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858th Council meeting
- Foreign Affairs -
Luxembourg, 21 and 22 June 1983

Presidents: Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER

Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Federal Republic of Germany

and

Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER,

State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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

Belgium:

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| Mr Leo TINDEMANS | Minister for External Relations |
| Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER | State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture |

Denmark:

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| Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN | Minister for Foreign Affairs |
| Mr Otto MØLLER | State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

Germany:

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| Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER | Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs |
| Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER | State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

Greece:

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| Mr Grigoris VARFIS | State Secretary for Economic Co-ordination responsible for relations with the European Communities |
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France:

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| Mr André CHANDERNAGOR | Minister attached to the Minister for Foreign Relations, responsible for European Affairs |
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Ireland:

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| Mr James O'KEEFE | Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs |
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Italy:

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| Mr Renato RUGGIERO | Ambassador, Permanent Representative |
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Luxembourg:

Mr Paul HELMINGER

State Secretary, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade
and Co-operation

Netherlands:

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN

Minister for Foreign Trade

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Malcolm RIFKIND

Minister of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Timothy RAISON

Minister for Overseas
Development

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Edgard PISANI

Member

Mr Antonio GIOLITTI

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SPANISH ACCESSION

The Council prepared the 16th ministerial meeting of the Conference for the Accession of Spain to the European Communities which was held on Tuesday evening 21 June. The Spanish delegation was led by Mr Manuel MARIN, State Secretary for Relations with the Community.

EXTENSION OF FINANCIAL CO-OPERATION WITH SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

In order to permit current financial co-operation with Spain and Portugal to continue, the Council agreed to recommend that the EIB make certain amounts available to these countries for the period 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984.

FOOD AID IN 1983

The Council adopted a favourable approach concerning the quantities of products to be supplied as food aid in 1983 and the list of countries and bodies eligible for such aid.

The draft Council Regulation laying down for 1983 implementing rules for the framework Regulation concerning food-aid policy and food-aid management can be formally adopted as soon as the European Parliament has delivered its Opinion. The Council asked the latter to deliver this Opinion as a matter of urgency in view of the need to enable the Commission to continue without interruption its food aid programme.

RELATIONS WITH THE ACP STATES - GUIDELINES FOR THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS

The Council discussed a number of fundamental issues in detail with a view to the negotiation of the new Convention.

It entrusted the Permanent Representatives Committee actively to pursue its proceedings in the light of its discussions with a view to enabling the Council to approve the mandate at the meeting on 18 and 19 July.

RELATIONS WITH CYPRUS

The Council approved the main aspects - amount and structure - of a new Financial Protocol to be negotiated with Cyprus to replace the current Protocol which is due to expire at the end of 1983.

Furthermore, as regards future trade relations between the Community and Cyprus, the Council agreed to commence examining the proposals made by the Commission (in the framework of the implementation of the Decision of the EEC-Cyprus Association Council of 24 November 1980 ⁽¹⁾) relating to the transition to the second stage of the Agreement.

RELATIONS WITH MALTA

The Council resumed its examination of the content of the second Financial Protocol to be negotiated with Malta.

After an in-depth exchange of views which permitted the harmonization of positions, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to endeavour, in the light of these discussions, to reach agreement on this question if possible before the end of the month.

⁽¹⁾ See Press Release CEE-CY 707/80 (Presse 175)

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On the basis of a progress report by the Presidency on the negotiations in Belgrade, the Council discussed in detail a number of unresolved aspects of the Community position.

This discussion enabled positions to be harmonized, although a number of delegations required time for further reflection.

The Council accordingly asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume discussions on the question at its next meeting; the Presidency made an appeal that a common position be defined at this meeting.

ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES

The Council examined in detail the problems arising as regards the Commission proposals to impose definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of

- natural magnesite, caustic-burned, originating in the People's Republic of China
- natural magnesite, dead-burned (sintered), originating in the People's Republic of China and in North Korea.

Having noted that certain facts and figures required further clarification, it was agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue without delay the examination of the question, taking account of the Council's discussions, so that an informed decision could be taken by 30 June 1983.

FOLLOW-UP TO THE MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council had an exchange of views on the action to be taken following the discussions of the European Council in Stuttgart from 17 to 19 June; it was agreed that the special emergency procedure referred to in the statement adopted in Stuttgart to deal with the most urgent problems confronting the Community would be implemented as from July.

