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WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - No 25/76

Council Meetings in July (Brussels)

July 19 + 20	Foreign Affairs	CONFIRMED
July 19 + 20	Agriculture	"
July 22	Budget	"
July 22	Eco-Finance	PROPOSED

Council Meetings in September (Brussels)

September 20	Foreign Affairs	
September 20	Agriculture	PROPOSED
September 27	Eco-Finance	"

Other Events - Further Ahead

July 27	Opening of entry negotiations with Greece.
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FLASHBACK

The European Council meeting of the leaders of the nine Member States wound up its midsummer meeting with a series of agreements which won widespread approval from commentators throughout the Community.

The summit approved a formula for the number of seats to be allocated to the new European Parliament, to be directly elected in 1978, as follows: The Federal Republic of Germany, France, Great Britain and Italy, 81 seats; the Netherlands 25; Belgium 24; Denmark 16; Ireland 15; Luxembourg 6; total 418 members.

The Council agreed that Mr. Roy Jenkins, at present the British Home Secretary, would be a Member of the new Commission from next January. It is understood that this agreement sets the seal on Community approval of Mr. Jenkins as the next President of the Commission.

The procedure, as laid down in the Treaty of Rome, is that the 13 Members of the Commission are chosen by common accord of the nine member Governments. The President and five Vice-Presidents are chosen from among their number by the same procedure; such appointments shall be made after the Commission has been consulted. Thus the special appointments cannot legally be confirmed until after the new Commission has met next January.

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The Council approved a declaration of common action to be taken against terrorism.

The Council leaders expressed their determination to protect their legitimate fishing interests at the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. They therefore asked the next Council of Foreign Ministers meeting next week to consider a declaration of intent to extend Community fishing limits to 200 miles.

The European Council also proposed a Council of Ministers of Economics and Finance before the end of this month to translate into concrete terms the Community's wish for greater convergence of economic policies. Specifically the Ministers are asked to agree on greater convergence of budgetary policies. This Council of Finance Ministers, originally scheduled for earlier in July, now seems likely to take place next Thursday, July 22.

The Community leaders unanimously approved the conclusions of the recent tripartite meeting on unemployment and inflation, and expressed the wish that both sides of industry should be associated with the preparation and carrying out of economic policy as a follow-up to the tripartite conference.

The European Council remitted to the Council of Ministers of foreign affairs discussion on the various themes raised in the Tindemanns Report.

The Governments of the Community agreed that the formal opening of negotiations for the entry of Greece to the EEC should take place on July 27.

The EEC/Turkey Council is expected to meet in Ankara on July 24.

A meeting of the joint EEC-ACP Council took place in Brussels yesterday and today. No spectacular decisions were expected, reflecting the smooth running of the Lomé Convention.

The Commission's new office in Edinburgh was being opened by Mr. George Thomson, Member of the Commission for Regional Affairs, tomorrow (Friday). The head of the office is Mr. Stanley Budd, and the address is 7 Alva Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PH; telephone (031) 225-2058.
