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989th meeting of the Council

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Brussels, 28 February 1985

President: Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Italy

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

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS
Minister for Foreign Relations

Germany:

Mr Jürgen RUHFUS
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

France:

Ms Catherine LALUMIERE
State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Foreign Relations,
with responsibility for
European Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mario FIORET
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Alexander ZAFIRIOU
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Jim O'KEEFFE
Minister of State,
Department of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS
Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Michael BUTLER
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS - President
Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN - Vice-President
Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN - Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI - Vice-President

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council agreed in principle to all the texts relating to the transitional measures to apply as from 1 March 1985 within the context of relations with the ACP States and the OCT. It also authorized the forwarding of these texts to the ACP.

ENLARGEMENT

The Council focussed its discussions at this meeting on the complex fisheries problem, with a view to preparations for the negotiating sessions from 17 to 20 March with the two countries applying for membership.

Winding up, it instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on the subject and on the other main outstanding chapters in the negotiations, in preparation for the forthcoming discussions with a view to the final round of negotiations.

INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES

The Council heard a statement from President DELORS introducing the latest Commission communication on the Integrated Mediterranean Programmes.

In view of the absence of certain Ministers owing to the weather conditions, the Council agreed to examine this communication in detail at its next meeting.

COMMUNITY'S OWN RESOURCES

The Council continued the search for a solution as a follow-up to the conclusions of the European Council at Fontainebleau regarding both new own resources and United Kingdom compensation for 1984 and to enable the budgetary procedure to be resumed, with a view to arriving at a budget for 1985.

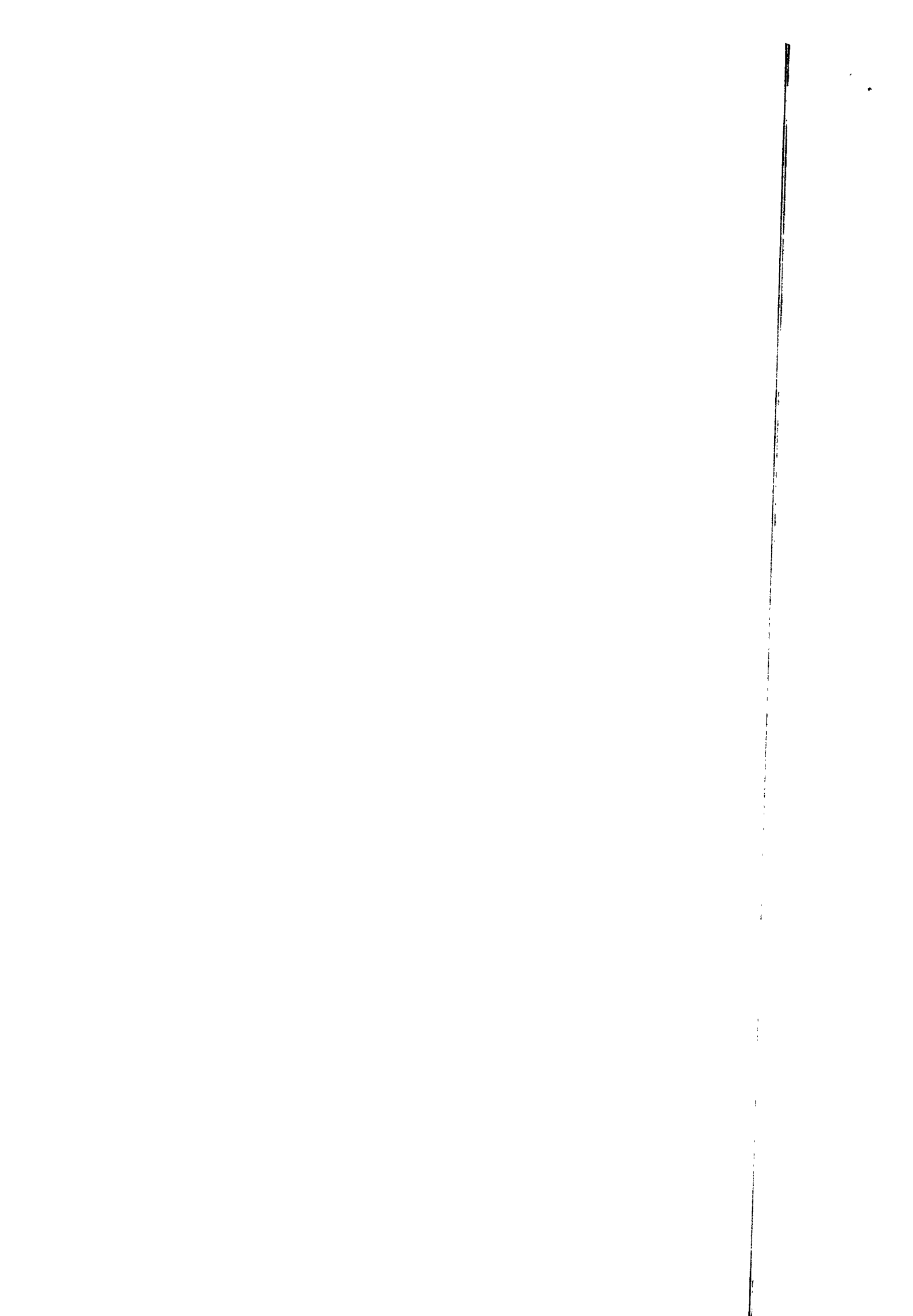
It agreed to continue its discussions on the issue at its next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 77/93/EEC (extension until 1 March 1985 of the transitional period laid down to enable the Hellenic Republic to comply with the basic Directive) on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products (proposal "B").

