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HERRING FISHERIES

The Council held an in depth discussion on problems arising in connection with herring fishing, and in particular developments in herring stocks in the North Sea, and the conservation measures necessary for the conservation and reconstitution of such stocks.

With a view to a Council meeting on 27 June devoted exclusively to drawing up definitive arrangements, the Council agreed to extend the ban on herring fishing in the North Sea for the month of June, but with the exception of a special quota of 1,500 tonnes for the Netherlands. The ban on herring fishing would also apply during June to waters off the west of Scotland.

As for the fishing of herring from 1 July onwards, the Council instructed the relevant subordinate bodies to continue examination of these problems on the basis of the Commission proposals which might themselves be amended in the light of the Council's discussions so that it could act as part of an overall settlement of fisheries arrangements.

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SALES ON BOARD SHIP

The Council examined the last outstanding questions regarding the proposal for a Regulation on certain measures to prevent abuses resulting from the sale of agricultural products on board ship.

Following the discussion the Council took note of the Commission's intention of contacting the delegations concerned to resolve these difficulties so that the Regulation could be adopted at a forthcoming meeting.

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PURE-BRED BREEDING ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES/STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON ZOOTECHNICS

The Council recorded agreement in principle <sup>(1)</sup> on the Directive on pure-bred animals of the bovine species and on the Decision setting up a Standing Committee on Zootechnics.

The purpose of the Directive is to facilitate intra-Community trade in pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species by bringing about in specific conditions the mutual recognition of herd books and of the associations which keep them.

Among the tasks of the Standing Committee on Zootechnics will be the supervision of the detailed rules of application of that Directive.

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<sup>(1)</sup> With one delegation reserving its position.

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ACP SUGAR

After taking note of the Commission report, the Council recorded agreement in substance on the result of the negotiations with the African, Caribbean and Pacific States on the guaranteed prices for sugar for the 1977/1978 supply period (1 July 1977 - 30 June 1978).

The main features of the Agreement are as follows:

- guaranteed price for ACP unrefined sugar: 27.25 EUA per 100 kilos
  
- Guaranteed price for ACP white sugar: 33.83 EUA per 100 kilos (cif European ports in the Community)
  
- these prices will apply retroactively from 1 May 1977
  
- ACP sugar will be subject to special arrangements for self-balancing of contributions and refunding of storage costs.

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WINE MARKET

The Council held an extensive discussion on the situation on the wine market and in particular on the recent amendments proposed by the Commission to the additional provisions for the common organization of the wine market.

Following this discussion the Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to pave the way for its discussions so that it could if possible adopt the new provisions at its meeting on 20 and 21 June 1977. Its discussions might also cover other Regulations either under examination or announced by the Commission in connection with its communication on Mediterranean agriculture or in the second annual report on trends in planting and use in the wine sector. These new provisions should apply as from the new wine-growing year (1 September 1977).



STORAGE AND MARKETING OF INTERVENTION PRODUCE

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation laying down the conditions under which produce bought in by an intervention agency in one Member State may be stored and marketed outside its territory.

The Regulation provides in particular for:

- the introduction of a Community authorization for storage in a Member State other than that in which intervention measures were taken and as an exception after consulting with Member States concerning storage possibilities within the Community, also for storage in third countries;
- waiving at the frontier when produce is transported of customs duties and other amounts to be levied or granted under the common agricultural policy;
- measures to see that produce is marketed at the prices and conditions obtaining at the place of storage.

BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The Council held an exchange of views with Mr TUGENDHAT, Commissioner, on the statements he made recently in his speech in Brussels on 2 May concerning the budgetary aspects of the recent agricultural price fixing.

In the face of criticisms voiced by the members of the Council regarding some parts of his speech, Mr TUGENDHAT had the opportunity to make clear the scope of his remarks and to explain the reasons underlying them.

AGRI-MONETARY QUESTIONS

On the basis of a Commission proposal regarding the price level to be taken in calculating monetary compensatory amounts the Council held an initial discussion on some factors which might lessen the distortions of competition arising from the particularly high level of monetary compensatory amounts in some sectors.

