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RENEWAL OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

After consulting the Commission, the Council has appointed the members of the Economic and Social Committee for the period 19 September 1978 to 18 September 1982 ⁽¹⁾.

The Committee is the main forum in which economic and social groups in the Community can take part in the process of forming opinion and decision-taking.

In appointing the members the Council took account of the need to ensure adequate representation of the various categories of economic and social activity.

The Council availed itself of the opportunity of the renewal of the Committee to emphasize that it attaches great importance to the opinions of the Committee, both those delivered in the course of consultation by the Council as provided for in the Treaty and those delivered on the Committee's own initiative.

Over the next four years the Committee will have many important new issues to discuss, such as progress towards economic and monetary union and the enlargement of the Community.

The Council has no doubt that the Committee's range of knowledge of all these matters will continue, as in the past, to be of great value to it in its work.

⁽¹⁾ An alphabetical list is attached.

RELATIONS WITH CHINA

The Council recorded its agreement on the special Regulation concerning the common system applicable to imports from the People's Republic of China, a system which hitherto has been governed by the provisions of the general Regulation applicable to state-trading countries.

The special purpose of this Regulation is to ensure the accomplishment of the objectives of the trade agreement between the Community and the People's Republic of China, signed in Brussels on 3 April 1978, in particular those of Article 4, which provides for the progressive extension of the list of products, the import of which from China is liberalized. The Regulation provides for the liberalization of a score or so of additional products in relations with the People's Republic of China.

This Regulation will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Official Journal.

GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Council heard a report by the Commission on the progress of the GATT trade negotiations and the steps taken to conclude them by mid-December in accordance with the Bonn Summit Declaration..

In this context, the Council held a detailed exchange of views on the possibility of the provisions of the American law temporarily authorizing the United States Administration to place a waiver on the imposition of countervailing duties, which is to expire on 3 January 1979 might not be extended by the United States Congress.

The Council expressed gravest concern at the situation which would arise in that event and in particular gave its entire support to the Commission's view that it would not be realistic to conceive of a possible conclusion to the negotiations without an assurance that the waiver regarding compensatory duties would be extended. The Council also confirmed the importance, in the context of a balanced overall outcome to the negotiations, of the GATT rules being applied in a uniform manner by all partners, a point which the Bonn Summit Declaration deemed to be vital.

RELATIONS WITH ASEAN

After expressing its satisfaction at the results of the ambassador-level meeting with the ASEAN, the Council took the work of the Permanent Representatives Committee as a basis to begin preparing the Community position for the ministerial meeting to be held with these countries in Brussels on 20 and 21 November 1978.

The Council will resume this preparatory work at its forthcoming October meeting.

RELATIONS WITH THE CMEA

The Council heard a report by the Commission on the outcome of the meeting of experts held in Brussels from 25 to 28 July 1978.

Arrangements had been made beforehand for this meeting to be followed by another meeting at a higher level before the end of October. The Commission informed the Council that it had sent an invitation to that effect to the Executive Secretary of the CMEA proposing the dates 12 and 13 October 1978 in Brussels.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY

The Council agreed in principle to the extension for two months of the deposit system in the iron and steel industry, with certain alterations in the detailed implementing rules which will be finalized very shortly and confirmed by the Council in an appropriate manner.

The Council also discussed some external aspects of the crisis measures, going on to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the comprehensive report on the operation of the Agreements with third countries which is to be submitted by the Commission in the next few days.

TRANSFER TO THE ECSC

Following its decision in principle in December 1977, the Council discussed details of the transfer by the Member States to the ECSC of 32 MEUA of additional revenue for 1978; it then instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to look at this matter again in the light of today's discussions.

RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, EGYPT, JORDAN, LEBANON AND TURKEY:

CITRUS FRUIT

The Council again discussed the tariff arrangements to apply to imports into the Community of certain citrus fruit originating in these countries. After receiving an amended Commission proposal during the meeting, it noted that some delegations required further time for thought before being able to state a firm position.

REGIONAL POLICY

The Council agreed to hold a further meeting with the European Parliament during its next meeting on 17 October as part of the conciliation procedure on the new regional policy provisions.

FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL AID FOR NON-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The present Council meeting embodied a meeting of the Conciliation Committee ⁽¹⁾ with the European Parliament concerning the proposal for a Regulation on financial and technical aid for non-associated developing countries.

After a very detailed exchange of views it was agreed that the Conciliation Committee would meet again.

