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GENERAL SECRETARIAT



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- Fisheries -

Brussels, 3 December 1979

President: Mr Brian LENIHAN,  
Minister for Fisheries  
of Ireland



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

Belgium:

Mr Albert LAVENS                      Minister for Agriculture and  
Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Poul DALSGER                      Minister for Fisheries  
Mr Jørgen HERTOFT                    State Secretary,  
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR                    State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Food,  
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Joël LE THEULE                      Minister for Transport

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN                      Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Franco EVANGELISTI                    Minister for Shipping

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHÓ                        Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr A.P.J.M.M. van der STEE      Minister for Agriculture and  
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER      Minister for Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH      Minister of State,  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Finn Olav GUNDELACH      Vice-President

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FISHERIES POLICY

After a detailed discussion on questions relating to the formulation of the common fisheries policy, the Council agreed on the following decision, under the Treaties, concerning fishery activities in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Member States, taken on a temporary basis pending the adoption of permanent Community measures.

"The Council intends to reach an agreement as early as possible in 1980 on Community measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources and related matters. Pending its decision in the matter and in view both of Article 102 of the Act of Accession and of the need to protect the biological resources and to maintain suitable relations with third countries in fisheries matters, the Council decides on the following interim measures which will apply from 1 January 1980 until the Council has reached a definitive agreement or until 31 March 1980, whichever is the earlier.

1. The Council agrees that Member States will conduct their fishing activities in such a way as to take into account the total allowable catches (TACs) submitted by the Commission to the Council in its communication of 21 November 1979 with Addendum and Corrigendum of 30 November 1979 and the part of the TACs made available to third countries under agreements or arrangements made with them by the Community. The catches taken in the interim period will be offset against the allocations eventually decided upon by the Council for 1980.

The Council further agrees that by 31 January 1980 it will adopt definitive TACs for 1980 on the basis of proposals from the Commission resulting from its communication of 21 November 1979 with Addendum and Corrigendum of 30 November 1979 and from further consideration of relevant scientific, economic and social factors.

2. As regards technical measures for the conservation and surveillance of fishery resources, Member States will apply the same measures as they applied on 3 November 1976, and other measures taken in accordance with the procedures and criteria of Annex VI to the Council Resolution of 3 November 1976.

The Council, bearing in mind the need for a regular flow of information about catches of stocks or groups of stocks for which a TAC has been fixed, agrees to implement with effect from 1 January 1980 a common system of recording and of notification of catches as they relate to the TAC's, in accordance with Articles 3, 7, 8, 9 and 11 of the Commission proposal of 13 October 1977 to the Council on control measures, as subsequently amended on 16 January 1978 and 13 November 1978; it accordingly invites the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the draft Regulation in order that a decision may be taken before 31 January 1980."

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After discussing fisheries relations with third countries, the Council agreed to the conclusion of the fisheries Agreement with Canada valid for the year in progress, and noted that in the next few days further negotiations would begin in Ottawa for an Agreement with Canada to follow on from the present one.

The Council also agreed to extend the arrangements applicable to Spanish fishermen in 1979 for the month of January 1980, as a special measure, pending a final arrangement to apply throughout 1980.

In addition, the Council agreed on the opening of negotiations on fisheries with the Republic of Seychelles and Mauritius and approved the relevant negotiating directives.

In conclusion, the Council agreed in principle on the Decision concerning the maintenance until 31 December 1979 of certain fishing rights of Community fishermen in the territorial waters of Yugoslavia, and invited the Commission to open talks with the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in order to ensure continuity in the fishing activities of the Italian fleet in the waters in question from 1 January 1980.



GREEN RATE OF THE DANISH KRONE

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending, with respect to the Danish krone, Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture.

The new representative rate is fixed at 0.129477 ECU with effect from 1 January 1980 in the fisheries sector and from 5 December 1979 in all other cases.

This Regulation entails adjusting the green rate of the Danish krone in order to avoid the introduction of monetary compensatory amounts, following the recent change in the central rate of the Danish krone within the European Monetary System.



OTHER DECISIONS

Customs Union

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

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain handwoven fabrics, pile and chenille, falling within headings ex 50.09, ex 55.07, ex 55.09 and ex 58.04 of the Common Customs Tariff;
- on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for certain handmade products.

Trade policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision opening a quota for imports into Italy of 6,000 tractor transmissions falling within heading ex 87.06 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Romania.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, under Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty, with regard to the implementation of a series of 17 social research projects in ergonomics.

The Council also gave its assent, under Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty, to the financing of:

- the construction of a 1,980 Megawatt coal-fired power station at Drax (North Yorkshire) by the Central Electricity Generating Board, London;
- an investment for installation of a new seamless tube rolling mill by Dalmine SPA, Milan;
- the construction of a roasting and refining plant for molybdenum oxide in Rotterdam by the company Climax Molybdenum BV.

In addition, the Council gave its assent, under Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty, with regard to:

- Française de Mécanique, France
- Société Lorraine de développement et d'expansion, France
- Daniel Doncaster Sons Ltd., United Kingdom.

