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PRESS RELEASE

8759/80 (Presse 107)

651st meeting of the Council
- Economics/Finance -
Brussels, 15 July 1980

President: Mr Jacques SANTER,
Minister for Finance
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

15.VII.80

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

Belgium:

Mr Paul HATRY Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Gunnar RIBERHOLDT Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Gisbert POENSGEN Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

France:

Mr Luc de La BARRE de NANTEUIL Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Michael O'KENNEDY Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Filippo PANDOLFI Minister for the Treasury

EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

The Council held its second quarterly examination of the economic situation in the Community in accordance with Article 3 of the "Convergence" Decision of 18 February 1974.

For this purpose it had at its disposal a Commission communication "on the economic policy to be followed in 1980 and on the preparation of public budgets for 1981".

On this basis, the Council held a detailed exchange of views which enabled the members of the Council inter alia to outline the latest developments of the economic situation in their countries and to indicate the economic and budgetary measures already taken or envisaged.

In conclusion, the Council noted that at this stage there was no need to amend the economic policy guidelines for 1980 adopted by the Council in December 1979 and confirmed at its meeting on 17 March 1980, and that the Member States had taken the measures necessary to comply with these guidelines.

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COMMUNITY LOANS: 2nd CNI TRANCHE

Pursuant to Decision 78/870 empowering the Commission to contract loans for the purpose of promoting investment within the Community, the Council released the second loan tranche amounting to 500 MEUA at the rate of 30% (400 MEUA), on the understanding that the decision to release the remaining 100 MEUA would be taken in the light of the deliberations the Council would hold at its meeting in October with regard to the scope of the loans.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted the texts and decided on the signing of the Additional Protocols to the Agreements

- between the European Economic Community and Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;
- between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and Finland, Norway and Sweden, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;
- between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and Iceland and Switzerland to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community;
- concerning the validity, for the Principality of Liechtenstein, of the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Swiss Confederation to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community.

Relations with Cyprus

The Council signified its agreement, as far as the Community is concerned, to the draft Decision of the EEC-Cyprus Association Council setting out the guidelines for co-operation between the Community and Cyprus.

Textiles

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78 on the common arrangements applicable to the imports of certain textile products originating in third countries.

Technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to straight ammonium nitrate fertilizers of high nitrogen content.

The provisions of this Directive determine the characteristics and limits which ammonium nitrate fertilizers of high nitrogen content must satisfy in order to be eligible for the marketing description "EEC fertilizer". Measures to check that the Community specifications are observed are laid down in the Directive and include, amongst others, a test of resistance to detonation.

Compliance with the "EEC fertilizer" provisions exempts these products from national provisions, in particular as regards storage, which are as stringent as those applying to products which do not satisfy these provisions.

Research and atomic questions

The Council took note that the Commission intended to participate, on behalf of the Community,

- in Annex VI to the IEA implementing Agreement for a programme of research and development in hydrogen production from water;
- in the IEA implementing Agreement for a programme of research and development in radiation damage to fusion materials.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive (Euratom) amending the Directives laying down the basic safety standards for the health protection of the general public against the dangers of ionizing radiation.

Environment

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

- the Directive on air quality limit values and guide values for sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates;
- the Resolution on transboundary air pollution by sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates.
- the Directive relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption.

(See Press Release 8279/80 (Presse 99) of 30.VI and 1.VII.80).

Agricultural questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals (a series of Regulations in this sector which were adopted by the Council at its meeting on 30 June and 1 July 1980 - see Press Release 8279/80 (Presse 99) - will be published in the Official Journal and will enter into force at the same time as this Regulation).

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

- the Regulations
 - = amending Regulation (EEC) No 1582/79 fixing the amounts of aid granted for seeds for the 1980/1981 and 1981/1982 marketing years;
 - = fixing, for the 1980/1981 marketing year, the activating price for aid for peas and field beans and the minimum price for these products;
 - = amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats and supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 1360/78 on producer groups and associations thereof;

- = amending for the second time Regulation (EEC) No 564/80 laying down general rules on distillation operations for table wines for which the delivery contract must be approved before 15 April 1980,
- the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters;
- the sixth Council Decision on:
 - = the equivalence of field inspections carried out on seed-producing crops in third countries;
 - = the equivalence of seeds produced in third countries.