In this discussion, the Council also touched on some more general aspects of agri-monetary problems and took note of the Commission's intention of making certain adjustments by 1 October 1977 to its proposal for a Regulation for the gradual reduction of monetary compensatory amounts submitted in November 1976. The Council also took note of a memorandum submitted by the Danish delegation as an addition to those already submitted by other delegations.

Work on the various problems will be continued, in the case of certain problems of adjustment by the Commission under the Management Committee procedure and as regards preparation for subsequent Council proceedings in the Special Committee on Agriculture.

FEED GRAIN

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2749/75 on the reduction applicable to certain imports of feed grain into the Italian Republic as from the 1973/1974 marketing year.

The reduction of 3 UA which should have been abolished at the end of the 1976/1977 marketing year will continue for the 1977/1978 marketing year. The date from which common arrangements are to be applied in full is therefore postponed.

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

- Regulations

- introducing a system of premiums for the non-marketing of milk and milk products and for the conversion of dairy cow herds;
- on the supply of milk and certain milk products at reduced prices to schoolchildren;
- on a co-responsibility levy and measures for expanding the markets in milk and milk products;
- on the temporary suspension of aids for the purchase of dairy cows and of heifers intended for milk production;
- fixing the basic price and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period from 1 November 1977 to 31 October 1978;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3330/74 on the common organization of the market in sugar;
- laying down common provisions for isoglucose;
- fixing, for the 1977/1978 sugar marketing year
  - the sugar prices, the standard quality of beet and the coefficient for calculating the maximum quota;
  - the derived intervention prices, the intervention price for raw beet sugar, the minimum prices for beet, the threshold prices, the maximum amount of the production levy and the amount of the reimbursement to offset storage costs;

- fixing, for the 1977 harvest, the norm and intervention prices and the premium granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco, as well as the derived intervention prices for baled tobacco;
- amending the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 on the common organization of the market in seeds;
- fixing the amounts of aid granted for seeds for the 1977/1978 marketing year;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals;
- concerning the list of Community regions which qualify for aid in respect of durum wheat and fixing the amount of such aid;
- fixing for the 1977/1978 marketing year, the monthly price increases for cereals, wheat and rye flour and wheat groats and meal;
- laying down the minimum requirements as regards breadmaking with common wheat;
- supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 fixing standard qualities for common wheat, rye, barley, maize and durum wheat;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice;
- fixing, for the 1977/1978 marketing year,
  - cereal prices;
  - rice prices;
  - the monthly price increases for paddy rice and husked rice;
  - the protective amount to be included in the threshold price for wholly milled rice;

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables and Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit;
- laying down special measures to encourage the marketing of products processed from lemons;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 on the exchange rates applicable in respect of tomato concentrates;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 on the common organization of the market in hops;
- fixing the guide prices for wine for the period 16 December 1977 to 15 December 1978;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector;
- fixing, for the 1977/1978 marketing year
  - the market target price and the intervention price for olive oil;
  - the production target price for olive oil;
  - the monthly increases in the market target price, the intervention price and the threshold price for olive oil;
  - the target prices and basic intervention prices for oil seeds;

- the monthly increase in the target and intervention prices for oil seeds;
- the guide price for soya beans;
- the amount of aid for cotton seeds;
- the amounts of aid for fibre flax and hemp;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 569/76, laying down special measures for linseed, and fixing for the 1977/1978 marketing year the guide price for linseed;

- Directives

- introducing Community measures for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis in cattle;
- amending Directive 72/159/EEC on the modernization of terms.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Sixth VAT Directive

The Council adopted the sixth VAT Directive, which will be implemented in the Member States by 1 January 1978 at the latest.

This Directive supplements the VAT arrangements laid down in the first two VAT Directives of 11 April 1967. It not only marks progress in tax harmonization but is vital for application of the own resources system.

