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**U.S. PETROLEUM IMPORT BENEFIT
PROGRAM DRAWS CONCERN**

The European Community's Commission received information about the United States' decision for a program of granting benefits for U.S. imports of certain refined petroleum products. According to the information, which was incomplete and unofficial, the benefit amounts to \$5 per barrel. It would retroactively begin on May 1 and would continue until August 31.

Mr. Brunner today informed Ambassador Dean Hinton, the United States' ambassador to the institutions of the European Communities in Brussels, that this decision was viewed with grave concern. It would cause high pressures on the European market and contribute to a further rise in international and domestic prices.

The Commission is surprised that there was no prior notification or consultation on the American decision and that it was made just after the meetings in Paris of the International Energy Agency, which discussed the necessity for more international concertation and cooperation. The Commission considers it a step in the wrong direction. It will transfer the problems of the United States market to the other markets of the world.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -- JUNE, 1979

(All events are located in Luxembourg unless otherwise noted)

June	7	European Elections Day in the United Kingdom, Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands
June	10	European Elections Day in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg
June	12	Cooperation Council EEC/Morocco
June	12	Foreign Affairs Council
June	18	Council on Energy
June	18	Economic and Financial Affairs Council
June	18-19	Council on Agriculture
June	19	Council on the Environment
June	21-22	European Council (Strasbourg)
June	25 <u>or</u> 6	Council on Transport
June	26	Council on Research
June	27	Council on Development
June	28-29	World Economic Summit (Tokyo)