REVIEW OF THE ERDF

The Council had a further discussion on a number of fundamental questions relating to the review of the ERDF, in particular the concentration of the quota resources in favour of the less prosperous Member States and the increase in the non-quota section.

Although harmonizing its position to some extent, the Council nevertheless did not reach a consensus on these questions. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee actively to pursue its proceedings in the light of the guidelines given by the European Council in Stuttgart and of today's discussions.

URBAN RENEWAL IN BELFAST

The Council adopted the Regulation instituting a specific Community measure to promote urban renewal in Northern Ireland (Belfast).

The measure consists of the joint financing by the Community and the public authorities in Northern Ireland of infrastructure investment projects contributing to urban renewal in the Belfast area and thereby to the raising of the living standards of the population and to the improvement of the environment.

The infrastructure projects which the Community may help to finance will be chosen from a list to be submitted each year by the United Kingdom, accompanied by all the information necessary for the assessment of each project. These projects are to be additional to those already provided for under national expenditure allocations.

These measures will be financed within the limits of the budget resources earmarked for the measure under the budgetary procedure and available for the period 1983 to 1985. The amount estimated necessary to carry out these measures is 100 million ECU for three years. Community aid may not exceed 70% of the cost of the investment. This limit also applies where different Community aids are combined.

A report on the application of this Regulation will be forwarded each year by the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament.

RELATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Council recorded its agreement on certain guidelines which the Community and the Member States propose to follow with respect to co-operation in a pragmatic and constructive spirit with the Council of Europe. These guidelines were drawn up in the light of the report by the then Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr PAHR, and is the result of a decision by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask its Chairman to consider the role of the Council of Europe in the process of European revival.

The Community welcomed the opportunity provided by Dr Pahr's report to consider ways and means of improving the existing co-operation between the Council of Europe and the Community.

The guidelines adopted include the following:

- the Community in no way wishes to encroach on the field of jurisdiction or the activities of the Council of Europe and will continue constructive co-operation with it, as reaffirmed by the President of the Council before the European Parliament during a debate on the German-Italian initiative.

- the Community stresses that, like the Council of Europe, it is concerned to see the widest possible application of the legal instruments of the Council of Europe and of the Community. The Community suggests that each of the two organizations examine the possibilities for action to that end. Informal talks have already started between the Secretariat of the Council of Europe and the Commission with the aim, in particular, of determining the Conventions to which the Community could accede.

- the Community considers that no line should be drawn a priori between matters within the province of the Council of Europe and those within the province of the European Communities, given the different aims of the two organizations and the developing nature of their tasks.

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DEMONSTRATION AND PILOT PROJECTS IN THE ENERGY FIELD
- CONCILIATION PROCEDURE WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

A conciliation meeting between the Council and the European Parliament - with the assistance of the Commission - was held in connection with two draft Regulations relating to the granting of financial support for:

- demonstration projects relating to the exploitation of alternative energy sources and to energy saving and the substitution of hydrocarbons
- pilot industrial projects and demonstration projects relating to the liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels.

The European Parliament delegation consisted of: Mr KLEPSCH, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Mr NORMANTON, rapporteur of the Committee on Energy, Mr PFENNIG, rapporteur of the Committee on Budgets, Mr GALLAND, Mr SALZER and Mr ROGALLA, members of the Committee on Energy, Mrs BARBARELLA and Mr ADONNINO, members of the Committee on Budgets and Mr ADAM, alternate member of the Committee on Budgets.

The Commission was represented by Mr Etienne DAVIGNON and Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT, Vice-Presidents.

This meeting enabled the participants to discuss in detail the comments made by the representatives of the European Parliament as regards the common approach adopted by the Council at its meeting on 14 and 15 March 1983. These comments related in particular to the limited duration of one year of the Regulations as compared with the necessarily multiannual nature of the programmes, the reference in both Regulations to the amounts considered necessary for the multiannual programme and the connection with the annual budget decisions and the decision-making procedure relating to the selection of projects eligible for financial support.

At the close of the discussions, the Council communicated in connection with the problems raised by the European Parliament certain approaches which, while still subject to consideration by the Member States, were an indication of how the Council intended meeting the concern of the European Parliament with the aim of harmonizing the positions of both Institutions and successfully concluding the conciliation procedure.