In accordance with the Council Decision of 21 April 1970, the Communities' own resources are made up from customs duties, agricultural levies and revenue from VAT. This revenue is obtained by applying a rate of no more than 1% on an assessment basis determined in a uniform manner for all the Member States. The sixth Directive contains Community rules defining this uniform assessment basis.

The Directive defines the basic concepts relating to VAT, i.e. taxable person, taxable transactions, chargeable event, chargeability of tax, taxable amount etc...

In addition to these definitions, it contains provisions concerning special arrangements for small undertakings, farmers exemptions and supply of services.

On the subject of small undertakings, the Directive lays down that Member States may apply simplified procedures for charging and collecting tax. It authorizes:

- tax exemptions of up to 5,000 EUA;
- the increase up to 5,000 EUA of any existing exemption which is less than that amount;
- the maintaining of existing exemptions of more than 5,000 EUA.

Each Member State may also adjust exemptions to the extent needed for them to maintain their value in real terms.

Provision is also made for the Commission to report to the Council every four years on the application of the provisions on the matter.

As regards farmers, the Directive grants the Member States the right to apply a flat-rate scheme to offset the tax deductible on their purchases and services supplied to them. The Directive lays down a common method of calculation for granting compensation for such tax. Before the end of the fifth year following the entry into force of the Directive, the

Commission will submit to the Council new proposals concerning the application of VAT to transactions in respect of agricultural products and services.

This Directive provides for a comprehensive exemptions system both for transactions within the country and for transactions linked with imports, with exports and with the international transport of goods.

The internal system exempts, in particular, certain services supplied by public postal services, hospital and medical care, social security, protection of children and young persons, children's or young people's education, school or university education, insurance and re-insurance and some banking and financial transactions.

In view, however, of the problems which might have arisen in various Member States all the exemptions provided for had to be implemented immediately, the Directive lays down provisional arrangements whereby, for an initial period of five years, Member States will be able either to tax certain exempted transactions or to continue to exempt certain transactions.

The Directive defines the provision of services and determines the places where the services provided should be taxed. As a general rule, the place in which the services are provided is the place where the provider of the services sets up the registered office for his economic activities, or a stable establishment from which the services are provided. However, in order to avoid dual taxation or non-taxation, the Directive provides for numerous exceptions to this general rule, such as the exceptions for operations relating to transport, the leasing of personal movable property, the sale and concession of copyrights and patents, etc.

Provision has been made for setting up an Advisory Committee on VAT in order to guarantee that the Directive is implemented in a co-ordinated manner.

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Community loan for Italy

The Council adopted a Decision enabling a Community loan amounting to 500 million US dollars to be floated for the Italian Republic. An agreement in principle was reached on this operation on 18 April last, when the Council authorized the Commission to open the necessary negotiations.

The loan will take the form of a public issue of bonds expressed in US dollars underwritten by a banking syndicate. It will amount to 500 million dollars in two instalments: one of 200 millions for 5 years and the other of 300 millions for 7 years.

The product of the loan will be lent to the Italian Republic in the same currency and on the same financial terms. The Council also adopted the economic policy conditions to be met by that country.

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Trade policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations on the conclusion of Interim Agreements with the Arab Republic of Egypt, Jordan and Syria, and a number of implementing Regulations concerning the Interim Agreements with the Mashreq countries.

There are plans for the adoption shortly of similar provisions concerning Lebanon, so as to ensure the entry into force of the Interim Agreements with all four Mashreq countries as from 1 July 1977.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation further extending the periods of validity of Regulations (EEC) No 1509/76 and 1522/76 on imports into the Community of prepared and preserved sardines originating in Tunisia and Morocco respectively.

In connection with the EEC-Turkey Association and under the second agricultural review, the Council gave the Community's approval to draft Decision No 1/77 of the EEC-Turkey Association Council on new concessions for imports of Turkish agricultural products into the Community and to the implementing Regulations concerning the above draft Decisions, namely:

- on imports into the Community of certain agricultural products originating in Turkey;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp (ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) originating in Turkey;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for hazelnuts (ex 08.05 G) originating in Turkey.