Appointment

On a proposal from the Irish Government, the Council appointed Mr John R. MAHER, Principal Officer, Department of Labour, a member of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training in replacement of Mr John KEANE, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 15 October 1980.

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NOTE BIO (79) 401 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
C.C.AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A M. BURGHARDT, DG I,  
ET A M. LECOMTE, DG VIII

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CONSEIL PECHE : PREPARATION (KLAUS VAN DER PAS)

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LES MINISTRES DE LA PECHE SE REUNIRONT LUNDI A 15 HEURES POUR  
REPRENDRE LEUR DISCUSSION SUR L'ORGANISATION COMMUNE DE LA  
PECHE. LORS DE LEUR DERNIERE RENCONTRE A LUXEMBOURG, LE 29.10,  
ILS AVAIENT DONNE MANDAT A UN GROUPE D'EXPERTS D'ETUDIER LES  
TAUX DE CAPTURES AUTORISEES EN 1980 A LA LUMIERE DE CRITERES  
SCIENTIFIQUES ET SOCIO-ECONOMIQUES. LA COMMISSION A PROPOSE DES  
TAUX DE CAPTURES PLUS OU MOINS STABLES PAR RAPPORT A CEUX DE  
L'ANNEE EN COURS AVEC, CEPENDANT, CERTAINES REDUCTIONS POUR DES  
ESPECES COMME LE CABILLAUD, L'EGLEFIN, LA SOLE, LE MAQUEREAU  
ET LE HARENG. LA COMMISSION PROPOSE DE MAINTENIR L'INTERDICTION  
DE LA PECHE AU HARENG DANS LA MER DU NORD, DANS LA MANCHE ET  
DANS LES ZONES AU NORD DE L'IRLANDE. ELLE PROPOSE EGALEMENT,  
POUR LE MAQUEREAU, UNE INTERDICTION DE PECHE DANS LA MER DU  
NORD ET DANS LA MER BALTIQUE.

EN COMPLEMENT A CES PROPOSITIONS POUR LES TAUX DE CAPTURES AU-  
TORISEES, LA COMMISSION PREVOIT DES MESURES SUPPLEMENTAIRES DE  
CONSERVATION TELLES QUE L'AUGMENTATION DE LA TAILLE MINIMUM  
POUR LE MAQUEREAU, L'INTERDICTION DES CAPTURES ACCESSOIRES DE  
HARENG DANS LA MER CELTIQUE, L'ELARGISSEMENT DES MAILLAGES AU-  
TORISES POUR CERTAINES ESPECES, L'INTERDICTION D'UTILISER CER-  
TAINS MOYENS DE CAPTURES, ETC. TOUTES CES PROPOSITIONS SONT  
BASEES SUR LA CONVICTION QU'A LA COMMISSION QUE, MEME EN TENANT  
COMPTE DES ASPECTS SOCIO-ECONOMIQUES, IL FAUDRA OBSERVER LA PLUS  
GRANDE PRUDENCE SI LA COMMUNAUTE NE VEUT PAS EPUISER SES RES-  
SOURCES DE PECHE DEJA SUREXPLOITEES. DANS LES DISCUSSIONS AU  
SEIN DU GROUPE D'EXPERTS, PLUSIEURS DELEGATIONS ONT CEPENDANT  
DEMANDE QUE L'ON CHERCHE UN COMPROMIS ENTRE LES IMPERATIFS DE  
CONSERVATION ET LA CONTINUATION D'UNE CERTAINE ACTIVITE DE  
PECHE EN VUE DE MAINTENIR L'EMPLOI ET LES REVENUS DANS LE SEC-  
TEUR DE LA PECHE.

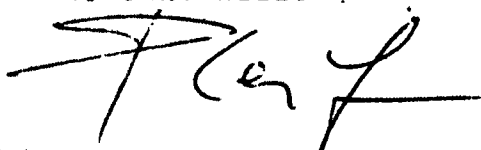
LA COMMISSION N'A PAS ENCORE FAIT DE PROPOSITIONS POUR LA DIS-  
TRIBUTION DES TAUX DE CAPTURES AUTORISEES (ETABLIS POUR TOUTE  
LA COMMUNAUTE) ENTRE LES ETATS-MEMBRES. CES PROPOSITIONS SERONT  
EVENTUELLEMENT FAITES A LA LUMIERE DES DISCUSSIONS.

OUTRE LES ASPECTS INTERNES, LE CONSEIL REPARLERA A NOUVEAU DE  
TOUTE UNE SERIE D'ACCORDS AVEC DES PAYS TIERS. LA COMMISSION A  
NEGOCIE AVEC CES PAYS L'OCTROI MUTUEL DE DROITS DE PECHE MAIS  
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LA RATIFICATION DE CES ACCORDS S'EST TOUJOURS HEURTEE A UNE RESERVE BRITANNIQUE LIANT LE VOLET EXTERNE A UN ACCORD SUR LE REGIME INTERNE.