⁽¹⁾ The European Parliament delegation was composed as follows:
Mr SPENALLE, Vice-President of the European Parliament,
Mr LANGE, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Miss FLESCHE,
Chairman of the Committee on Development Aid, Mr DESCHAMPS,
Mr SHAW and Mr NOLAN.

ANNEXE

Liste alphabétique des membres du Comité économique et social
Alphabetisches Verzeichnis der Mitglieder des Wirtschafts- und
Sozialausschusses

Elenco alfabetico dei membri del Comitato economico e sociale
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VARIOUS DECISIONS

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Community,

- Regulations:

- concluding the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation for the purpose of adjusting tariff specifications;
- suspending the application of an indicative ceiling established by Regulation (EEC) No 702/78 for imports of certain products originating in Portugal;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 265/78 as regards textile products originating in Romania (alteration of the quantitative limit for certain cotton fabrics);
- extending Regulation (EEC) No 2862/77 on levies applicable to imports of certain adult bovine animals and beef from Yugoslavia;

- Decisions:

- authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded by the Member States with non-member countries;
- closing the anti-dumping/anti-subsidy enquiry concerning the import of ferro-chromium originating in the Republic of South Africa and Sweden.

Shipbuilding

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution concerning the reorganization of the shipbuilding industry on which it recorded its agreement in principle at its meeting on 25 July 1978 ⁽¹⁾. The definitive text follows:

"THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

- convinced of the need to maintain within the Community a healthy and competitive shipbuilding industry whose scale of activity should be consistent with the size of the Community's maritime trade and respect its economic, social and strategic importance;
- whereas the level of demand for new vessels from Community shipyards in the early 1980s is likely to be considerably lower than the level reached in 1974 and 1975;
- whereas, while the efforts necessary to adjust the quality and quantity of production capacity are first and foremost the responsibility of the industry itself, it is for public authorities in the Community to provide guidance and stimulus;

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release 964/78 (Presse 103)

1. is of the opinion that the necessary structural adjustments should be made which will lead to the maintenance within the Community of a healthy, competitive industry on a scale of activity consistent with the size of the Community's maritime trade and respecting other essential interests of the Community and its Member States, in particular from a social and strategic point of view; such adjustments must take into account medium and long-term market prospects;
2. urges the industry to continue and suitably intensify its efforts to adapt and restructure production capacity and to diversify its activities;
3. urges the industry to increase its competitiveness by improving management, research and production facilities;
- 4.1. requests the public authorities responsible at local, national and Community level to support and even, if necessary, to guide the industry's efforts referred to above;
- 4.2. requests these public authorities to lay particular stress on the creation of new jobs in conjunction with those progressively lost in the shipbuilding industry and urges them to limit the social consequences for those workers affected by a reduction in the industry's activity;

- 4.3. requests the authorities of the Member States and the Community to take account of all these objectives in their industrial, regional, social and general economic policies and to make available adequate funds for this purpose insofar as budgetary requirements or other financial constraints permit;
5. considers that the Community must continue its efforts to obtain, through international co-operation, adequate solutions which will ensure that the inevitable reduction in world shipbuilding capacity may be achieved in the least damaging and most equitable way possible;
- 6.1. notes that the Commission will have medium and long-term market surveys carried out by suitable organizations and will report to the Council on the outcome of these surveys, at the same time giving its opinion on the necessary structural adaptation of production;
- 6.2. notes that the Commission will submit proposals for the accompanying social measures at the earliest opportunity;
- 6.3. notes that certain measures in the field of shipping policy could be of some importance for the shipbuilding industry; therefore requests the Commission to communicate its opinion as to whether and to what extent certain measures might be likely to improve demand for new ships from Community shipyards so that this aspect may be taken into consideration during the preparation of the shipping policies of the Community and of the Member States;

7. notes that the Commission will prepare half-yearly reports on the state of the shipbuilding industry and on the progress made with its reorganization and will submit appropriate proposals as soon as possible.

Food aid

Following an appeal by the Angolan Government concerning its anti-cholera campaign, the Council recorded its agreement to grant Angola financial aid of 7,500 EUA in order to finance in particular the purchase of vaccines and the dispatch of a health adviser to the scene. This aid will be implemented through the World Health Organization.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- a Decision concerning the activities of certain third countries in the field of maritime transport;
- a Regulation laying down uniform costing principles for railway undertakings.

The Council recorded its agreement to these instruments at its meeting on 12 June 1978 on Transport Questions ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release No 731/78 (Presse 78) of 12 June 1978.