As regards relations with the EFTA countries, the Council adopted the Regulation concluding the Agreements on the Derogation from Article 1 of Protocol No 3 to the Agreements with the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation, making Article 23 of that Protocol applicable to products included in list C attached thereto.

The Council also adopted the Regulation on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Economic Community, the Republic of Austria and the Swiss Confederation on the extension of the application of the rules on Community transit.

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Directive on the approximation of the Laws of the Member States relating to motor-vehicle towing devices.

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for processing work in relation to certain textile products under the outward processing arrangements of the Community.

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The Council adopted the Regulation (ECSC, EEC, EURATOM) amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

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The Council and the Republics of the Governments of the Member States adopted the Resolution on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and action programme on the environment <sup>(1)</sup>.

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<sup>(1)</sup> See Press release No 1424/76 (Presse 158) dated 9 December 1976.



On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr L. GORIS a Member of the Economic and Social Committee to replace Dr SCHRIJVERS, who had died, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 September 1978.

The Council also, on a proposal from the Irish Government, appointed Mr Tadhg O'CARROLL a Member of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions to replace Mr GREENE, who had resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 14 March 1979.

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NOTE BIO (77) 181 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX (SUITE 1)  
C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A M. LE DIRECTEUR GENERAL DG 1 ET  
A M. OPITZ DG 8

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PREPARATION CONSEIL AGRICOLE

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LE LUNDI 16 MAI ETANT RESERVE AUX DOSSIERS DE LA PECHE (VOIR NOTE BIO (77) 181), LES MINISTRES DE L'AGRICULTURE ABORDERONT LES AUTRES POINTS AGRICOLLES MARDI A PARTIR DE 9.30 HEURES. A L'ORDRE DU JOUR FIGURENT LES POINTS SUIVANTS :

1. VENTES DE PRODUITS AGRICOLES A BORD DE BATEAUX

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CETTE PROPOSITION VISE A METTRE FIN A DES PRATIQUES ABUSIVES CONDUISANT A VENDRE A BORD DE BATEAUX DES PRODUITS AGRICOLES DE PAYS TIERS (BEURRE, FROMAGES, ETC.) QUI SONT ENSUITE IMPORTES EN FRANCHISE DE CHARGES A L'IMPORTATION DANS LES BAGAGES PERSONNELS DES VOYAGEURS. LE TEXTE QUI A ETE APPROUVE PAR HUIT DELEGATIONS PREVOIT L'AUTORISATION AUX ETATS MEMBRES D'ACCORDER JUSQU'AU 30.6.78 UNE FRANCHISE DES CHARGES A L'IMPORTATION POUR 1 KG DE BEURRE, DE FROMAGE ET DE VIANDE, POUR 2 LITRES DE VIN ET POUR 2 KILOS D'AUTRES PRODUITS. LA DELEGATION ALLEMANDE A CEPENDANT EMIS UNE RESERVE EN RAISON DES INCIDENCES QU'UNE TELLE DECISION POURRAIT AVOIR SUR LES ENTREPRISES ALLEMANDES SPECIALISEES EN PROMENADES EN MER AVEC VENTES A BAS PRIX DE BEURRE, DE FROMAGES, ETC. (LES ''BUTTERFAHRTEN'').

2. STOCKAGE DES PRODUITS D'INTERVENTION

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IL S'AGIT DE SAVOIR SI DES PRODUITS D'INTERVENTION PEUVENT ETRE STOCKES A L'EXTERIEUR DE LA COMMUNAUTE. CE PROBLEME PEUT SE POSER LORSQUE LES BUREAUX D'INTERVENTION DE CERTAINES ZONES FRONTALIERES N'ONT PLUS DE CAPACITE DE STOCKAGE ET QUE LES CAPACITES LES PLUS PROCHES SE TROUVENT DE L'AUTRE COTE DE LA FRONTIERE. LA COMMISSION A PROPOSE QUE CE STOCKAGE SOIT SOUMIS A UNE AUTORISATION COMMUNAUTAIRE PREALABLE. LA DELEGATION ITALIENNE S'EST JUSQU'ICI OPPOSEE A TOUT STOCKAGE DANS UN PAYS TIERS.

