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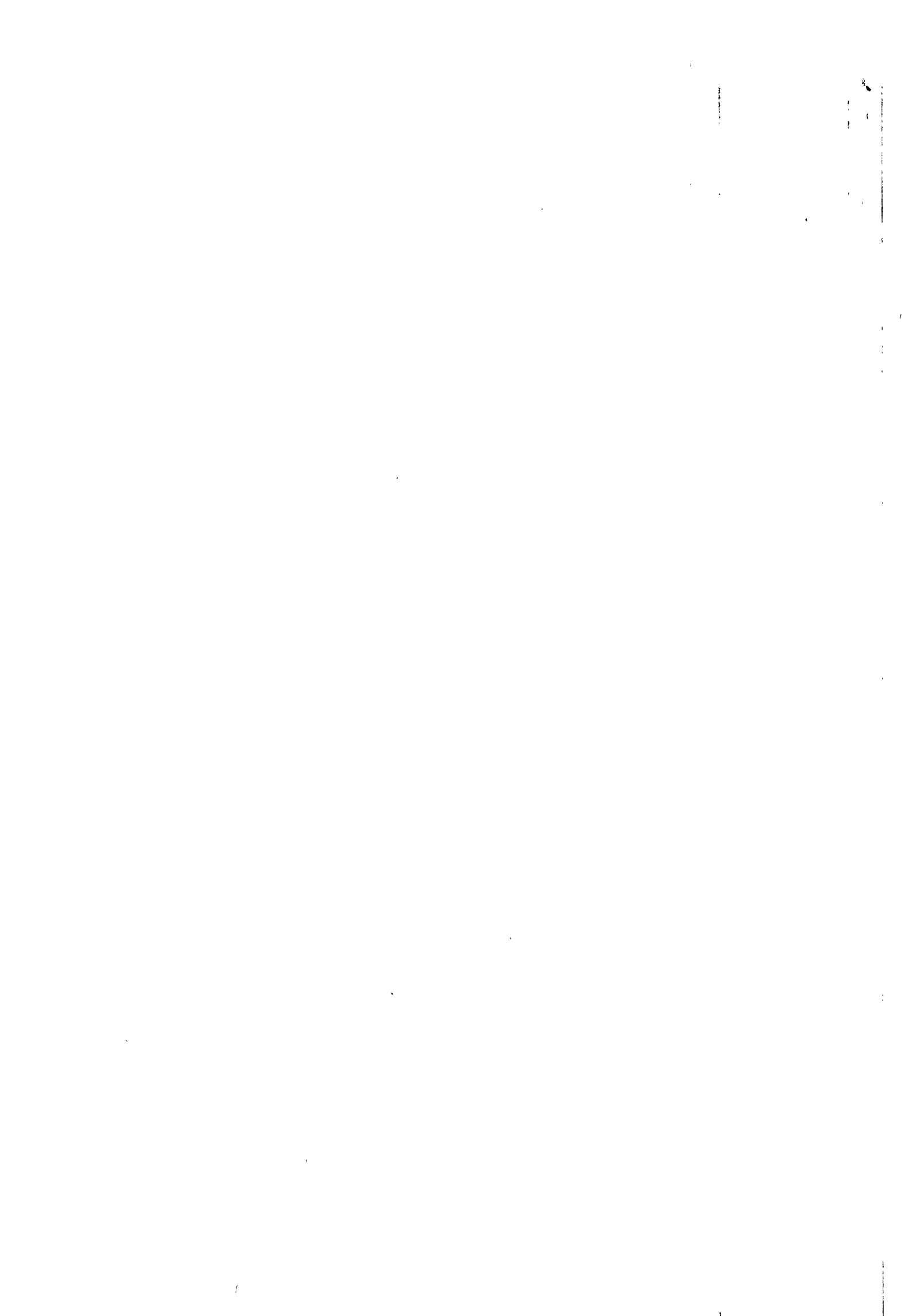
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595th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 18 September 1979

President: Mr Michael O'KENNEDY,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Ireland



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:

Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

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

France:

Mr Jean FRANCOIS-PONCET Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr David ANDREWS Minister of State,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Siro LOMBARDINI Minister for State Holdings  
Mr Giuseppe ZAMBERLETTI State Secretary,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Gaston THORN

Vice-President of the Government,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary for Foreign  
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Douglas HURD

Minister of State  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Adam BUTLER

Minister of State,  
Ministry of Industry

Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Mr Guido BRUNNER

Member

Mr Raymond VOUEL

Member

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

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IRON AND STEEL PROBLEMS -AID

The Council took note of the reports from Mr VOUEL and Mr DAVIGNON, Commissioners, on their contacts with certain Member States in an effort to resolve the remaining problems standing in the way of Community rules for aid to the iron and steel industry.