The European Parliament delegation considered that this approach was satisfactory.

Accordingly, both parties agreed that - should the approach communicated to the Parliament be confirmed - the Council could adopt both Regulations and that there would be no need for a further conciliation meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade matters

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

- on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending certain zero-duty tariff quotas opened by the United Kingdom for 1983 in accordance with Protocol No 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland;
- suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products falling within subheadings ex 84.55 C and ex 85.21 D II.

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision on the opening of negotiations with Yugoslavia on the use of the system of generalized tariff preferences consequent on the entry into force of the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, of the other part.

Food aid

In response to the Commission communication concerning the modification of the total volume of milk fats supplied to certain developing countries and specialized bodies under the 1982 food aid programme, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations:

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1039/82 laying down general rules for the supply of milk fats (1982);
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1040/82 on the supply of milk fats (1982).

Commodities

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

- on the signing by the Community of the 1983 International Coffee Agreement;
- on the signing and the deposit of the declaration of provisional application of the 1983 Protocols for the further extension of the Wheat Trade Convention, 1971, and the Food Aid Convention, 1980, constituting the International Wheat Agreement, 1971.

Agricultural decision

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation fixing for the 1983 harvest the norm and intervention prices and the premiums granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco, the derived intervention prices for baled tobacco and the reference qualities.

Bruxelles, le 20 juin 1983.
Note Bio (83)285 aux Bureaux Nationaux
cc. aux membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

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ELARGISSEMENT ESPAGNE (S. PARONE)

La XVI session ministerielle CEE-Espagne est fixee pour mardi 21 juin a 18 h.

Cinq declarations sont prevues : la Communauté presentera sa position sur le chapitre de la Peche et en matiere de Relations exterieures, alors que la delegation espagnole devrait donner sa position sur les monopoles tabac et petrole, sur le regime fiscal des tabacs, sur les restrictions quantitatives que l'Espagne demande notamment vis-a-vis des Pays a Commerce Libre.

Au cours de cette session, on peut prevoir que la negociation portera sur les monopoles, la fiscalite, les restrictions quantitatives.

MALTE ET CHYPRE (S. PARONE)

Le Conseil tiendra un debat au sujet des problemes de renouvellement des protocoles financiers prevoyant des prets BEI, des prets speciaux et des dons en faveur de Malte et de Chypre qui expireront respectivement le 1er novembre et le 31 decembre 1983. La Commission devrait donc commencer les negociations sur de nouveaux protocoles et elle a fait des propositions de mettre, pendant les cinq prochaines annees, un total de 48 mio ECU a la dispositions de Chypre (30 mio ECU sous le protocole precedant) et 35 mio ECU a la disposition de Malte (26 mio ECU sous le protocole precedant).

REVISION DU REGLEMENT FEDER (M. SANTOPINTO)

En ce qui concerne le probleme de la concentration et de l'elargissement de la section sous-quota deux hypotheses de travail demeurent sur la table du Conseil :

- celle de la presidence allemande : diminution lineaire en deux ans de 32% des quotas des Etats membre les plus prosperes au profit de ceux moins prosperes et elargissement de la section hors-quota a 7,5%;
- l'autre hypothese porte, pour une periode limitee a un an sur une augmentation a 7,5% de la section hors quota, augmentation qui serait financee par les Etats membres les plus prosperes.
- Dans les deux cas, il s'agit donc de solutions transitoires dont la duree serait en effet limitee a un ou deux ans.

RENOVATION URBAINE EN IRLANDE DU NORD (BELFAST).

(M. SANTOPINTO)

Le Conseil devrait discuter une proposition de reglement de la Commission instituant une action specifique en faveur de la renovation urbaine en Irlande du Nord (voir IP (83)105).

La participation financiere de la Communauté devrait s'elever a 100 millions d'ECUS sur la periode 1983 a 1985 incluse.

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N O T E B I O (83) 285 (SUITE 1) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
CC/ AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES (S. PARONE)
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LES TRAVAUX DU CONSEIL ONT ETE OUVERT PEU APRES 10.00 HEURES A
LUXEMBOURG PAR M. GENSCHER.

EN VUE DE LA XVIIE SESSION MINISTERIELLE C E E - ESPAGNE, QUI AURA
LIEU DANS LA SOIREE, UN TOUR DE TABLE A ETE EFFECTUE SUR LES
DIFFERENTS POINTS.