3. QUESTIONS AGRO-MONETAIRES

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SUITE A DES MEMORANDUMS FRANCAIS ET ITALIENS, LA COMMISSION A SOUMIS AU CONSEIL UNE COMMUNICATION DANS LAQUELLE ELLE SUGGERE LA POSSIBILITE DE PREFIXER DES MONTANTS COMPENSATOIRES MONETAIRES DANS LES ECHANGES AVEC LES PAYS TIERS. ELLE PROPOSE EGALEMENT UNE MODIFICATION DU REGLEMENT DE BASE DES MCM PERMETTANT DE MODIFIER LE CALCUL ~~DE CERTAINES MCM~~ ENTRAINANT UNE DIMINUTION DE CERTAINES MCM.

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#### 4. PROBLEMES VITICOLES

LE CONSEIL EST SAISI D'UNE PROPOSITION PREVOYANT PLUSIEURS MODIFICATIONS DU REGLEMENT DE BASE 'VIN' ET NOTAMMENT LA POSSIBILITE DE FACILITER LES OPERATIONS DE DISTILLATION PREVENTIVE. CES DISTILLATIONS NE POUVAIENT, JUSQU'ICI, ETRE DECLENCHEES QUE SI DES CONTRATS DE STOCKAGE AVAIENT ETE CONCLUS POUR UNE QUANTITE DE 10 MILLIONS D'HL. CE CRITERE AYANT RETARDE LES DISTILLATIONS ET, PAR CONSEQUENT, DIMINUE L'EFFICACITE DE CET INSTRUMENT D'ASSAINISSEMENT DU MARCHÉ AU DEBUT DE LA CAMPAGNE, LA COMMISSION A PROPOSE DE BAISSER CE SEUIL A 5 MILLIONS D'HL POUR LE VIN ROUGE ET A 2 MILLIONS D'HL POUR LE VIN BLANC. CES PROPOSITIONS ONT ETE FAITES INDEPENDAMMENT DE L'APPROCHE STRUCTURELLE QUE LA COMMISSION ESTIME NECESSAIRE ET QUI SERA A LA BASE DE NOUVELLES PROPOSITIONS ANNONCEES POUR LE MOIS DE JUILLET.

#### 5. TAUREAUX DE RACE PURE

LE CONSEIL DISCUTERA ENFIN D'UNE PROPOSITION DATANT DU MOIS DE MARS 1974 ET VISANT A CREER UN MARCHÉ COMMUNAUTAIRE DES TAUREAUX DE RACE PURE : LES DEFINITIONS ET PROCEDURES DE DECISION POSENT ENCORE DES PROBLEMES.

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NOTE BIO(77)181 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, AU DIRECTEUR GENERAL DG I ET A  
M. OPITZ, DG VIII

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CONSEIL AGRICOLE

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LE CONSEIL DEBUTERA SES TRAVAUX LUNDI, LE 16 MAI, A 15H30 AVEC LE POINT "PECHE" ET L'APRES-MIDI SERA CONSACRE ESSENTIELLEMENT AUX DISCUSSIONS SUR LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION DEFINISSANT LES MESURES INTERIMAIRES DE CONSERVATION ET DE GESTION DE CERTAINS STOCKS DE HARENG. CETTE PROPOSITION A POUR BUT D'UNE PART DE PRORoger JUSQU'A LA FIN DE L'ANNEE L'INTERDICTION DE LA PECHE DU HARENG EN MER DU NORD - L'INTERDICTION ACTUELLEMENT EN VIGUEUR VIENT A ECHEANCE LE 31 MAI - ET D'ETENDRE L'INTERDICTION ACTUELLE DE PECHE AU HARENG EN MER CELTIQUE (AU SUD DE L'IRLANDE) DANS UNE ZONE VOISINE AFIN D'ASSURER UNE MEILLEURE EFFICACITE DES MESURES DE CONSERVATION.

