

The Council

PRESS RELEASE

In accordance with the decision taken at the 13th meeting of the Association Council held in Luxembourg on 10 October last, His Excellency Mr Jean POISSON, Chairman of the Association Committee and Spokesman of the AAMS, and his Excellency Mr E.M.J.A. SASSEN, current Chairman of the Permanent Representatives Committee and Community Spokesman, met today in Brussels to initiate the procedure provided for in Annex VIII to the Yaoundé Convention, in order to find a solution to the problems posed by the Community's application of the present import arrangements for certain fruit and vegetables originating in the AAMS.

First of all Mr Poisson and Mr Sassen decided on the terms and conditions for accomplishing this task, which will be completed by 31 December 1972.

They then decided to ask Mr Jean REY, Minister of State, former President of the Commission of the European Communities, if he would undertake the good offices mission in question. Mr REY agreed.