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- Agriculture -

Brussels, 25 to 29 March 1977

President: Mr John SILKIN,  
Minister for Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food  
of the United Kingdom

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Luxembourg:

Mr Jean HAMILIUS	Minister for Agriculture
Mr Albert BERCHEM	State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.L.M.M. VAN DER STEE	Minister for Agriculture
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United Kingdom:

Mr John SILKIN	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Mr Gavin STRANG	Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Mr Robert MACLENNAN	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Prices and Consumer Protection

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH	Vice-President
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FISHERIES POLICY

The Council held a thorough examination of the Commission proposal designed to resolve certain questions regarding the catch quotas to be applied in the waters off the Irish coasts and the procedures relating to fishing activity in these waters.

Having concluded its examination the Council established that no agreement could be reached on this proposal. It agreed to continue its examination of the problem and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to study the question as soon as possible.

1977/78 AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The Council held a thorough-going discussion on the basis of the Commission proposals on the fixing of agricultural prices for the 1977/78 marketing year.

The Council agreed to adjourn the debate until its next meeting, scheduled for 25 and 26 April in Luxembourg.

It consequently decided to extend the marketing year for beef and veal and for milk products, and the Regulation concerning the granting of a special aid for liquid skimmed milk for the feeding of certain animals in regions affected by the drought.

It also adopted the Regulation amending the existing regulations concerning the exchange rate to be applied in the agricultural sector for the Irish pound (minus 7 points), the French franc (minus 3 points), and the Italian lira (minus 8 points).

The Council decided to proceed with the signing of the agreement and of the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on trade and commercial co-operation in jute products.

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On a proposal from the British Steel Corporation the Council appointed Mr R. SCHOLEY, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of the British Steel Corporation, as member of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community in place of Lord LAYTON, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 9 July 1978.

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The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting in the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decision concerning exports of ferrous scrap to third countries for the second quarter of 1977.