The Council welcomed the decisive progress made in this respect and noted that, once the internal procedures in certain Member States had been completed, there was no further major obstacle to a final decision by the Council at a forthcoming meeting on the consent requested by the Commission to the draft Decision establishing Community rules for specific aids to the iron and steel industry

PORTUGAL

In the light of information provided at the meeting by Viscount DAVIGNON, the Council requested the Commission to ascertain the current situation and possible developments in the motor vehicle industry in Portugal.

The Commission was requested to report back to the Permanent Representatives Committee which will examine the problems still outstanding as quickly as possible with a view to providing the Commission with directives for the negotiation of an Additional Protocol to the EEC-Portugal Free Trade Agreement of 1972.

SPANISH ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS

The Council prepared the second session of the negotiating Conference on the accession of Spain to the Community, which was held on the same day.

GATT

Pursuant to the Commission's talks with the Government of Thailand and following an exchange of views on the problem of imports of manioc into the Community, the Council noted that the Commission would be submitting proposals concerning the negotiation of a voluntary restraint agreement with Thailand, and the various problems posed by such an agreement, for its next meeting and agreed to give an opinion on the substance of the whole file on the basis of these proposals.

The Council also agreed to the Commission embarking on exploratory talks with the United States with a view to the advance implementation of the Agreement on trade in civil aircraft negotiated as part of GATT trade negotiations, and it agreed to give an opinion on the substance of this matter before the end of September on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Commission.

ISRAEL

The Council held a detailed discussion on the negotiations with Israel under Article 22 of the Agreement (review clause) and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its study of the matter in the light of this discussion.

EMERGENCY AID

The Council was informed by the Commission of the implementation of the decisions taken by the Council on<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 24 July 1979, following the Geneva Conference, on aid for refugees from South East Asia and for the people of Cambodia, and also on action taken to aid Nicaragua following the typhoon which recently devastated that country.



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS

The Council gave the Commission the directives which will enable it to negotiate in Vienna, on behalf of the Community, the International Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials.

EURATOM-AUSTRALIA RELATIONS

The Council also gave the Commission the negotiating directives for the conclusion with the Australian Government of an agreement concerning imports of Australian uranium into the Community.

CHAPTER VI OF THE EURATOM TREATY

The Council, which had before it a Commission communication on the supply of nuclear fuel to the Community and a French memorandum on the amendment of Chapter VI of the Euratom Treaty, held a policy debate on the issues raised by these two documents. The discussions enabled the delegations to outline their initial reactions to the documents in question and their basic approach to the question of the future supply of nuclear fuel to the Community.

The Council noted that for the purpose of examining the problems at issue the Commission would seek the assistance of a group of high-level independent experts and that following this it would submit a report to the Council, accompanied by any proposals it considered appropriate.

Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decisions

- authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded by Member States with third countries;
- on the cancellation of the quantitative restrictions on the importation into Italy of certain products falling within headings 27.10, 27.11 and 27.14 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Romania.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation adjusting national shares in respect of certain quantitative limits on imports of textile products originating in third countries.

Other decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending for the sixth time the Council Directive of 27 June 1967 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances, the decision of principle on this subject having already been taken on 19 June 1979 (see Press Release 7583/79 (Presse 75) of that date).

The Council agreed to the signing by the Community of the Convention on the conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Convention of the Council of Europe). The signing - with regard to the spheres within the competence of the Community - will take place on 19 September 1979 at a meeting of the Ministers for Environment of the member countries of the Council of Europe in Berne.

Appointment

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mrs Anny Elisabeth HANSEN, adviser to the "Dansk Sygeplejeråd", an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing, to replace Mrs Greta AHLSTRØM for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 14 January 1982.