ECSC

The Council gave the assents requested under the second paragraph of Article 54 of the ECSC Treaty, to the granting of

- loans to borrowers other than actual ECSC undertakings to finance installations facilitating the marketing of Community coal;
- a loan by the Community to the Société Anonyme Centrale Sidérurgique de Richemont - Richemont (Moselle).

The Council also gave the assent requested under Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty concerning

- Société de développement régional du Sud-Est (France);
- Crédit national (France).

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision concerning certain tariff measures for the second half of 1980.

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NOTE BIO(80) 300 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
CC. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE

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PREPARATION CONSEIL ECO/FIN DU 15 JUILLET 1980

LE CONSEIL ECO/FIN QUI DEBUTERA A 14H30 (APRES UN DEJEUNER ■■
QUI AURA REUNI LES MINISTRES ET LE VICE-PRESIDENT ORTOLI)
TRAITERA LES POINTS SUIVANTS :

1. POINTS 'A' :

IL FAUT NOTER EN PARTICULIER PARMIS LES POINTS 'A' LES SECTEURS
■■■ SUIVANTS :

- AIDE ALIMENTAIRE
- MISE EN OEUVRE DU PROTOCOLE FINANCIER CEE/CHYPRE
- UN CERTAIN NOMBRE DE REGLEMENTS AGRICOLES (UNE QUINZAINE)
- DOCUMENTS RELATIFS A L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET LA PROTECTION SANITAIRE
- AVIS CONFORME DU CONSEIL (CECA) ■■■ SUR LE PRET DE LA COMMUNAU-
TE A LA S.A. CENTRALE SIDERURGIQUE DE RICHEMONT (MOSELLE)

2. DEUXIEME EXAMEN TRIMESTRIEL DE LA SITUATION ECONOMIQUE DANS LA
COMMUNAUTE (ART. 3 DE LA ■■■■■■■■■■ DECISION DE CONVERGENCE
DU 18.2.74)

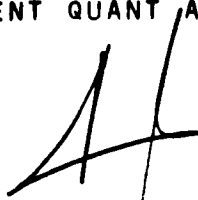
LES DELIBERATIONS DU CONSEIL ONT ETE PREPAREES PAR LE GROUPE DE
COORDINATION DES POLITIQUES ECONOMIQUES ET FINANCIERES LORS DE
SA REUNION DU 7.7.80 SUR LA BASE DE LA COMMUNICATION DE LA COM-
MISSION DU 3.7. 'COMMUNICATION DE LA COMMISSION SUR LA POLITIQUE
ECONOMIQUE A SUIVRE EN 1980 ET LA PREPARATION DES BUDGETS PUBLICS ■■
POUR 1981.' (■■■COM(80) 377 FINAL) QUI A ETE DIFFUSEE EN SALLE ■■
DE PRESSE LE 4.7.80.

LE CONSEIL PROCEDERA A UN TOUR DE TABLE AU COURS DUQUEL LES MINIS-
TRES COMMENTERONT LA SITUATION ECONOMIQUE DANS LEUR PAYS ET
EXAMINERONT ■ AVEC LA COMMISSION LES ORIENTATIONS ■■ A RETENIR
POUR LES BUDGETS PUBLICS NATIONAUX.

3. EMPRUNTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

AUTORISATION D'UNE DEUXIEME TRANCHE D'EMPRUNTS DU NOUVEL INSTRU-
MENT COMMUNAUTAIRE (NIC): TOUTES LES DELEGATIONS ONT MARQUE LEUR
ACCORD ■ DE PRINCIPE POUR UNE DEUXIEME TRANCHE DE 500 MUCÉ, MAIS ■
DES DIVERGENCES DE VUES SUBSISTENT QUANT AU CHAMPS D'APPLI■CATION
DE CETTE DEUXIEME TRANCHE.

