viz. Sweden, the Faroe Islands, Canada, Senegal, Mauritania, Guinea Bissau, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea (Conakry) and Angola, and on the Community's action in the regional Commissions for Fisheries.

The President concluded that the question of the signing of the framework agreement with Norway would shortly be raised on the basis of a report on this subject to be prepared by the Presidency.

INTERNAL ASPECTS

The Council held an exchange of views on certain internal aspects of the common fisheries policy, on the basis of a series of proposals from the Commission regarding technical measures for the conservation and management of resources.

The Council's discussions did not enable it to arrive at a decision on these proposals and, after emphasizing the need to make progress as soon as possible, the President said he would examine the implications of today's discussions in order to provide the necessary impetus for preparing this policy.

The Council also held an exchange of views on the possibilities for herring fishing, particularly in the light of national measures adopted in this specific sector. In a general context, the Council noted the Commission's intention of taking such measures as it deemed appropriate once it had thoroughly studied all the national measures decided hitherto.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with the ACP States

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreements on the accession of the Republic of Cape Verde, Papua New Guinea and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Príncipe to the Lomé Convention, which were signed in Brussels on 28 March 1977 (see Press Release ACP/N/557/77, ACP-CEE/53/77).

The said Agreements will enter into force on 1 November 1978, i.e. the first day of the second month following the date on which the instruments of ratification and the act of notification of conclusion by the Community were deposited.

The accession of these countries raises to 53 the number of African, Caribbean and Pacific countries which are party to the Lomé Convention. Among them are the 46 original signatories with Seychelles, Comoro State and Surinam, which acceded to the Convention in 1976, and the Republic of Djibouti, which acceded in February 1978.

Furthermore, the Act of Accession to the Convention of the Solomon Islands is expected to be deposited in the near future, as the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers formally approved the accession of that State by decision dated 24 July 1978.

Lastly, the Government of Tuvalu has stated its intention of acceding to the Convention once Tuvalu becomes independent on 1 October 1978.

Appointments

The Council appointed:

- on a proposal from the German Government, Mr Hans-Heinrich RUBBERT, Bundesvorstand der Deutschen Angestellten-Gewerkschaft Ressort Sozialpolitik, as alternate member of the Committee of the European Social Fund to replace Mr Eckhard SCHUPETA, alternate member, who has resigned,
- on a proposal from the Irish Government, Mrs Clare CARROLL, Federated Union of Employers, as alternate member of the Committee of the European Social Fund to replace Mr Sean DOYLE, alternate member, who has resigned,

for the remainder of the former members' terms of office, which are due to expire on 16 April 1980.

On a proposal from the French Government the Council appointed:

- Mr RAPIN as member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training to replace Mr MEYNIEL, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which expires on 5 April 1979,
 - Mr BORDE, Professor at the University of Rouen, as alternate member of the above-mentioned Committee to replace Mr RAPIN, who has been appointed member of the Committee for the same period.
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PRESS RELEASE

536th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 26 September 1978

President: Mr Joseph ERTL,

Federal Minister of Agriculture
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

Mr Antoine HUMBLET	Minister for Agriculture and Small Firms and Traders
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Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED	Minister of Agriculture
Mr Hans Jørgen KRISTENSEN	State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Joseph ERTL	Federal Minister of Agriculture
Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Pierre LEHAIGNERIE	Minister of Agriculture
Mr Jacques FOUCHLER	State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Jim GIBBONS	Minister for Agriculture
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Italy:

Mr Giovanni MARCORA	Minister of Agriculture
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Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS

Minister of Agriculture and
Wine

Mr Albert BERCHEM

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

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

Minister of Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

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STRUCTURAL MEASURES IN AGRICULTURE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS

The Council examined a series of measures proposed for developing the Mediterranean regions of the Community in the agriculture sector, namely:

- a common measure for forestry in certain dry Mediterranean zones;
- the development of an agricultural advisory service in Italy;
- a flood protection programme in the Hérault valley;
- a programme for the acceleration and guidance of collective irrigation works in Corsica.

With regard to the first two proposals, on which the Council undertook, when adopting its decision on agricultural prices for this year, to act before the end of September, the discussions served to circumscribe the last remaining problems, regarding the delimitation of the zones in question, the amount of the EAGGF contribution to these various measures, and the list of measures eligible for aid, and to open the way for a decision at the Council's next meeting.

As regards the last two measures, the preparation of which is not so far advanced, the discussions gave the delegation an opportunity to state their respective positions, notably as regards the estimated cost, the advisability of an EAGGF contribution, and an estimate of the long term benefits to the agricultural sector of the proposed measures.

Following its deliberations, the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue its discussions, bearing in mind the structural, ecological and sociological effects of the proposals, so that the Council could, if at all possible, take a decision at its next meeting, due to be held on 30 and 31 October 1978.

WINE

On wine, the Council discussed the granting of aid for the use of concentrated must to enrich certain table wines made from the 1978 crop. It took note of the Commission's statement that in its opinion the question was part of the package of prospective measures on wine which the Council was to debate at its October meeting. The Council agreed that, if such aid for concentrated must were to be decided upon, it ought in principle to be applicable to the current wine year.

The Council then turned, in preparation for its October discussions, to the various proposals for measures mooted in the Commission communication on the progressive establishment of balance on the market in wine.

The Council asked the Special Committee on Agriculture to look again at all the technical aspects of these proposals in order to pave the way as effectively as possible for the Council's discussions at its next meeting.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

The Council heard a statement by Mr GUNDELAGH by way of introduction to the Report on the situation in the dairy product sector, submitted by the Commission in accordance with the conclusions reached by the Council at its meeting from 8 to 12 May with a view to enabling the problems arising in this sector to be reviewed.

This report contains, apart from a market analysis, a number of considerations as a basis for a debate on the most effective methods of restoring the balance of the market.

The Council will hold a detailed discussion on this subject at a later date.

ESTIMATE OF YOUNG MALE BOVINE ANIMALS

Following an exchange of views on the extent to which the estimate of young male bovine animals weighing three hundred kilograms or less intended for fattening for the period to 31 December 1978 had been used up, the Council agreed to review this question at its next meeting.

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,

- the Regulations

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2967/76 laying down common standards for the water content of frozen and deep-frozen chickens, hens and cocks;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2744/75 on the import and export system for products processed from cereals and rice;
- the Directive amending Directive 66/403/EEC on the marketing of seed potatoes.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agreements with the Maghreb and Mashreq countries, Israel and Portugal

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations on the conclusion of the Co-operation Agreements with Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon and the Additional and Financial Protocols with Israel and Portugal ⁽¹⁾.

These Agreements will enter into force on the first day of the second month following the exchange of instruments of notification of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose, probably on 1 November next.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Releases issued on the signing of the various Agreements: Egypt - 40/77 (Presse 3) of 18.1.1977, Syria - 41/77 (Presse 4) of 18.1.1977, Jordan - 42/77 (Presse 5) of 18.1.1977, Morocco - 474/76 (Presse 43) of 27.4.1976, Algeria - 473/76 (Presse 42) of 26.4.1976, Tunisia - 472/76 (Presse 41) of 25.4.1976, Israel - 165/77 (Presse 14) of 8.2.1977, Lebanon - 539/77 (Presse 58) of 3.5.1977, Portugal - 990/76 (Presse 103) of 10.9.1976.

The Council also adopted a common position on the proposal for a Regulation on the application of the Financial Protocols with Greece, Turkey and Portugal, which will be forwarded shortly to the European Parliament under the conciliation procedure.