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NOTE BIO (79) 282 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, AUX ASSISTANTS DG I ET VIII

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PREPARATION ■ CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES ■

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EN MARGE DU CONSEIL IL Y AURA DEMAIN A 17H LA PREMIERE SESSION AU NIVEAU MINISTERIEL DES NEGOCIATIONS AVEC L'ESPAGNE CONSACREE AUX QUESTIONS DE SUBSTANCE. UN SEUL POINT A L'ORDRE DU JOUR: UNION DOUANIERE DANS LE SECTEUR INDUSTRIEL. BIEN QUE DANS CETTE PHASE DE LA NEGOCIATION LES DEUX PARTIES SE BORNENT A UNE CONFRONTATION DE L'OPPOSITION RESPECTIVE, L'ON PEUT S'ATTENDRE QUE DU COTE COMMUNAUTAIRE ON INSISTE SUR LA NECESSITE D'UNE SUPPRESSION RAPIDE DES PROTECTIONS DOUANIERES ESPAGNOLES. AVANT LA SESSION DES NEGOCIATIONS LE CONSEIL AURA UN ECHANGE DE VUES SUR LA TACTIQUE ET LES PROCEDURES EN VUE DE LA DEFINITION DES POSITIONS COMMUNAUTAIRES SUR L'ENSEMBLE DES SUJETS DE NEGOCIATIONS.

PORTUGAL (CHEVALLARD)

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LE CONSEIL DELIBERERA SUR LES DIRECTIVES DE NEGOCIATION A LA COMMISSION EN VUE DE L'AMENAGEMENT DE L'ACCORD DE 1972 AVEC CE PAYS. DES PROPOSITIONS A CET EFFET AVAIENT ETE AVANCEES PAR LA COMMISSION EN AVRIL (VOIR P-44). UN POINT EST NOTAMMENT CONTROVERSE: LE REGIME D'IMPORTATION AU PORTUGAL DES PIECES DETACHEES DES VOITURES. IL S'AGIT EN EFFET POUR LA COMMISSION D'ETABLIR UN REGIME NON-DISCRIMINATOIRE MAIS QUI FACILITE LA RESTRUCTURATION DE L'INDUSTRIE DE L'AUTOMOBILE PORTUGAISE. LE PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL FERA RAPPORT SUR LA VISITE QU'IL A EFFECTUEE A LISBONNE A LA FIN DU MOIS.

AIDES A LA SIDERURGIE (CERF)

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LE PROJET DE DECISION DE LA COMMISSION INSTITUANT LES REGLES COMMUNAUTAIRES POUR LES AIDES SPECIFIQUES A LA SIDERURGIE FIGURE A NOUVEAU A L'ORDRE DU JOUR DE LA COMMISSION. LE CONSEIL EN A DISCUTE A DES NOMBREUSES REPRISES ET TOUT PARTICULIEREMENT LORS DE SA REUNION DU 12 JUIN 1979.

DEPUIS, UN CERTAIN NOMBRE DE CONTACTS ONT EU LIEU ENTRE LA COMMISSION ET LES DELEGATIONS BRITANNIQUE ET ITALIENNE EN VUE D'APLANIR LES DIFFICULTES POUR ARRIVER A UN ACCORD UNANIME. AU COURS DE CES CONTACTS, DES PROGRES SUBSTANTIELS ONT ETE ACCOMPLIS. TOUTEFOIS, CE CONSEIL NE DEVRAIT PAS ENCORE ETRE EN MESURE DE FORMALISER LA DECISION.

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CORRECTION : LIRE SOUS 'AIDES A LA SIDERURGIE' 3EME LIGNE :  
■'...NOUVEAU A L'ORDE DU JOUR DU CONSEIL'.

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■ QUESTIONS ATOMIQUES (ELPHICK)

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 DEUX PROBLEMES DE NOTRE POLITIQUE NUCLEAIRE FIGURENT A L'ORDRE DU JOUR DU CONSEIL: CHAPITRE VI DU TRAITE EURATOM CONCERNANT L'APPROVISIONNEMENT DE LA COMMUNAUTE EN COMBUSTIBLE NUCLEAIRE ET LA CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE SUR LA PROTECTION PHYSIQUE DES MATIERES NUCLEAIRES.

CHAPITRE VI. LES MINISTRES AURONT SUR LA TABLE DEUX COMMUNICATIONS, UNE DE LA COMMISSION ET AUSSI UN MEMORANDUM FRANCAIS QUI SUGGERE UNE MODIFICATION DU CHAPITRE. A CE STADE LE CONSEIL DOIT PROCEDER A UN PREMIER DEBAT D'ORIENTATION. LA COMMISSION A SUGGERE LA CREATION D'UN GROUPE DE TRAVAIL A HAUT NIVEAU POUR EXAMINER LE PROBLEME EN ENVISAGEANT AINSI QUELQUES CONCLUSIONS VERS LA FIN DE L'ANNEE.