AMITI■ES
MANUEL SANTARELLI COMEUR 13 H.
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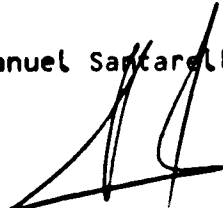
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Note BIO(80) 300 suite 1 aux Bureaux Nationaux
cc aux Membres du Groupe

Bruxelles le 15 juillet 1980

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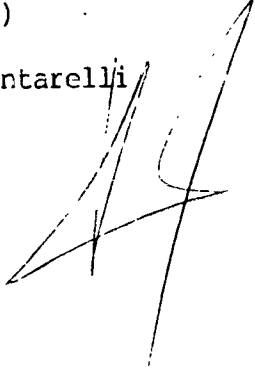
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Le Conseil ECO/FIN s est ouvert a 14h30 sous la presidence de
M. Senter, Ministre des Finances du Grand Duche.
Après approbation des points "A", le President a donne
successivement la parole a M. Rutten, Secretaire general au
Ministere des Affaires economiques des Pays Bas et President du
Groupe de Coordination des politiques economiques et
financieres pour un compte rendu des travaux du groupe lors de
sa reunion du 7/7 et a M. Hatry, Ministre belge des Finances,
qui a ouvert le tour de table sur la situation economique dans
les pays de la Communauté.

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Amitiés

Manuel Santarelli



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NOTE BIO(80) 300, SUITE 2 ET FIN, AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE ET A MM LES ASSISTANTS DG I ET VIII

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OBJET : CONSEIL ECO/FIN DU 15 JUILLET 1980 (M. SANTARELLI)

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1. SUITE DU TOUR DE TABLE SUR LA SITUATION ECONOMIQUE
(2EME TRIMESTRE)

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LE TOUR DE TABLE N A PAS DONNE LIEU A DE LONGUES DISCUSSIONS,
MAIS IL CONVIENT DE SOULIGNER QUE LE DOCUMENT DE LA COMMISSION
(COM(80) 377 FINAL DU 3.7.1980), QUI SERVAIT DE BASE A LA
DISCUSSION, A FAIT L OBJET D UN LARGE CONSENSUS AU SEIN DU
CONSEIL.

EN CE QUI CONCERNE PLUS PARTICULIEREMENT LES MESURES MONETAIRES
ET BUDGETAIRES ADOPTEES LE 2 JUILLET PAR LE GOUVERNEMENT ITALIEN
(ELLES ONT FAIT L OBJET D UN COMMENTAIRE D ORIENTATION DU
PORTE PAROLE LE 3 JUILLET COMME L INDIQUE LA BIO(80) 285),
LE VICE PRESIDENT ORTOLI A EU L OCCASION D INDIQUER AU COURS
DE LA DISCUSSION QU ELLES CORRESPONDAIENT AUX ORIENTATIONS
GENERALES RETENUES PAR LA COMMUNAUTE, ET DEVAIENT ETRE CONSIDEREES
COMME UNE CONTRIBUTION A L AMELIORATION DU CLIMAT CONJONCTUREL.

LA COMMISSION ESTIME EN OUTRE QUE CES MESURES, NECESSAIRES,
POURRAIENT REDUIRE LES DIVERGENCES QUI SE SONT MANIFESTEES DANS
LA COMMUNAUTE A LA SUITE DU SECOND CHOC PETROLIER.

2. DEUXIEME TRANCHE DU NOUVEL INSTRUMENT COMMUNAUTAIRE (NIC)

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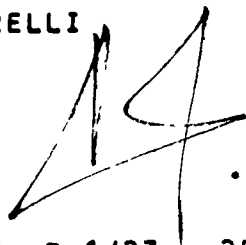
EN CE QUI CONCERNE LA DEUXIEME TRANCHE DU NIC, LES DIVERGENCES,
DE VUES N ONT PAS PU ETRE SURMONTÉES, MAIS UN COMPROMIS, PRESENTE
PAR LA DELEGATION BELGE, A PERMIS DE DÉGAGER UNE SOLUTION
SATISFAISANTE : LES 80 0/0 DE LA DEUXIEME TRANCHE DU NIC
POURRONT ETRE LIBERÉS IMMÉDIATEMENT SUR LA MÊME BASE QUE LA
PREMIERE TRANCHE, C EST À DIRE AVEC LE MÊME CHAMP D APPLICATION,
TANDIS ■■■ QUE LES 20 0/0 RESTANTS FERONT L OBJET DE NOUVELLES
DISCUSSIONS AU SEIN DU CONSEIL DU MOIS D OCTOBRE.

JE VOUS RAPPELLE LE DOCUMENT DE BASE DE LA COMMISSION QUI EST
LE COM(80) 20 FINAL DU 24 JANVIER DERNIER.

LE CONSEIL S EST TERMINE A 17.00 HEURES.

AMITIES■, M. SANTARELLI
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