Appointments

On a proposal from the German Government, the Council appointed Mr Klaus GROWITSCH, Deutsche Angestellten-Gewerkschaft, Bundesvorstand, Ressort Sozialpolitik, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Mr E. SCHUPETA, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 10 October 1979.

On a proposal from the Commission, the Council appointed Mr K. FELDENGUTH and Mr J.C. LOOISE as alternate members of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions, to replace Mr BALDUIN and Mr VAN DER MEULEN, alternate members who have resigned, for the remainder of their terms of office, which run until 14 March 1979.

On a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mr Jacques HAINZELIN, Administrateur civil, Chargé de Mission pour les affaires relatives au Fonds social européen, Ministère du Travail et de la Participation, as a full member of the European Social Fund Committee in place of Mr J.P. HUCHON, full member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 16 April 1980.

On a proposal from the German Government, the Council appointed Mrs Anne RENKEN, Deutsche Angestellten-Gewerkschaft, as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers, to take the place of Mr E. SCHUPETA, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 7 February 1979.

Note BIO(78)322 aux Bureaux nationaux
cc aux Membres du Groupe

Objet : Rendez-vous de midi du 18.9.78
Presentation du Conseil affaires generales du 19.9.78

1. Relations exterieures - Negociations commerciales
multilaterales - rapport oral de M Haferkamp sur la preparation
du 'paquet' final. DIS. La question de la prorogation au-dela du 3
janvier 1979 de l'autorite du President de deroger a
l'application de droits compensateurs aux importations
subventionnees sera egalement evoquee. Fin DIS.

- Negociations CEE-CAEM - rapport oral sur la rencontre au
niveau des experts en juillet (voir BIO(78)285 du 28.7)

- Relations CEE-ASEAN - approbation du programme et de
l'ordre du jour de la reunion jointe Conseil - Ministres des
affaires etrangeres des pays de l'ASEAN qui se tiendra a
Bruxelles le 20 novembre (voir BIO(78)258 du 12.7)

- Regime tarifaire a appliquer aux agrumes en provenance de
certains pays mediterraneans (Israel, Egypte, Jordanie, Liban,
Turquie)

- (Event.) Regime d'importation a appliquer a la Chine
(voir BIO(78)288)

2. Problemes siderurgiques

- Transfer par les Etats membres 32 MUC a la CECA

- Bilan de fonctionnement des arrangements avec les pays tiers
(volet externe)

- Systeme de cautionnement (volet interne)

3. Concertation avec le Parlement europeen

- Politique regionale (suite du 24.7)

- Aide financiere aux PVD non associes

Diffusion du materiel suivant :

- Approbation des demandes d'aide au fonds social - 1ere tranche

- P 94

- Aide financiere en faveur d'experiences-pilotes (fiche)

- Pret CECA de 3 millions de FF a la societe 'Forges et
Laminoirs de Bretagne' a Saint-Brieuc - IP(78)179

- Les pouvoirs locaux europeens s'unissent - IP(78)177

Amities,

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Note BIO(78) 324 aux Bureaux Nationaux
cc aux Membres du Groupe

Bruxelles, Le 19 septembre 1978.

Objet : Conseil des Ministres des Affaires etrangeres.

AGRUMES

En aout 77, la Commission avait propose la reduction tarifaire en faveur d'Israel, d'Egypte, de la Jordanie, du Liban et de la Turquie de 60 a 80 %. Cette proposition s'etait heurtee a l'opposition des Francais, qui veulent maintenir le traitement differentiel en faveur des pays du Maghreb, et des Italiens qui demandent au prealable l'adoption du paquet de mesures en faveur des regions mediterraneennes. Le Conseil n'a pas pu se mettre d'accord sur une proposition de compromis de 65 %, les Britanniques et Neerlandais refusant de s'engager a ne pas reouvrir la question avant la fin des negociations d'adhesion, comme les Francais l'ont propose.

ASEAN

Le Conseil a confirme son accord sur le programme et l'ordre du jour de la reunion ministerielle avec l'ASEAN le 20 novembre prochain. Le Conseil reviendra le 17 octobre sur la question de savoir s'il faut ajouter a l'ordre du jour la conclusion eventuelle d'un accord de cooperation CE/ASEAN, ainsi que l'aide financiere.

CAEM

M. Haferkamp a fait rapport oralement sur les resultats de la reunion au niveau des experts en juillet. Il a souligne l'importance de l'acceptation par le CAEM du role de la Commission. Une nouvelle rencontre Haferkamp/Fadeev aura lieu a Bruxelles en octobre. En attendant, la Commission n'a pas besoin des nouvelles orientations du Conseil.