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending for the twenty-third time Directive 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption, entailing the transitional extension from 16 March to 31 December 1985 of the authorization to use thiabendazole for the surface treatment of citrus fruits and bananas.



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ELARGISSEMENT/ESPAGNE (Santopinto)

Les travaux du Conseil ont commence hier apres-midi apres 16 h., le brouillard ayant retarde ou empeche l'arrivee de plusieurs ministres.

La presidence a presente aux Dix une note de compromis sur la peche, dont l'examen se poursuivra au COREPER. C'est donc lors du marathon des 17, 18, 19 et 20 mars qu'on verifiera la possibilite de cloturer les chapitres cruciaux de la negociation (peche, agriculture et affaires sociales) avant le sommet des chefs d'Etat et de Gouvernement.

P.I.M.

Le Conseil a entendu la presentation politique que le President DELORS a faite des nouvelles propositions de la Commission. A cause aussi de l'absence de plusieurs ministres le debat sur ces propositions aura lieu lors de la session du mois de mars.

A suivre,
Amities,
H. PAEMEN, comeur, 9h30///

Bruxelles, le 1er mars 1985

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RESSOURCES PROPRES (O.von Schwerin)

La discussion sur le financement du budget 1985 et les ressources propres n'a pas avance beaucoup en substance.

La delegation allemande a introduite une nouvelle version du compromis qui vise a lier d'une facon explicite la mise a la disposition des nouvelles ressources propres a partir du 01.01.86 a l'achèvement de la procedure des ratifications du Traite d'adhesion, une formule qui, dans l'interpretation de plusieurs delegations (notamment les delegations belge et britannique), va au-dela de l'accord etabli a Fontainebleau.

Par contre, dans l'absence de M. Genscher, le Secrétaire d'Etat Ruhfuss s'est base sur les conclusions des Chefs d'Etat a Stuttgart et a souligne que ce lien constitue pour son gouvernement un element indispensable. Sa delegation n'envisageait en rien de mettre en cause l'accord de principe de Fontainebleau, ni celui sur l'augmentation des ressources propres ni celui sur la compensation budgetaire britannique, mais exclusivement d'etablir une securite pour le cas ou l'elargissement devrait finalement etre retarde de quelques mois en raison du temps necessaire pour les procedures de ratification.

Meme dans ce cas que son gouvernement cherche a eviter dans la mesure du possible la mise a la disposition des nouvelles ressources propres serait concue retroactivement, c.a.d. toujours pour la date d'effet du 01.01.1986.

Pour la Commission, le Vice-president Christophersen, tout en se felicitant du nouvel effort de compromis, s'est oppose notamment a la formule des avances remboursables dans la nouvelle formule allemande par laquelle - ainsi que de l'avis des autres delegations (RU, DK) - le budget 1986 risque d'etre affecte d'une facon serieuse.

Après avoir constate que le Conseil ne pouvait pas avancer sur cette base, le President Andreotti a reporte le debat a la reunion prochaine.

Je vous rappelle que cette reunion est prevue du 17 au 21 mars 1985 comme dernier effort pour arriver a un accord avant le Conseil Europeen du 29/30 mars 1985.

Amities,
H. PAEMEN, Comeur////

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