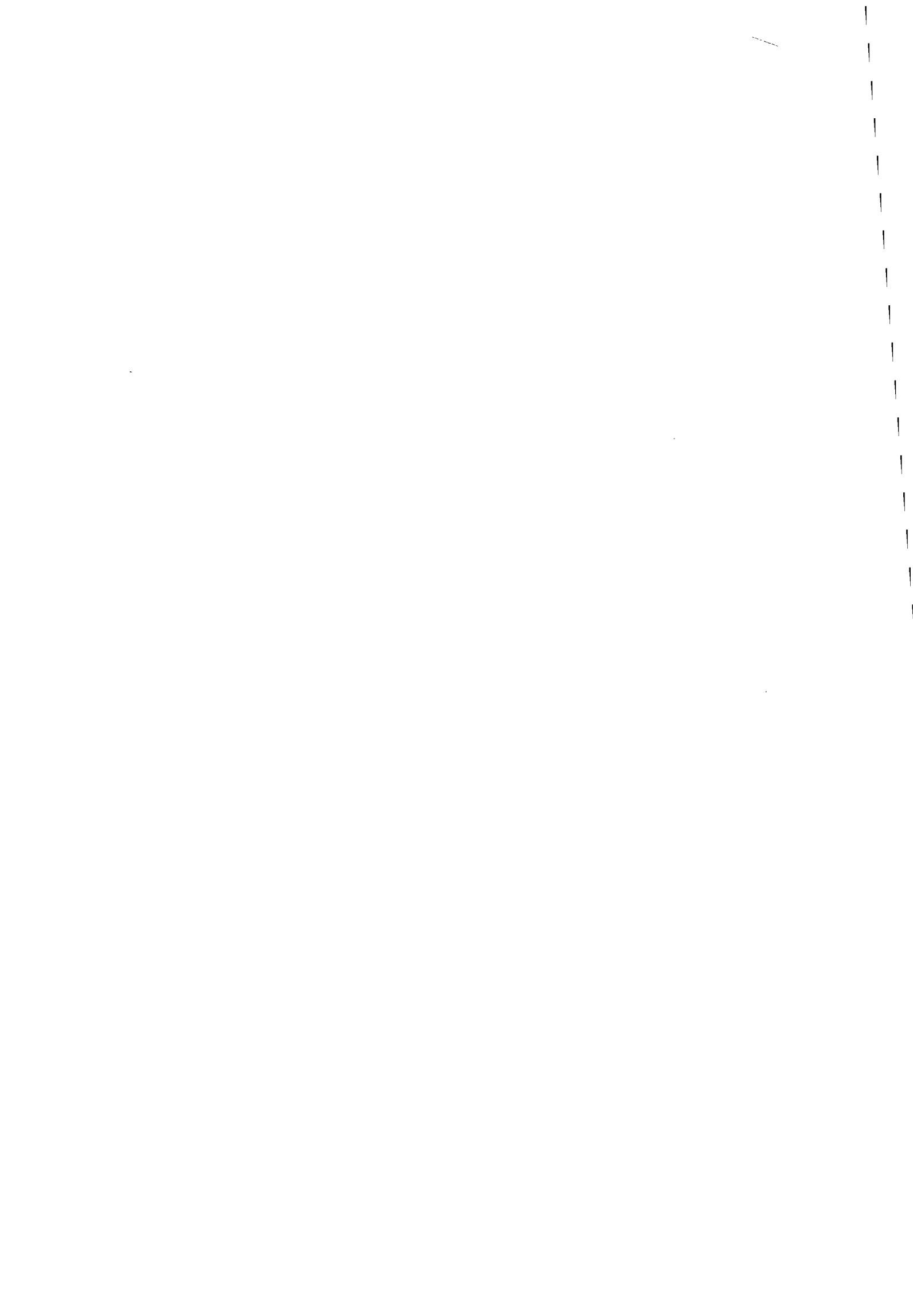
LA DECLARATION COMMUNAUTAIRE SUR LA PECHE SERA PRESENTEE AUX
ESPAGNOLS.

