

PRESS RELEASE

443rd meeting of the Council

- Taxation -

Brussels, 22 March 1977

President: Mr Robert SHELDON  
Financial Secretary to the Treasury,  
United Kingdom

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ

Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Ole BECH

Deputy Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Joachim HIENLE

State Secretary for Finance

France:

Mr Christian PONCELET

State Secretary to the Minister for Economy and Finance

Ireland:

Mr Andrew O'ROURKE

Deputy Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Giuseppe AZZARO

Under-Secretary of State,  
Ministry of Finance

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques POOS

Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr M. VAN ROOIJEN

State Secretary for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Robert SHELDON

Financial Secretary to the  
Treasury

Mr Denzil DAVIES

Minister of State to the  
Treasury

Commission:

Mr Richard BURKE

Member

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The Council had a fruitful discussion on the outstanding problems on the draft text of the sixth directive on the introduction of a common system of value-added tax and in particular of a uniform basis of assessment.

The points discussed will now be put into form in all the official languages of the Community.

Provided that one delegation is prepared to lift a reserve on a specific point, and provided that another delegation, which was not yet in a position to express itself on the text as a whole, can subsequently give its approval, the text of the draft directive will be submitted to the Council for agreement as the common position of the Council and then transmitted to the European Parliament under the terms of the conciliation procedure.

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