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Luxembourg, 21 June 1977

President:

Dr David OWEN

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs
of the United Kingdom

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Mr Henri SIMONET Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr K.B. ANDERSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Jens CHRISTENSEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Peter HERMES State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign
Affairs

France:

Mr Pierre-Chr. TAITTINGER State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Garret FITZGERALD Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Commission:

Mr Roy JENKINS

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Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI

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Member

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FISHERIES : EXTERNAL ASPECTS

On the basis of a report by Mr GUNDELACH, Vice-President of the Commission, the Council took stock of problems regarding, firstly, the negotiations under way with a number of non-member countries for the conclusion of framework agreements and, secondly the establishment of autonomous Community fisheries arrangements to apply to the vessels of certain third countries as from 1 July 1977. It also agreed to extend by three months the current system for granting fishing licences to the vessels of certain third countries.

In the light of the groundlines evolved during the current meeting the Council directed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining these matters with an eye to the Council meeting scheduled for 27 June.

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NUCLEAR QUESTIONS

The Council held a general discussion on certain questions arising for the Community in the nuclear sector, taking into account the political factors involved and the increasing importance of nuclear questions for the external relations of the Community and the Member States, and bearing in mind that the Community, unlike certain industrialized countries, does not have any other energy resources of its own.

The discussions, which were aimed at evolving guidelines which would facilitate the future work of the Commission and the Permanent Representatives Committee, centred mainly on the following problems:

- the Community and the international nuclear environment;
- Euratom - Canada relations;
- Euratom - IAEA relations.

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COUNCIL STATEMENT ON UGANDA

The Council deplores the consistent denial of basic human rights to the people of Uganda.

The Council agrees to take steps within the framework of its relationship with Uganda under the Lomé Convention to ensure that any assistance given by the Community to Uganda does not in any way have as its effect a reinforcement or prolongation of the denial of basic human rights to its people.

MEDITERRANEAN POLICY

Having been apprised of progress made in discussions at Permanent Representatives Committee level on the "stocktaking of the Mediterranean policy", the Council took note of the statements reiterating certain delegations' misgivings on this point. It was also informed by the Commission of the timetable which the latter intends to follow for submitting concrete and detailed proposals to the Council to supplement its preliminary communication on Mediterranean agricultural problems.

The Council further took note of the Commission's intention of supplementing its initial analysis of the effects of the Mediterranean policy on agriculture with an analysis of its implications for the regional, social and industrial sectors and of submitting its findings in the autumn.

In addition, the Council signified its agreement to the content of a statement to Greece on the agricultural section of the accession negotiations at present under way.

Finally, the Council noted that the Commission hoped to round off the ongoing negotiations with Spain, Malta and Cyprus by the end of the current month.

RELATIONS WITH THE CMEA

Having completed its study of the letter sent on 18 April to the President of the Council by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the CMEA, the Council today agreed on the terms of the Community's reply. This reply will be conveyed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the CMEA in the course of the next few days.

RELATIONS WITH THE ASEAN COUNTRIES

The Council considered the possibility of strengthening the links between the Community and the ASEAN group of countries.

The Council felt that such a strengthening of ties would be very welcome and could be sought by means of a dialogue between the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Commission on the one hand, and the five ASEAN Ambassadors on the other. Such a dialogue would make it possible to hold exchanges of views within the Council on subjects of mutual interest.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in the ACP States (1977/1978).

For the period from 1 July 1977 to 30 June 1978, the Community tariff quota is 173,009 hectolitres of pure alcohol, allocated as follows:

	(in hl of pure alcohol)
<u>First tranche:</u> United Kingdom	126,030
<u>Second tranche:</u> Other Member States	46,979
Benelux	5,926
Denmark	4,000
Germany	24,000
France	11,395
Ireland	1,000
Italy	658

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The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in the overseas countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community (1977/1978).