PROTECTION PHYSIQUE. LE CONSEIL A DEJA EXAMINE PLUSIEURS FOIS LA QUESTION D'UN MANDAT POUR LA COMMISSION EN VUE DE NOTRE PARTICIPATION A LA CONFERENCE SUR LA CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE QUI S'OUVRIRA LE 15 OCTOBRE PROCHAIN A VIENNE SOUS L'EGIDE DE L'AIEA. SANS MANDAT LA COMMISSION NE PEUT PAS PARTICIPER A CETTE PROCHAINE SESSION ET NOUS AVONS SOULIGNE DEJA QUE DANS CES CONDITIONS LES ETATS MEMBRES NE SERONT PAS EN MESURE DE NEGOCIER LES DISPOSITIONS DE LA CONVENTION QUI RELEVENT DE LA COMPETENCE MIXTE COMMUNAUTE/ETATS MEMBRES.

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RENOUVELLEMENT DE LA ■■■CONVENTION DE LOME

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LES CONTACTS QUI ONT EU LIEU A L'OCCASION DE LA REUNION DES  
MINISTRES ACP A BRUXELLES LES JEUDI ET VENDREDI DERNIERS ONT  
PERMIS DE REGLER LA PLUPART DES DIVERGENCES ■ D'INTERPRETATION  
QUANT AUX RESULTATS DES NEGOCIATIONS DU MOIS DE JUIN. LES  
QUELQUES POINTS RESTANT EN SUSPENS DEVRONT ETRE REGLES D'ICI  
LA FIN DU MOIS DE SEPTEMBRE ENTRE LE PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL DES  
MINISTRES ACP ET LE PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL DE LA COMMUNAUTE.  
SOUS CETTE RESERVE LE RESULTAT DES NEGOCIATIONS EST DESORMAIS  
ACQUIS DE PART ET D'AUTRE ET LA SIGNATURE DE LA NOUVELLE CON-  
VENTION EST PREVUE A LOME ENTRE LE 30 OCTOBRE ET LE 6 NOVEMBRE.

LE CONSEIL DES MINISTRES DE DEMAIN SERA APPELE A SE PRONONCER  
SUR LA FORMULATION SUSCEPTIBLE DE DONNER UNE SOLUTION MUTUELLE-  
MENT SATISFAISANTE AUX DERNIERES QUESTIONS OUVERTES. CECI VISE  
PLUS PARTICULIEREMENT L'INTERPRETATION DE LA CLAUSE QUI FIGU-  
RERA DANS LA NOUVELLE CONVENTION EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'EGALITE  
DE TRAITEMENT EN MATIERE DE PROTECTION DES INVESTISSEMENTS.

NOTE: ■ MATERIAL D'INFORMATION CONCERNANT LA NOUVELLE CONVENTION  
UNE NOTE P EST EN PREPARATION. SA VERSION DEFINITIVE NE POURRA  
ETRE ARRETEE QUE LORSQU'ETOUS LES POINTS ENCORE OUVERTS SERONT  
REGLES. EN CAS DE NECESSITE ON POURRAIT VOUS FAIRE PARVENIR  
UN TEXTE PROVISoire NON OFFICIEL.

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C.C.AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A M. BURGHARDT, DG I,  
ET A M. LECOMTE, DG VIII

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CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES (G. CHEVALLARD)

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PENDANT LA MATINEE, LE CONSEIL A TRAITÉ LES DEUX POINTS SUI-  
VANTS :

1. GATT

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LE CONSEIL A AUTORISE LA COMMISSION A NOTIFIER AU GATT SON IN-  
TENTION D'ENGAGER DES CONVERSATIONS AVEC LA THAILANDE AU SUJET  
DU MANIOC. M. HAFERKAMP FERA RAPPORT AU CONSEIL A L'ISSUE DE  
CES CONVERSATIONS., A CE MOMENT, LE CONSEIL STATUERA SUR LE  
FOND DE L'EVENTUELLE DECONSOLIDATION DU TAUX DU  
TARIF DOUANIER COMMUN SUR LE MANIOC.

LE CONSEIL A AUTORISE M. DAVIGNON A ENTAMER DES CONVERSATIONS  
EXPLORATOIRES AVEC LES ETATS-UNIS EN VUE D'ANTICIPER LA REDUC-  
TION TARIFAIRE SUR LES AVIONS, REDUCTION TARIFAIRE QUE, DANS LE  
CADRE DU GATT, LES ETATS-UNIS S'ETAIENT ENGAGES A METTRE EN VI-  
GUEUR LE PREMIER JANVIER PROCHAIN. DIS : AIRBUS DOIT LIVRER  
QUATRE AVIONS AUX ETATS-UNIS AVANT LA FIN DE L'ANNEE. AVEC LE  
REGIME TARIFAIRE ACTUEL, CELA COMPORTERAIT UNE CHARGE POUR AIR-  
BUS D'ENVIRON 4 MILLIONS DE DOLLARS. FIN DIS.