Chine

Le nouveau regime d'importation a ete approuve en point A.

Amities,
M. SANTARELLI. Comeur.



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CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE ET A MM. BURGHARDT, DG I ET LECOMTE DGVIII

CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

GATT

NEGOCIATIONS COMMERCIALES MULTILATERALES

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CE POINT ETAIT CONSACRE AU PROBLEME DE LA LEGISLATION AMERICAINE
SUR LES DROITS COMPENSATEURS APPLIQUES AUX IMPORTATIONS EN
PROVENANCE DES PAYS TIERS QUI BENEFICIENT DES SUBVENTIONS.

POUR LE BACKGROUND VOIR LA FICHE DE PRESSE DU BUREAU DE GENEVE
DE MAI DERNIER INTITULEE 'VEBERS UN CODE SUR LES SUBVENTIONS
ET DROITS COMPENSATEURS'.

EN BREF : SELON L'ARTICLE VI DU GATT, L'IMPOSITION DES DROITS
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COMPENSATEUR.

CEPENDANT, LE TRADE ACT DE 1974 SUR LA BASE DUQUEL L'ADMINISTRATI
ON AMERICAINE NEGOCIE LE TOKYO ROUND A OCTROYE UNE CERTAINE
LIBERTE D APPRECIATION A L'ADMINISTRATION QUI PEUT, MAIS NE DOIT
PAS OBLIGATOIREMENT, IMPOSER DES DROITS COMPENSATEURS SI CERTAI
NES CONDITIONS SONT REMPLIES. CE POUVOIR DEVOLU A L ADMINISTRA
TION DE NE PAS APPLIQUER DES DROITS COMPENSATEURS EXPIRE AU DEBUT
DE 1979. (UNE SOLUTION SATISFAISANTE A CETTE QUESTION ETAIT
PREVUE POUR BIEN AVANT 1979 AU COURS DES NCM QUI ONT DEBUTE EN
1973.)

DANS UNE LETTRE ADRESSEE EN AOUT DERNIER AU VICE PRESIDENT HA FER
KAMP, M. GUNDELACH ET SIR ROY DENMAN, M. STRAUSS, LE NEGOCIATEUR AMERICAIN
A FAIT SAVOIR A LA COMMISSION QU IL N EST GUERE POSSIBLE QUE LE
CONGRES AMERICAIN ACTUEL (QUI SERA DISSOUT DANS QUELQUES SEMAINES)
APPROUVER UNE PROROGATION AU DELA DU 3 JANVIER 1979 DU 'WAIVER'
OU DEROGATION CONCERNANT L IMPOSITION DE DROITS COMPENSATEURS PAR
LES ETATS UNIS.

M. HA FERKAMP A INFORME LE CONSEIL QU IL CONVIENT D ECRIRE A
M STRAUSS QUE LA NON PROROGATION DU 'WAIVER' CREERAIT UNE SITUATION
SITUATION TRES SERIEUSE QUI AURAIT DES EFFETS GRAVES SUR LES EXPOR
TATIONS COMMUNAUTAIRES VERS LES ETATS UNIS.

LA COMMUNAUTE AVAIT TOUJOURS COMPRIS QUE SES INTERLOCUTEURS AME
RICAINS FERAIENT LE NECESSAIRE POUR ASSURER LA PROROGATION DU
'WAIVER' AFIN DE PERMETTRE LA CONCLUSION DU PAQUET FINAL DU
TOKYO ROUND QUI COMPORTERAIT UNE SOLUTION SATISFAISANTE POUR
TOUS LES PARTICIPANTS CONCERNANT UN CODE SUR LES SUBVENTIONS ET

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LES DROITS COMPENSATEURS. M. HAFERKAMP TOUT EN EXPRIMANT SA
COMPREHENSION POUR LA SITUATION DE M. STRAUSS, A REPETE TRES
FERMEMENT QUE L'ADMINISTRATION AMERICAINE DOIT PRENDRE SES
PROPRIES RESPONSABILITES AFIN D ASSURER LA PROROGATION DU 'WAIVER'
D ICI LA FIN DE L ANNEE. AUTREMENT, DIT M. HAFERKAMP, ON NE PEUT
PAS S ATTENDRE A CE QUE LA COMMUNAUTE PUISSE CONCLURE LES NEGOCIA
TIONS A GENEVE SANS AVOIR LA CERTITUDE QUE LA MENACE AMERICAINE
D UN RECOURS ~~DES~~ DROITS COMPENSATEURS AUTOMATIQUES SERA ENLE
VE A PARTIR DE JANVIER 1979. EN

LES DIFFERENTES DELEGATIONS ONT EXPRIME LEUR SOUTIEN ENTIER POUR
LA PRISE DE POSITION DE M. HAFERKAMP ET LA REPOSE QU IL A TRANS
MISE A M. STRAUSS.