For the period from 1 July 1977 to 30 June 1978, the Community tariff quota is 71,571 hectolitres of pure alcohol allocated among the Member States as follows:

	(in hectolitres of pure alcohol)
Benelux	4,151
Denemark	164
Germany	67,132
France	8
Ireland	8
Italy	8
United Kingdom	100

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Relations with the Mediterranean countries

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

- a Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of agreements extending the period of application of the interim agreements between the European Economic Community and the Maghreb countries;

- Regulations
 - = derogating, for 1977 and 1978, from certain provisions concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" contained in the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco and the Agreement on Co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco;
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 in respect of the period of suspension of the application of the condition on prices governing the importation in the Community of fresh lemons originating in certain Mediterranean countries;
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 471/76 suspending application of the condition on prices governing the importation in the Community of fresh lemons originating in various Mediterranean countries;
 - = opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines having a registered designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Algeria (1977/1978).

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Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on

- certain industrial products;
- a number of agricultural products.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages, of the Communities, the Regulation extending the validity of Regulation (EEC) No 1267/69 laying down special provisions applicable to imports into the Community from Greece of goods coming under Regulation (EEC) No 1059/69 (processed agricultural products).

The Council decided to authorize the Commission to embark upon negotiations for renewing the Multifibre Arrangement within the limits of directives which it adopted to that end.

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The Council established draft rectifying and supplementary budget No 1/77.

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The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with the non-member states bordering the Baltic Sea with a view to the accession of the European Economic Community to the Helsinki Convention of 22 March 1974 on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area.

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NOTE BIO (77) 228 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, AU DIRECTEUR GENERAL DG I ET M. OPITZ
DG VIII

■ PREPARATION DU CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES DU 21 JUIN A LUXEMBOURG

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LE CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU MARDI 21 JUIN SE DEROUlera SUIVANT
LA PROCEDURE PREVUE A LEEDS CASTLE, C'EST A DIRE EN SUPER RESTREINTE
(UN MINISTRE , UN REPRESENTANT PERMANENT, UN HAUT FONCTIONNAIRE).
CETTE PROCEDURE N'ENGAGE TOUTEFOIS PAS LA PRESIDENCE BELGE QUI
DEBUTE LE 1ER JUILLET PROCHAIN.

1.- PREPARATION DU CONSEIL EUROPEEN

■ LA COMMISSION APPORTERA TROIS CONTRIBUTIONS AU CONSEIL EUROPEEN
A SAVOIR UNE PROPOSITION EN MATIERE D'EMPRUNTS COMMUNAUTAIRES
(VOIR BIO 219, 211, 222,), UNE PROPOSITION SUR LA FORMATION ET
L'EMPLOI DES JEUNES AINSI QU'UN DOCUMENT SUR LA SITUATION
ECONOMIQUE DE LA COMMUNAUTE. IL FAUT S'ATTENDRE EN EFFET A CE QUE
LE CONSEIL EUROPEEN DISCUTE LONGUEMENT DE CE POINT, EN PARTICULIER
DU PROBLEME DU CHOMAGE.

LES AUTRES POINTS QUE LE CONSEIL EUROPEEN POURRAIT ABORDER SONT :

- POINT DE LA SITUATION APRES LA CONFERENCE NORD/SUD,
- DISCUSSION SUR L'ELARGISSEMENT,
- AMELIORATION DES PROCEDURES DE TRAVAIL DU CONSEIL EUROPEEN,
- DISCUSSION SUR LES RELATIONS EST/OUEST,
- PROBLEMES DU MOYEN ORIENT ET DE L'AFRIQUE.

LA COMMISSION, DE SON COTE VOUDRAIT VOIR FIGURER A L'ORDRE DU JOUR
DU CONSEIL EUROPEEN LE PROBLEME DU J.E.T.

2.- PROBLEMES DE LA PECHE - VOLET EXTERIEUR

■ IL NE FAUT PAS S'ATTENDRE A UNE PRISE DE DECISIONS; ■ IL S'AGIT
D'UN DEBAT D'ORIENTATION DESTINE A FACILITER LES DECISIONS DU
CONSEIL AGRICOLE DU 27 JUIN PROCHAIN. CE DEBAT PORTERA SUR TROIS
POINTS :

- MISE EN PLACE DU REGIME DEFINITIF DES LICENCES COMMUNAUTAIRES A
DONNER AUX PAYS TIERS A PARTIR DU 1ER JUILLET PROCHAIN,
- APPLICATION DU REGIME AUTONOME QUI EXPIRE, POUR CERTAINS PAYS LE
30 JUIN ET RENOUELEMENT JUSQU'EN SEPTEMBRE AVEC CERTAINES
ADAPTATIONS TECHNIQUES,
- RAPPORT DU VICE-PRESIDENT GUNDELACH SUR SON VOYAGE EN ISLANDE.