2. AIDES EN FAVEUR DE LA SIDERURGIE

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LE CONSEIL A CONSTATE QU'IL Y AVAIT DESORMAIS UN ACCORD DE PRIN-  
CIPE SUR LA PROPOSITION DE DIRECTIVE DE LA COMMISSION. LE ROYAUME-  
UNI ET L'ITALIE QUI AVAIENT FORMULE PLUSIEURS RESERVES LES ONT  
EN EFFET LEVEES SUITE AUX CONTACTS DE MM. DAVIGNON ET VOUEL  
AVEC LES AUTORITES DE CES PAYS. CET ACCORD DE PRINCIPE SERA FOR-  
MALISE DANS LES PROCHAINES SEMAINES DE SORTE QUE LE CONSEIL POUR-  
RA FORMULER L'AVIS CONFORME NECESSAIRE A L'ADOPTION DE LA DIREC-  
TIVE DE LA COMMISSION.

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CC. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A M BURGHARDT, DG I ET A M LECOMTE,  
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - ATOMIC QUESTIONS (R. ELPHICK)

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THE COUNCIL RECORDED CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN THREE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECTS OF CONTROVERSY FOR YERAS - UPDATING CHAPTER SIX OF THE EURATOM TREATY, AND THE MANDATES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION IN VIENNA, AND FOR DRAWING UP A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA.

THE KEYNOTE WAS SET BY M. FRANCOIS-PONCET OF FRANCE WHO PRESENTED HIS COUNTRY'S MEMORANDUM WHICH SEEKS A MODIFICATION OF THE SUPPLY CHAPTER OF THE TREATY TO BRING IT MORE INTO LINE WITH PRESENT DAY REALITY. FOR THE COMMISSION MR BRUNNER WELCOMED THE FRENCH PRESENTATION, REMINDED THE COUNCIL THAT THE COMMISSION ALSO HAD PROPOSALS ON CHAPTER SIX ON THE TABLE, AND SAID HE NOW FELT A CERTAIN SOBER OPTIMISM AT THE PROSPECTS OF SOME POSITIVE OUTCOME. OTHER DELEGATIONS SHARED THE DESIRE ■■, AS THE UNITED KINGDOM MINISTER PUT IT, OF TACKLING THE GAP BETWEEN LAW AND REALITY, ALTHOUGH OTHERS LIKE THE NETHERLANDS AND LUXEMBURG EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT CHANGING TREATY REQUIREMENTS. THE SETTING UP OF AN AD HOC HIGH LEVEL GROUP TO ADVISE THE COMMISSION ANNOUNCED BY MR BRUNNER WAS WELCOMED GENERALLY AND THE ■■■■ COUNCIL WILL RETURN TO THE PROBLEM IN DUE TIME.

THE GOOD ATMOSPHERE, EVINCED DURING THIS FIRST ORIENTATION DEBATE ON CHAPTER SIX, ENCOURAGED MR BRUNNER TO SUGGEST ADDING THE QUESTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN MANDATE TO THEIR DISCUSSION. HE EXPLAINED THAT ON THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS ON AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION, HE WISHED TO STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT THE COMMISSION HAD NO, REPEAT NO INTENTION ■■ OF MIXING IN ANY WAY IN AFFAIRS SUCH AS POLICE PROTECTION WHICH ■H WAS EXPRESSLY AND EXCLUSIVELY THE AFFAIR OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES. THAT SAID, FRANCE WITHDREW ITS RESERVE AND THE COMMUNITY WILL NOW BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE SET TO RESUME IN VIENNA ON 15 OCTOBER.

THE FINAL PROBLEMS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN MANDATE WERE ALSO CLEARED AWAY WITH DISPATCH WITH THE SIMPLE DELETION OF REFERENCES TO BILATERAL OR PARRALLEL AGREEMENTS IN THE PREAMBLE. THEREFORE AFTER NEARLY TWO YEARS THE COMMISSION CAN NOW BEGIN THE NEGOTIATIONS PROPER.

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SPEAKING TO JOURNALISTS AFTERWARDS MR BRUNNER WELCOMED THESE ■■■■  
ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE COUNCIL. THEY UNDERLINED, HE SAID,  
EURATOM'S COMPETENCE TO ACT IN THE FIELD OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS,  
AND THEY COME AT A TIME WHEN AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF FUEL WAS OF  
PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE ECONOMY OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

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