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Weekly Timetable of Community Activities - No 5/75

FOREIGN MINISTERS POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING, Ministers of Agriculture, and Foreign Affairs Council

On Monday and Tuesday, February 10 and 11, farm ministers get to grips with the new agricultural prices package, delayed beyond the self-imposed deadline of the end of January. Bridging arrangements having been made until the end of this month, and the Dames having a caretaker government, a settlement is thought almost out of the question this time round.

The dates of Monday and Tuesday, February 17 and 18 - and beyond - have been set aside for the probable marathon session at which the package will be finalised.

The Foreign ministers, on the same days, February 10 and 11, discuss the vital renegotiation element, Britain's budgetary contribution and the "corrective mechanism" proposed by the Commission last week.

Further initiatives in the field of freedom of establishment for the professions are also on the agenda.

The "Davignon" political cooperation meeting of foreign ministers takes place on Thursday in Dublin, where preparation for the March summit, or European Council, will continue. Energy will also be discussed.

Energy Ministers themselves will meet in Brussels on Thursday, February 13, and Finance ministers assemble on Monday, February 17.

FLASHBACK

The end of January saw the culmination of a year and a half's negotiations between the Nine and 46 developing countries from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. The future Convention on trade and aid, not called an Association like the previous Yaondé Convention, will be signed at Lomé, capital of Dahomey, on February 28.