LA NEGOCIATION POURRA AVOIR LIEU SUR LES POINTS SUIVANTS ;
REGIME FISCAL DES TABACS; REGIME DES MONOPOLES TABAC ET PETROLE;
RESTRICTIONS QUANTITATIVES ESPAGNOLES A L'EGARD DES FRAIS DU
G A T T ET AU COMMERCE D'ETAT.

LE CONSEIL A ENSUITE APPROUVE LA PROLONGATION DE LA COOPERATION
FINANCIERE AVEC L'ESPAGNE (1000 M E C U) ET LE PORTUGAL (75 M E C U)
DU 1.7.83 AU 30.6.84. (A SUIVRE)

AMITIES;

S. P A R O N E



CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU 21 JUIN 1983 (M. GUERRIN)

LE CONSEIL A EXAMINE LES POINTS SUIVANTS :

1. RELATIONS AVEC LES ETATS ACP. ELABORATION DU MANDAT DE NEGOCIATION ACP - CEE EN VUE DU RENOUELEMENT DE LA CONVENTION DE LOME. UN DEBUT S'EST OUVERT SUR UNE PROPOSITION DE LA PRESIDENCE POSANT DIVERSES QUESTIONS AUXQUELLES LE CONSEIL ETAIT APPELE A REPENDRE. IL S'AGISSAIT NOTAMMENT DE SAVOIR SI LES NEGOCIATIONS NE DEVRAIENT PAS AVOIR POUR BUT UNE RECONDUCTION DES DISPOSITIONS EXISTANTS MOYENNANT CERTAINES ADAPTATIONS RENDUES NECESSAIRES PAR L'EXPERIENCE ET L'EVOLUTION DE LA SITUATION ECONOMIQUE.

LA COMMISSION A PRECISE DE SON COTE QUE DE SON POINT DE VUE, LA NOUVELLE CONVENTION DEVRAIT AVOIR POUR OBJECTIF, DANS LA CONTINUTE DEUX DEUX CONVENTIONS DE LOME: DE POURS

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UIVRE, RENFORCER, ET RENDRE PLUS EFFICACE LA COOPERATION. CETTE COOPERATION DEVRAIT AVOIR POUR FINALITE D'APPUYER LES EFFORTS DES ACP EN VUE D'UN DEVELOPPEMENT PLUS AUTONOME ET AUTO-ENTRETENU TENANT COMPTE DE LEURS SPECIFICITES ET DE LEUR INTERET A S'ORGANISER REGIONALEMENT. LA CONVENTION DEVRAIT EGALEMENT PRIVILEGIER LA PROMOTION DU DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL ET LA SECURITE ALIMENTAIRE. LA COMMISSION A ENFIN MIS L'ACCENT SUR LE DIALOGUE DEVANT PERMETTRE DE TRADUIRE DANS LA REALI

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TE LES OBJECTIFS GENERAUX ET LES PRIORITES DE LA CONVENTION ET ACCROITRE L'EFFICACITE DES DIFFERENTES POLITIQUES INDUSTRIELLES.

UN NOMBRE IMPORTANT DES DELEGATIONS A APPUYE CETTE APPROCHE ET LE CONSEIL A RENVOYE LA DISCUSSION AU COREPER POUR PREPARATION D'UNE EVENTUELLE DECISION EN JUILLET.

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UNE MAJORITE DES DELEGATIONS A APPUYE LA DOUBLE PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION :

A) DE PRENDRE EN CHARGE LES CONTRIBUTIONS EN CAPITAL AU FONDS COMMUN DU PROGRAMME INTEGRE DES MATIERES PREMIERES ET NOTAMMENT TOGO/GUINEE EQUATORIALE ET SAO TOME ET PRINCIPE ET, LE CAS ECHEANT, QUELQUES AUTRES PMA NON COUVERTS PAR LA PROPOSITION DE L'OPEP OU DE LA NORVEGE. UNE TELLE DECISION SERAIT DE NATURE A CONTRIBUER A LA RATIFICATION DU FONDS POUR UN NOMBRE SUFFISANT DE PRODUITS AVANT LA FIN DE 1983;

B)
D'ETENDRE LE STABEX AUX PMA NON MEMBRES DE LOME A LA CONDITION QUE D'AUTRES PAYS DEVELOPPES SUIVENT LA COMMUNAUTE DANS CETTE VOIE.