IL EST EGALEMENT PROPOSE DE FIXER LES QUOTAS DE CAPTURES DE HARENG DANS CERTAINES AUTRES ZONES A L'OUEST DE LA MER CELTIQUE, EN MER D'IRLANDE, A L'OUEST DE L'IRLANDE AINSI QUE A L'OUEST DE L'ECOSSE.

UN DEUXIEME POINT "PECHE" SERA UNE DISCUSSION SUR LE REGIME INTERNE DEFINITIF DE CONSERVATION ET DE GESTION DES RESSOURCES DE PECHE. L'ECHANGE DE VUES SE BASERA SUR UNE COMMUNICATION DE M. GUNDELACH APPROUEE PAR LA COMMISSION MERCREDI DERNIER (VOIR BIO(77)180 DU 11 MAI) QUI VISE A RELANCER LE DEBAT AU SEIN DU CONSEIL SUR LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION D'OCTOBRE DERNIER CONCERNANT UN REGIME INTERNE DEFINITIF. DANS SA COMMUNICATION, LA COMMISSION REAFFIRME SA PROPOSITION TOUT EN DEVELOPPANT CERTAINS ELEMENTS A LA LUMIERE DE L'EXPERIENCE ACQUISE AU COURS DES DERNIERES SIX MOIS, TELS QUE: ■■■ ■■■ LES BESOINS VITAUX DES POPULATIONS LOCALES PARTICULIEREMENT DEPENDANTES DE LA PECHE, NECESSITE DE COMPENSATION DANS LE CAS D'UN ARRET DE PECHE INDUSTRIELLE, NECESSITE DE TENIR COMPTE DES PAYS DONT LES PRISES DANS LES EAUX DE PAYS TIERS SONT REDUITES OU SUPPRIMEES, INSTAURATION D'UN REGIME DE CONTROLE EFFICACE, MESURES SOCIALES ET STRUCTURELLES.

ON S'ATTEND A CE QUE LE DEBAT SOIT REPRIS LORS DU CONSEIL DES MINISTRES DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES AU MOIS DE JUIN.

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NOTE BIO (77) 181 (SUITE 2) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE ET A M. LE DIRECTEUR GENERAL DG I ET A M. OPITZ DG VIII

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LE CONSEIL AGRICOLE A COMMENCE A 15H40 AVEC UN DEBAT SUR LA PROPOSITION DE LA  
COMMISSION CONCERNANT LES MESURES INTERIMAIRES DE CONSERVATION ET DE GESTION  
DE CERTAINS STOCKS DE HARENGS.

M. GUNDELACH A INSISTE SUR LA NECESSITE DE PROLONGER L'INTERDICTION TOTALE  
SUR LA PECHE DE HARENG EN MER DU NORD JUSQU'A LA FIN DE L'ANNEE.

IL A CITE LE DERNIER RAPPORT SCIENTIFIQUE SUR L'ETAT DES STOCKS DE HARENGS POUR  
JUSTIFIER SA DEMANDE. APRES UN PREMIER TOUR DE TABLE, IL S'EST AVERE QU'IL N'Y  
A PAS D'UNANIMITE SUR LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION. QUELQUES DELEGATIONS  
PREFERENT QUE SOIENT OCTROYES DES PETITS CONTINGENTS AFIN DE PROTEGER L'INDUS-  
TRIE DE LA PECHE DE HARENG.

LE PRESIDENT, M. SILKIN, A SUSPENDU LA SEANCE A 17H15, AFIN D'AVOIR UNE DIS-  
CUSSION EN RESTREINTE SUR UNE FORMULE DE COMPROMIS.