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3.- POLITIQUE MEDITERRANEENNE

DEUX POINTS SONT PREVUS /

- BILAN DE LA POLITIQUE MEDITERRANEENNE,
- NEGOCIATIONS AVEC LA GRECE.

AD. 1 : JE VOUS RAPPELLE QU'À LA SUITE D'UNE DEMANDE DU CONSEIL, LA COMMISSION AVAIT DEPOSE LE 4 AVRIL UN BILAN SUR LES PROBLEMES DE LA POLITIQUE AGRICOLE DANS LES REGIONS MEDITERRANEEENNES. PLUSIEURS DEBATS SUR CE DOCUMENT ONT EU LIEU AU SEIN DU CONSEIL QUI A DEMANDE A LA COMMISSION DE FAIRE DES PROPOSITIONS CONCRETES, DE PREPARER UNE VISION GLOBALE DE LA POLITIQUE MEDITERRANEEENNE ET NE PAS S'ARRETER SEULEMENT AU VOLET AGRICOLE.

LA PRESIDENCE BELGE SOUHAITERAIT AVOIR UN DEBAT ASSEZ POUSSE POUR FIN JUILLET; LA COMMISSION FERA EN SORTE DE PRESENTER DES INDICATIONS SUR UNE VUE D'ENSEMBLE.

POUR CE QUI EST DU VOLET AGRICOLE, IL Y A ACTUELLEMENT DES DIFFICULTES DANS LES NEGOCIATIONS AVEC LA GRECE, COMPTE TENU DE L'IMBRICATION DU VOLET AGRICOLE ET DU PROBLEME GENERAL.

4.- DEBAT D'ORIENTATION SUR LES QUESTIONS NUCLEAIRES

CE DEBAT PORTERA SUR TROIS POINTS :

- ETUDES SUR L'EVALUATION INTERNATIONALE DU CYCLE COMBUSTIBLE NUCLEAIRE. LA COMMUNAUTE EN TANT QUE TELLE DOIT Y PARTICIPER A UN MOMENT DONNE, EN RAISON DES ASPECTS APPROVISIONNEMENT ET SECURITE OU LA COMMUNAUTE A UN ROLE A JOUER.
- TOUR DE TABLE SUR LE RENOUVELLEMENT DES ACCORDS EURATOM/CANADA.
- MISE EN PLACE DE L'ACCORD EURATOM/AGENCE DE VIENNE.

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OBJET: CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES

LE CONSEIL A COMMENCE PAR PREPARER LES TRAVAUX DU CONSEIL EUROPEEN
DES 29 ET 30 JUIN, EN CONFIRMANT QUE LES THEMES SUIVANTS SERONT
TRAITES:

- SITUATION ECONOMIQUE: LA PRESIDENCE REDIGERA UN PROJET DE DECLARATION EN TENANT COMPTE DES DOCUMENTS PREPARES PAR LA COMMISSION AINSI QUE DES RESULTATS DU CONSEIL SOCIAL ET DE LA CONFERENCE TRIPARTITE.
- ELARGISSEMENT.
- RELATIONS EST-OUEST: D I S : LE CONSEIL A EVOQUE LA PARTICIPATION COMMUNAUTAIRE A LA CONFERENCE DE BELGRADE. IL A ETE CONVENU QUE SI LES MODALITES PRATIQUES DE CETTE PARTICIPATION RESTERONT INCHANGEES POUR LE MOMENT PAR RAPPORT A HELSINKI, LA PRESIDENCE NE MANQUERA PAS DE FAIRE ETAT DANS SES INTERVENTIONS TANT ORALES QU'ECRITES, DE FAIRE ETAT DE LEUR CARACTERE COMMUNAUTAIRE. FIN D I S.
- SUITE DU SOMMET DE DOWNING STREET.
- SUITE DU DIALOGUE NORD-SUD APRES LA CONFERENCE DE PARIS.
- NON-PROLIFERATION.