LE CONSEIL A DECIDE SUR PROPOSITION DU
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PRESIDENT DE RENVOYER CES DEUX QUESTIONS AU COREPER QUI DEVRAIT ARRETER SA DECISION JEUDI 23 JUIN.

3.
PROGRAMME D'AIDE ALIMENTAIRE 1983. PROPOSITION DE REGLEMENT. LE CONSEIL A ADOPTE A LA MAJORITE QUALIFIEE LA PROPOSITION DE REGLEMENT RELATIF A LA MISE EN OEUVRE DU PROGRAMME. POUR CE QUI CONCERNE LES QUANTITES, LE CONSEIL ADOPTE LA SOLUTION GLOBLAE PROPOSEE PAR LA PRESIDENCE A LAQUELLE S'ETAIT RALLIEE LA COMMISSION :

- EN CEREALES :

A) UNE PREMIERE TRANCHE DE 927.663 TONNES;

B) UNE DEUXIEME TRANCHE POUVANT ALLER JUSQU'A 115.706 TONNES;

- EN LAIT ECREME EN PONDRE; UN MAXIMUM DE 150.000 TONNES;

- EN BUTTEROIL; UN MAXIMUM DE 36.500 TONNES;

- EN SUCRE; UN MAXIMUM DE 16.086 TONNES;

- EN HUILE VEGETALE/HUILE D'OLIVE; UN MAXIMUM DE 6.150 TONNES;

- EN AUTRES PRODUITS (POISSONS; LEGUMES SECS ET FARINES DE LEGUMES SECS; ETC);

DES QUANTITES EQUIVALANT AU MAXIMUM A 147.436 TONNES DE CEREALES.

LA LISTE DES 73 PAYS ET 6 ORGANISMES SUSCEPTIBLES DE BENEFICIER DES
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ACTIONS D'AIDE ALIMENTAIRE EN 1983 A EGALEMENT ETE ARRETEE.

AMITIES;

M. GUERRIN

N O T E B I O (83) 285 (SUITE 3) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
C/C AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE PAROLE

CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

PROTOCOLES CEE - CHI

YPRE ET CEE - MALTE;

IMPORTATIONS DE MAGNESITE (S. PARONE)

A LA REPRISE DES TRAVAUX DANS L'APRES MIDI, LE CONSEIL A APPROUVE
LES DIRECTIVES POUR LA NEGOCIATION DU NOUVEAU PROTOCOLE FINANCIER

CEE-CHYPRE : EN 5 ANS, 44 MUC DONT 10 DE DONS. LE PREMIER
----- PROTOCOLE QUI EXPIRERA LE 31/12/83, PREVOIT UN
MONTANT DE 30 MUC DONT 6 DE DONS.

QUANT AU NOUVEAU PROTOCOLE CEE - MALTE (QUI DEVRA REMPLACER CELUI

QUI EXPIRERA LE 1ER NOVEMBRE ET QUI PREVOIT 26 MUC DONT 5 DE
DONS) LE CONSEIL A INVITE LE COREPER A FIXER LES DIRECTIVES DE
NEGOCIATION DANS LES PLUS BREFS DELAIS.

IMPORTATIONS DE MAGNESITE

L'EXAMEN FACTUEL DE CE PROBLEME SERA POURSUIVI EN VUE D'UNE DE-
CISION QUI DEVRA ETRE ADOPTEE TRES RAPIDEMENT SUR L'INSTRU

AURATION

DE DROITS DEFINITIFS ANTI-DUMPING A L'IMPORTATION DE MAGNESITE
ORIGINAIRE DE LA REPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE DE CHINE ET DE LA COREE DE
NORD.

A SUIVRE

AMITIES;

S. PARONE COREUR 17/45 ////

N O T E B I O (83) 285 SUITE 4 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
C/C AUX MEMBRES DU PORTE PAROLE

REVISION DU REGLEMENT FEDER (M. SANTOPINTO)

A L'ISSUE DES TRAVAUX QUI SE SONT DEROULES EN RESTREINTE
M. GIOLITTI A CONSTATE AVEC AMERTUME QUE LE CONSEIL N'AVAIT PAS PU
TROUVER UN ACCORD; MEME SUR UNE SOLUTION INTERIMAIRE POUR LA DUREE
D'UN AN ET QUI PREVOIT NOTAMMENT L'ELARGISSEMENT DE LA SECTION HORS
QUOTAS A 7,5 0/0 L'AUGMENTATION DE 2,5 0/0 ETANT A LA CHARGE DES PAYS
LES PLUS PROSPERES).

