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NEW GROUP OF EXPERTS ON MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC PROGRAMM CONVENED.

A GROUP OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS CONVENED BY THE EEC COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE SECOND MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMUNITY MET IN BRUSSELS ON NOVEMBER 23. M. DE WOLFF, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE NETHERLANDS NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICE AND PROFESSOR AT AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP.

THE EEC COUNCIL DECISION OF 15 APRIL 1964, ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN WORKING OUT MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC PROGRAMMES FOR THE EEC, STIPULATES THAT SUCH PROGRAMMES MUST BE BASED PRIMARILY ON FORWARD STUDIES PREPARED BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS ATTACHED TO THE COMMISSION. THE FIRST DRAFT PROGRAMME, FOR 1966-1970, WAS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL ON 29 APRIL 1966.

AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP, M. MARJOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EEC COMMISSION, STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE THE EXPERTS ARE TO PLAY IN WORKING OUT THE COMMUNITY'S FUTURE PROGRAMME. A PROVISIONAL LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP IS ATTACHED.