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Note BIO (77) 181 suite 3 aux Bureaux Nationaux  
cc. aux Membres du Groupe et à M. le Directeur Général DG I, copie à M. Opitz DG VIII

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CONSEIL AGRICOLE

Après une discussion difficile qui a duré, compte tenu de quelques interruptions, jusqu'à 1 heure ce matin, le Conseil est parvenu à un accord sur des mesures intérimaires de conservation et de gestion de hareng. Le Conseil n'a pas accepté la proposition de la Commission de prolonger l'interdiction actuelle de la pêche du hareng en mer du Nord jusqu'à la fin de l'année, malgré le dernier rapport scientifique qui montre clairement le danger d'un épuisement rapide des stocks.

Comme compromis, le Conseil est convenu de prolonger l'interdiction jusqu'à la fin de juin à l'exception d'un contingent de 1.500 tonnes en faveur des Pays-Bas qui doivent être en mesure de répondre à la demande traditionnelle en juin de gastronomes pour des harengs crus (maatjes).

Il a également été décidé d'appliquer une interdiction totale de la pêche de hareng à l'Ouest de l'Ecosse, afin d'empêcher un "détournement" de l'activité de pêche en mer du Nord vers la zone écossaise et cela à partir du 1er juin.

En ce qui concerne la situation après le 30 juin, le Conseil décidera lors de la réunion spéciale du 27 juin, qui sera consacrée à un débat approfondi sur la mise en place du régime définitif interne de conservation et de gestion de tous les stocks de poissons dans les eaux communautaires. La plupart des Délégations ont indiqué qu'elles s'opposent à une interdiction totale pendant la période juillet-décembre.

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Amitiés,

  
Manuel SANTARELLI

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NOTE BIO (77) 181 (suite 4) ■■■■ AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE ET A M. LE DIRECTEUR GENERAL DG I  
ET A M. OPITZ DG VIII

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LES DISCUSSIONS DES MINISTRES DE L'AGRICULTURE DE MARDI ONT ■■■■  
ETE MARQUEES PAR LES INTERVENTIONS CONCERNANT UN DISCOURS PRONON-  
CE PAR M. TUGENDHAT LE 2 MAI 1977 DEVANT LE MOUVEMENT EUROPEEN  
A BRUXELLES. LA PLUPART DES MINISTRES SE SENTAIENT ATTAQUES PAR  
LES CRITIQUES FAITES PAR M. TUGENDHAT, DE LA MANIERE DONT LES PRIX  
AGRICILES SONT FIXES, C-A-D PAR LES MINISTRES DE L'AGRICULTURE  
SEULS QUI SUPPORTENT EN PREMIER LIEU LES INTERETS AGRICILES SANS  
Y ASSOCIER LES CONSOMMATEURS ET LES CONTRIBUABLES. A LA FIN DE  
LA REUNION DE MARDI MATIN PLUSIEURS MINISTRES AVAIENT SOUHAITES  
LA PRESENCE DE M. TUGENDHAT LORS D'UN PROCHAIN CONSEIL, MAIS ■■■■  
DEJA LORS DE LA REPRISE MARDI APRES-MIDI LE COMMISSAIRE AU BUDGET  
ETAIT PRESENT POUR S'EXPLIQUER. IL A SOULIGNE NOTAMMENT  
■- QU'IL NE METTAIT AUCUNEMENT EN DOUTE L'INTEGRITE DES MINISTRES  
DE L'AGRICULTURE

■- QU'IL N'AVAIT PAS EU L'INTENTION D'OFFENSER QUI QUE ■■■■■■■■ CE  
SOIT MAIS QU'IL REGRETTAIT QUE CERTAINS MOTS UTILISES EN ANGLAIS  
AURAIENT PU DANS D'AUTRES LANGUES DONNER UNE FAUSSE IMPRESSION

■- QU'IL NE RETIRAIT RIEN DE LA SUSBTANCE DE SON DISCOURS QUI  
N'AVAIT PAS POUR BUT DE METTRE EN CAUSE LA POLITIQUE AGRICOLE  
COMMUNE, MAIS BIEN AU CONTRAIRE DE LA DEFENDRE AUPRES DE TOUS  
LES SECTEURS DE L'OPINION PUBLIQUE EN EN CRITIQUANT CERTAINS  
ASPECTS OU CERTAINES MODALITES DU PROCESSUS DECISIONNEL.