RENOVATION URBAINE

XXXX URBAINE EN IRLANDE DU NORD (BELFAST)

LE CONSEIL A APPROUVE LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION CONCERNANT
UNE ACTION SPECIFIQUE EN FAVEUR DE L'INH

XHABITAT EN IRLANDE DU NORD.

LA PARTICIPATION FINANCIERE DE LA COMMUNAUTE S'ELEVERA A 100 MILLIONS
D'ECUS POUR LA PERIODE 1983 - 1985 INCLUS.

AMITIES;

M. SANTOPINTO COMEUR 18.30

Bruxelles, le 22 juin 1983.

Note Bio 285 (83) suite 5 aux Bureaux Nationaux
c.c. aux membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

Session ministerielle CEE-ESPAGNE (Parone)

La XVI session ministerielle de negociation CEE-Espagne a pris fin hier tard dans la soiree avec un accord sur le regime du monopole et sur la taxation des tabacs: avec cet accord l'important chapitre de la fiscalite a ete conclu.

Un accord a ete egalement enregistre sur les restrictions quantitatives demandees par les Espagnols pour certains produits industriels (tels que certains textiles, aimants, lentilles ophthalmiques, magnetoscopes) en provenance des pays du GATT et des pays a commerce d'Etat. Dans le chapitre relations exterieures restent donc ouverts les deux points des relations avec le Japon et avec les pays preferentiels. Comme prevu la declaration sur la peche a ete presentee aux Espagnols, et cet important chapitre est ainsi entre en negociation.

Il n'a pa ete possible de trouver un accord sur l'adaptation du monopole des produits petroliers : des progres on ete toutefois enregistres et les deux parties reviendront prochainement sur ce dossier.

Voici quelques elements essentiels des accords :

- MONOPOLE TABAC : le temps d'adaptation sera de six ans; pendant ce temps l'Espagne ouvrira des contingents a l'importation qui augmenteront progressivement a partir d'un niveau egal au 6% de la production nationale pour les cigares, et au 5% pour les cigarettes. Pendant la meme periode, l'Espagne pourra appliquer des droits de douane degressifs sur la base d'un niveau de depart de 55% pour les cigares et de 50% pour les cigarettes.
- ACCISES SUR LES CIGARETTES : la discrimination dans la taxation entre les cigarettes de tabac brun et celles de tabac blond sera eliminee sur une periode de 4 ans.
- RESTRICTIONS QUANTITATIVES : l'accord a ete conclu sur l'ensemble des listes des produits, avec la seule exception des chaussures, pour lesquelles une delegation a pose une reserve d'attente et de courte duree.

La XVI session avait ete ouverte peu apres 18h. par un echange de remerciements a l'occasion de la fin du semestre de la presidence allemande. La presidence sortante, ainsi que le chef de la delegation espagnole, M. Marin, a insiste sur le role determinant que la Commission a joue pour la realisation des progres qui ont ete enregistres dans la negociation, au cours des derniers six mois.

Le vice-president Natali (qui devait quelques heures plus tard souligner l'importance de la conclusion du chapitre fiscalite), a observe lors de l'ouverture des travaux que la XVI session devait "permettre de progresser sur les autres points, et les autres chapitres encoure ouverts, et en premier lieu sur les chapitres de l'Agriculture et de la Peche". M. Natali avait rappele que la Commission vient d'adopter les lignes directrices qu'elle propose pour la negociation agricole et il a annonce que ces propositions feront partie d'une communication globale qui sera transmise sous peu au Conseil.

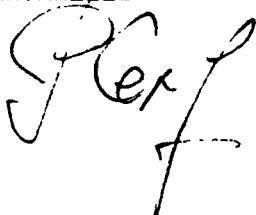
"Cette communication - avait-il souligne - est un document d'ensemble qui integrera les communications anterieures, revues a la lumiere des elements acquis ulterieurement, et qui prend position sur les demandes presentees par les Espagnols le 29 janvier 1982".

M. Natali avait egalement observe que cette communication de la Commission permettra a la Communaute d'ouvrir la negociation sur le fond du chapitre agricole.

Amities

M. SANTARELLI

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Santarelli', written in a cursive style.