D I S LE CONSEIL EUROPEEN DISCUTERA EGALEMENT DU MOYEN ORIENT AINSI QUE DU SITE DU JET, CE DERNIER POINT DEVANT ETRE TRAITÉ EN MARGE DU CONSEIL EUROPEEN PROPREMENT DIT. FIN D I S .

LE CONSEIL A EGALEMENT APPROUVE LA LETTRE DU PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL EN REPONSE A CELLE DU CHANCELIER KREISKY A LA SUITE DU SOMMET DES PAYS DE L'AELE A VIENNE EN MAI DERNIER.

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CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES

1. POLITIQUE DE LA PECHE, VOLET EXTERIEUR

LE CONSEIL A DECIDE QUE L'OCTROI DE LICENCES DE PECHE AUX PAYS TIERS
SERA ASSURE POUR UNE PERIODE DE TROIS MOIS A PARTIR DU 1 JUILLET
1977, PAR LA PRESENCE BELGE POUR LE COMPTE DE LA COMMUNAUTE. LE
COREPER A ETE CHARGE DE METTRE AU POINT LES DECISIONS NECESSAIRES
POUR LA PROLONGATION DES MESURES AUTONOMES EN FAVEUR DES PAYS TIERS,
COMPTE TENU DES ADAPTATIONS TECHNIQUES.

2. MEDITERRANEE

LA DELEGATION FRANCAISE A CONFIRME QUE LES NEGOCIATIONS AVEC LA
GRECE DOIVENT SE POURSUIVRE, ET A LEVE SA RESERVE SUR LA COMMUNI-
CATION DE LA COMMUNAUTE CONCERNANT L'AGRICULTURE. LE PRESIDENT
JENKINS DE SON COTE A CONFIRME QUE LES PROBLEMES DE LA MEDITERRANEE
NE SE LIMITENT PAS A LA SEULE AGRICULTURE, QUE LA COMMISSION COMPTE
SOUMETTRE, AVANT LA FIN DE L'ANNEE, AU CONSEIL DES SUGGESTIONS
CONCERNANT LES PROBLEMES REGIONAUX, SOCIAUX ET INDUSTRIELS.

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3.
PROBLEMES NUCLEAIRES

LA COMMISSION POURSUIVRA SES NEGOCIATIONS AVEC LE CANADA AINSI QU'AVEC L'AIEA DE VIENNE. L'ETUDE INTERNATIONALE SUR L'EVALUATION DU CYCLE DU COMBUSTIBLE NUCLEAIRE A ETE RENVOYE AU COREPER AVEC UNE ORIENTATION POSITIVE.

4.
COUNCIL STATEMENT ON UGANDA

" THE COUNCIL DEPLORES THE CONSISTENT DENIAL OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA. THE COUNCIL AGREES TO TAKE STEPS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH UGANDA UNDER THE LOME CONVENTION TO ENSURE THAT ANY ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE COMMUNITY TO UGANDA DOES NOT IN ANY WAY HAVE AS ITS EFFECTS A REINFORCEMENT OR PROLONGATION OF THE DENIAL OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS TO ITS PEOPLE."

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LE CONSEIL A APPROUVE LA REPONSE DE LA COMMUNAUTE A LA LETTRE DU PRESIDENT DU COMITE EXECUTIF DU CAEM EN DATE DU 18 AVRIL. DIS: LA COMMUNAUTE ACCEPTE LA PROPOSITION D'UNE RENCONTRE ENTRE LES DEUX ORGANISATIONS POUR DISCUTER DE L'OUVERTURE DES NEGOCIATIONS, ETANT ENTENDU QUE LA COMMUNAUTE SERA REPRESENTEE PAR LE PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL DE LA COMMISSION. LES NEGOCIATIONS EVENTUELLES SERAIENT MENEES PAR LA SEULE COMMISSION AU NOM DE LA COMMUNAUTE.

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6.
ARRANGEMENT MULTIFIBRES

LE CONSEIL A ADOPTE EN POINT A LES DIRECTIVES DE NEGOCIATION POUR LA COMMISSION EN VUE DE RENOUVELLEMENT DE L' AMF.

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