SI LE CONSEIL NE PEUT PRENDRE DE DECISION FINALE - ET IL NE SEMBLE PAS REALISTE DE S'Y ATTENDRE - IL DEVRA OBTENIR UN ACCORD SUR UNE PROLONGATION DU GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT LIANT LES ETATS MEMBRES A UNE CERTAINE DISCIPLINE DE PECHE. CET ACCORD SE REFERE AUX TAUX DE CAPTURES PROPOSES PAR LA COMMISSION POUR L'ANNEE EN COURS MAIS IL PARAIT QUE LE CONTROLE DES ACTIVITES DE PECHE EFFECTIVES EST TRES DIFFICILE DE SORTE QU'IL N'Y A AUCUNE CERTITUDE QUANT AU RESPECT DES TAUX DE CAPTURES AUTORISEES. CECI POURRAIT ETRE UNE RAISON POUR CERTAINS ETATS MEMBRES DE S'OPPOSER A UNE PROLONGATION PURE ET SIMPLE DU GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT. LA COMMISSION A, POUR SA PART, TOUJOURS INSISTE POUR QUE CET ACCORD SOIT COMPLETE PAR UNE OBLIGATION DE NOTIFICATION DES CAPTURES EFFECTUEES.

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AMITIES,  
M. CERF COMEUR, 13.00  
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CONSEIL PECHE (KLAUS VAN DER PAS)

LE POINT LE PLUS REMARQUE AU CONSEIL PECHE A ETE L'ASSOUPLISSEMENT DE LA POSITION BRITANNIQUE. IL SEMBLE EN EFFET QUE LA GRANDE-BRETAGNE NE VEUILLE PLUS ETABLIR UN LIEN AUSSI FERME ENTRE LA CONCLUSION D'ACCORDS AVEC LES PAYS TIERS ET L'ACCORD SUR LE REGIME INTERNE. LE MINISTRE BRITANNIQUE, M. WALKER, A LEVE SA RESERVE POUR RATIFIER UN ACCORD AVEC LE CANADA ET IL NE S'EST PAS OPPOSE A UN MANDAT PERMETTANT A LA COMMISSION DE NEGOCIER AVEC LES SEYCHELLES, L'ILE MAURICE ET LA YOUGOSLAVIE. EN CE QUI CONCERNE PLUSIEURS AUTRES ACCORDS DEJA NEGOCIES PAR LA COMMISSION AVEC LA SUEDE, LA NORVEGE, LES ILES FEROE, LE SENEGAL ET LA FINLANDE, MAIS QUI RESTENT A RATIFIER PAR LE CONSEIL, LE ROYAUME-UNI A INDIQUE QU'IL VOULAIT REVOIR SA POSITION.

EN CE QUI CONCERNE LE REGIME INTERNE, LE CONSEIL N'A PAS FAIT DE PROGRES VERS L'ADOPTION DE TAUX DE CAPTURE AUTORISES, DE MESURES TECHNIQUES DE CONSERVATION OU ENCORE DE QUOTAS DE PECHE QUE LA COMMISSION N'A D'AILLEURS PAS ENCORE PROPOSES. LES MINISTRES SE SONT CEPENDANT MIS D'ACCORD POUR ADOPTER AVANT LE 31 JANVIER 1980 LES TAUX DE CAPTURES AUTORISES POUR 1980. ILS ONT EGALEMENT ACCEPTE LA NECESSITE D'UN SYSTEME OBLIGATOIRE DE NOTIFICATION DES CAPTURES. LA DELEGATION BRITANNIQUE A CEPENDANT INSISTE POUR QU'UNE DECISION SOIT PRISE SUR CETTE QUESTION EN MEME TEMPS QUE LA FIXATION DES TAUX DE CAPTURES AUTORISES POUR 1980. LA DECISION DE PRINCIPE SUR LA NOTIFICATION EST UN PROGRES NON NEGLIGEABLE. EN L'ABSENCE D'UNE TELLE OBLIGATION, LES TAUX DE CAPTURE AUTORISES POUR L'ANNEE EN COURS ONT, SELON TOUTE VRAISEMBLANCE, ETE LARGEMENT DEPASSES. LE GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT LIANT LES ETATS MEMBRES A UNE CERTAINE DISCIPLINE DE CAPTURES ET NOTAMMENT AU RESPECT DES TAUX DE CAPTURES AUTORISES, A ETE PROLONGE PAR LE CONSEIL JUSQU'AU 31 MARS 1980.

LE CONSEIL PECHE A ADOPTE, EN POINT A, LA DEVALUATION DE LA COURONNE VERTE QUI ENTRERA EN VIGUEUR LE 5 DECEMBRE, COMME PROPOSE PAR LA COMMISSION, (VOIR NOTE BIO (79) 403 DU 30.11.79).

LE PROCHAIN CONSEIL PECHE SE TIENDRA LE 28 JANVIER 1980.

AMITIES,  
M. SANTARELLI COMEUR, 10.00  
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