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C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, M. BRUGHARDT, DG 1, ET
A M. LECOMTE DG VIII

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1. LE CONSEIL A MARQUE SON ACCORD POLITIQUE POUR UNE RECONDUCTION
■ EN OCTOBRE ET EN NOVEMBRE DU SYSTEME DE CAUTIONNEMENT QUI SERT
■ A VERIFIER LE RESPECT DES PRIX MINIMA SUR LES ROND A BETON,
■ LES COILS ET LES LAMINES MARCHANDS.
■ SEUL LE MINISTRE ITALIEN DE L INDUSTRIE M. DONAT CATTIN AVAIT
■ REFUSE SON ACCORD. AU TERME D UN ENTRETIEN BILATERAL AVEC M.
■ DAVIGNON LE MINISTRE ITALIEN A ACCEPTE DE RETIRER SA RESERVE
■ (DIS) EN REALITE L'OPPOSITION DE M. DONAT CATTIN N ETAIT PAS
■ TELLEMENT JUSTIFIEE PAR LE SYSTEME DU CAUTIONNEMENT MAIS BIEN
■ DAVANTAGE PAR DES ARTICLES PARUS DANS LE PRESSE ITALIENNE FAI-
■ SANT ETAT DU REFUSDE LA COMMISSION D ACCEPTER L ACCORD DE
■ REDUCTION DE CAPACITE CONCLU PAR LES PRODUCTEURS EUROPEENS DE
■ FIBRES SYNTHETIQUES (FIN DIS).
■ M. DAVIGNON A SOULIGNE, ET CELA A ETE CONFIRME PAR HUIT DES
■ NEUF DELEGATIONS, QUE LE SYSTEME DE CAUTIONNEMENT MIS EN
■ VIGUEUR AU PREMIER JUILLET DERNIER AVAIT FAIT SES PREUVES,
■ APRES UNE PERIODE DE RODAGE DIFFICILE.
■ IL A SOULIGNE QUE CE ■■■■■■ SYSTEME PERMETTAIT UN CONTROLE
■ PLUS SOUPLE ET PLUS RAPIDE DES PRIX MINIMA.
■ LA PROPOSITION INITIALE DE LA COMMISSION ETAIT DE PROLONGER
■ LE SYSTEME JUSQU A LA FIN DE L ANNEE 78.
■ FINALEMENT LES NEUF ONT DECIDE UNE PROROGATION DE DEUX MOIS
■ ETANT ENTENDU QUE D ICI LA (CONSEIL D OCTOBRE) LA COMMISSION
■ ET LES NEUF DEGAGERONT LES ELEMENTS DE LA POLITIQUE SIDERUR-
■ GIQUE A SUIVRE EN 1979.
■ AU MOIS DE DECEMBRE DES LORS, UN SYSTEME DE CONTROLE DES PRIX
■ MINIMA SERA MIS EN PLACE, A TITRE D ESSAI DU SYSTEME A APPLI-
■ QUER EN 1979.
■ LA COMMISSION A PROPOSE ET OBTENU UN ASSOUPPLISSEMENT DU
■ SYSTEME DE CAUTIONNEMENT (VOIR A CE SUJET NOTRE NOTE BIO(78)
■ 309 DU 13 SEPTEMBRE.
■ LES EXPERTS DES NEUF ET LA COMMISSION METTRONT AU POINT LA
■ VERSION DEFINITIVE DU TEXTE QUI SERA SOUMIS ALORS AU CONSEIL
■ PAR LA PROCEDURE ECRITE.

2. M. DAVIGNON A BRIEVEMENT FAIT LE POINT SUR LE FONCTIONNEMENT
■ DES ARRANGEMENTS ACIER CONCLUS AVEC UNE SERIE DE PAYS TIERS
■ IL A ANNONCE QU UN DOCUMENT SERAIT DISTRIBUE AU GROUPE ACIER
■ DU COREPER CETTE SEMAINE ENCORE.
■ DES PROBLEMES SE POSENT DANS LE CAS DE LA TCHECOSLOVAQUIE DE LA
■ FINLANDE ET DE LA SUEDE POUR LEURS EXPORTATIONS D ACIER VERS
■ LE ROYAUME UNI ET LA FRANCE.

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