PRESS RELEASE

547th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 20 November 1978

Presidents: Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI

Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

and

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

of the Federal Republic of Germany



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

Belgium :

Mr Mark EYSKENS State Secretary, Budget

Denmark :

Mr Niels ERSBØLL State Secretary,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany :

Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI Minister of State,

Federal Ministry of Foreign

Affairs

Mr Manfred LAHNSTEIN State Secretary,

Federal Ministry of Finance

France

Mr Jean BERNARD-REYMOND State Secretary,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Raymond McSHARRY Minister of State at the

Department of Public Service

Italy :

Mr Antonio Mario MAZZARINO State Under-Secretary,

Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean DONDELINGER Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands :

Mr D.F. van der MEI

State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Joel BARNETT

Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Commission

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT Member

DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1979

Before beginning the dialogue with a delegation from the European Parliament under the budget procedure, the Council conducted a preliminary exchange of views on certain budgetary questions concerning the 1979 draft general budget with a view to preparing its position.

The Council then entered into the meeting with the European Parliament delegation consisting of Mr SPENALE (Vice-President of the European Parliament), Mr LANGE (Chairman of the Budget Committee), Mr BANGEMANN (Rapporteur on Section III of the 1979 budget), Mr AIGNER and Mr COINTAT (Vice-Chairmen of the Budget Committee), Mr RIPAMONTI (Rapporteur on Sections I-II-IV-V of the 1979 budget), Mr SHAW (Rapporteur on the 1978 budget) and Mr SPINELLI (Member of the Budget Committee).

The dialogue with the European Parliament delegation enabled the participants to explain Parliament's amendments and proposals for modifications and their underlying political motivation. The European Parliament delegation also raised other more general questions concerning the establishment of the 1979 budget such as the proposal for a review of the Financial Regulation.

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In the light of this discussion, the Council conducted a second reading of the draft general budget of the European Communities and an examination and vote on the amendments and proposed amendments, the most important of which concerned the Social Fund and the Regional Fund.

At the end of its discussions, the Council agreed that the amended draft budget should be forwarded to the European Parliament so that the latter could use this as a basis for a debate during its plenary session in December, subject to the political decision regarding the Regional Fund being reserved for the European Council on 4 and 5 December 1978.

NOTE BIO(78) 423 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE, A. M. BURGHARDT, DG I ET A M. LECOMTE DG VIII

CONSEIL BUDGET DU 20.11.1978 (O. VON SCHWERIN)

LES TRAVAUX ONT DEBUTE PAR UN ECHANGE DE VUES AVEC UNE DELE-GATION DU PARLEMENT EUROPEEN QUI A PORTE NOTAMMENT SUR LE PRO-BLEME DE LA MODIFICATION DU REGLEMENT FINANCIER.

LE CONSEIL A ENSUITE EXAMINE ET VOTE PLUSIEURS DES AMENDEMENTS PROPOSES PAR LE PARLEMENT EUROPEEN EN PREMIERE LECTURE LE 25 OCTOBRE.

LE DEBAT ETBAIT CENTRE NOTAMMENT SUR LES AMENDEMENTS DANS LES DOMAINES DU FONDS SOCIAL ET DU FONDS REGIONAL.

EN CE QUI CONCERNE LE FONDS REGIONAL, LE CONSEIL EST DE CONVENU DE RESERVER LA QUESTION POLITIQUE D'UNE AUGMENTATION EVENTUELLE DES CREDITS D'ENGAGEMENT AU DELA DE LA PROGRAMMATION TRIENNALE FIXEE PAR LE CONSEIL EUROPEEN EN DECEMBRE 1977 AU CONSEIL EUROPEEN RPEVU POUR LES 4/5 DECEMBRE PROCHAIN.

DU RESTE, LE CONSEIL EST CONVENU DE TRANSMETTRE LE PROJET DE BUDGET MODIFIE AU PARLEMENT EUROPEEN AFIN QUE DELUI-CI PUISSE EN DELIBERER EN SEANCE PLENIERE LE 12 DECEMBRE PROCHAIN.

P.S. LE CONSEIL A DEBUTE A 17.00 H. EST S'EST REUNI EN SEANCE RESTREINTE A 823.00H. JUSQU'A LA FIN VERS 2.15 HEURES DU MATIN.

AMITIES, M. SANTAREBELLI COMEUR (16.00H.) NNNN

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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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Brussels, 15 November 1978 1280/78 (Presse 139)

The Council of the European Communities will hold its 548th meeting on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November 1978 in the Charlemagne building, 170 rue de la Loi, Brussels, under the Presidency of Mr Kurt GSCHEIDLE, Federal Minister for Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Federal Republic of Germany. The meeting will start at 10.00 on Thursday 23 November.

The proceedings at this meeting will concern:

- safety at sea
 - = ratification of the 1978 International Convention on the Training, Certification and Watch-keeping of Seafarers
 - = pilotage in the North Sea and the English Channel
 - = minimum requirements laid down for certain tankers entering and leaving Community ports
 - = The Hague memorandum of understanding of 2 March 1978 between certain maritime authorities on the maintenance of standards on certain ships
- accession to the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences
- the collection of information on the activities of carriers participating in cargo liner traffic in certain areas of operation
- the limitation of noise emission from subsonic aircraft (progress report)
- the adoption by certain Member States of an Additional Protocol to the Mannheim Convention and the accession of the European Economic Community to that Convention

- the harmonization of the laws relating to motor vehicle driving licences
- the weights and dimensions of commercial road vehicles and certain additional technical conditions
- support for projects of Community interest in transport infrastructure
- the adjustment of national taxes and systems for commercial road vehicles
- the amendment of the common rules for certain types of combined road/rail carriage of goods between Member States
- the amendment of the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States
- the amendment of the common rules for the normalization of the accounts of railway undertakings.

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The President of the Council will hold a Press Conference at the close of the proceedings.