M. TUGENDHAT A REPETE CES POINTS DEVANT LA PRESSE. IL N'A PAS  
COMMENTE LE FAIT QUE M. GUNDELACH, LORS DU CONSEIL, S'ETAIT  
DISSOCIE DES CRITIQUES CONTENUES DANS LE DISCOURS. M. TUGENDHAT  
A EN REVANCHE SOULIGNE ■■■■■■■■ QU'IL AVAIT APPUYE PLEINEMENT  
M. GUNDELACH PENDANT LES NEGOCIATIONS SUR LES PRIX AGRICILES  
77/78 CE QUI FUT CONFIRME PAR M. GUNDELACH QUI A REJETE, DEVANT  
LA PRESSE, TOUTE SPECULATION SUR UN EVENTUEL CONFLIT ENTRE M.  
TUGENDHAT ET LUI-MEME. IL A CEPENDANT RAPPELE QUE LA DECISION SUR  
LES PRIX AGRICILES AVAIT ETE PRISE SUR LA BASE D'UN COMPROMIS DE  
LA COMMISSION ET QUE, PAR CONSEQUENT, IL NE POUVAIT PAS S'ASSOCIER  
AUX REMARQUES CRITIQUES CONTENUES DANS LE DISCOURS DE M. TUGENDHAT.  
POUR LE RESTE LES TRAVAUX DU CONSEIL ONT ETE D'UN CARACTERE ASSEZ  
TECHNIQUE. ■■■■■■■■■■ L'INTERDICTION DES VENTES A BAS PRIX  
A BORD DES BATEAUX DES PRODUITS AGRICILES A ETE BLOQUEE PAR LA  
DELEGATION ALLEMANDE. CELLE-CI A DEMANDE QUE LE PROBLEME SOIT  
DISCUTE D'UNE MANIERE GLOBALE EN Y INCLUANT LE PROBLEME DES  
TAX-FREE SHOPS. LE STOCKAGE DES PRODUITS D'INTERVENTION ■ DANS  
LES ZONES FRONTALIERES DES PAYS TIERS LIMITROPHES A LA COMMUNAUTE  
A ■■■■ ETE APPROUVE (SEULEMENT DANS DES CONDITIONS EXCEPTIONNELLES  
ET APRES AUTORISATION COMMUNAUTAIRE PREALABLE).  
LES QUESTIONS AGRI-MONETAIRES (■■■■■■■■ MONTANTS COMPENSATOIRES  
MONETAIRES : PRE-FIXATION ET REVISION DU CALCUL) ONT ■■■■ ETE  
RENOVEES AUX EXPERTS CE QUI FUT AUSSI LE CAS DU DOSSIER VITIS-

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M. GUNDELACH A CEPENDANT SOULIGNE L'URGENCE D'UNE SOLUTION STRUCTURELLE AU PROBLEME VITICOLE ET IL A ANNONCE DE NOUVELLES PROPOSITIONS A CETTE FIN POUR LE MOIS DE JUILLET. LA LIBERALISATION DU COMMERCE INTRA-COMMUNAUTAIRE POUR LES TAUREAUX DE RACE PURE A ETE ADOPTEE.

PROCHAIN CONSEIL AGRICOLE LES 20 ET 21 JUIN A LUXEMBOURG. LES MINISTRES SE VERRONT CEPENDANT LA SEMAINE PROCHAINE A LONDRES OU ILS SE RENDRONT SUR INVITATION DE LA PRESIDENCE ANGLAISE DU CONSEIL POUR UNE REUNION INFORMELLE QUI SE TIENDRA PROBABLEMENT LE 24 MAI. LE COMITE SPECIAL AGRICULTURE SE REUNIT A LONDRES DU 23 AU 25 MAI.

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