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- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 26/27/28 November 1984

Presidents: Mr Peter BARRY

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

and

Mr Jim O'KEEFFE

Minister of State at the
Department of Foreign Affairs
of Ireland

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

Belgium:

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

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Knut-Erik TYGESEN	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER	Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jürgen RUHFUS	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS	State Secretary for European Economic Community Affairs
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France:

Mr Roland DUMAS	Minister for European Affairs
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Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jim O'KEEFFE	Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

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

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK

Minister for Foreign Affairs

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

Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Vice-President

Mr Poul DALSGER

Member

ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS

The Council discussed in detail the Community position to be adopted in the final stage of the negotiations with Spain and Portugal on a number of fundamental aspects of the negotiations, such as: in respect of agriculture, wine and the supplementary trade mechanism for fruit and vegetables and certain northern-European products, fisheries, steel problems and industrial tariff dismantling.

At the end of the discussion, the President noted that substantial progress had been made, but that there were still some problems of a political nature to be resolved. These problems, which particularly concerned wine, would be raised at the European Council so that further progress could be made on all fronts.

The Council informed the Spanish delegation, headed by Mr Fernando MORAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Portuguese delegation, headed by Mr Ernani RODRIGUES LOPES, Minister for Finance and the Plan, of progress in Community work, as well as the arrangements decided on for further negotiations after the European Council.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council prepared the topics likely to be discussed at the next meeting of the European Council on 3 and 4 December in Dublin.

THE FAMINE IN AFRICA

Mr O'KEEFFE, in his capacity as President of the Development Council, reported on his recent visit to Kenya and Ethiopia which had enabled him to assess the gravity of the food situation, particularly in Ethiopia. He would be submitting proposals on the measures to be taken to the European Council.

ANNUAL REPORT ON EUROPEAN UNION

The Council approved the draft text of the annual report drawn up for the European Council in Dublin, further to Section 2.1.4. of the Stuttgart Solemn Declaration on European Union.

INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES

The Council held an in-depth discussion on the amended proposal instituting integrated Mediterranean programmes.

At the end of the discussion, the Council agreed to refer the matter to the European Council in Dublin.

COMMUNITY EXPORTS OF STEEL PIPES AND TUBES TO THE UNITED STATES

The Council was informed by the Commission that the United States Government had refused the Community's offer of voluntary restraint regarding Community exports of steel pipes and tubes decided on by the Council at its meeting of 22 November.

It was also informed that the United States Government had consequently confirmed its intention to limit, as from 29 November, imports of pipes and tubes from the Community to 5,9% of the United States market - a decision which meant a suspension of these imports for the rest of 1984.

The Council deeply regretted the attitude of the United States Government; it decided to denounce unilaterally the exchange of letters of 21 October 1982 regarding the aforementioned products and instructed Mr DAVIGNON, Vice-President, to undertake the necessary steps to this end.

It noted the intention of the Commission to submit to the Council shortly suggestions as to what further action should be taken, in particular within GATT.

GENERALIZED PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: COMMUNITY SCHEME FOR 1985.

In the light of the Opinions of the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee the Council agreed in principle (1) to the substance of the new Community generalized scheme of preferences for 1985. In adopting its Decision, the Council followed the guidelines it had sketched out in 1980. The aim of the guidelines is to achieve gradual and progressive discrimination in favour of countries which have most need of generalized preferences, in particular the least-developed countries.

The generalized scheme of preferences for 1985 may be summarized as follows:

Iron and steel products

The arrangements for 1984 have been renewed without change.

Industrial products

As in 1984, the 1985 GSP provides for the duty-free import of industrial products, subject to quotas or ceilings for certain sensitive products.

Eleven products have been transferred from the sensitive products category to the non-sensitive products category and eleven other products from the latter category to the former.

(1) Pending the Opinions of the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee on the inclusion of Greenland in the GSP, in which the Council expressed a favourable position.

Furthermore, in the course of its revision of the list of sensitive products, the Council introduced additional quotas for nine countries, while in eleven cases it replaced quotas by the more flexible system of ceilings.

For certain products there is to be an increase in the volume of quotas of the order of 5 to 10% and an increase in the volume of ceilings of the order of 5 to 15%. The Council agreed to an increase of 10% for non-sensitive products.

Textile products

As far as MFA textile products were concerned, the Council agreed to the same increase in volume as was made in the 1984 GSP.

The Council reduced the number of ceilings allocated among the Member States and replaced these by the more flexible system of non-allocated Community ceilings.

The Council also agreed to retain the 1984 arrangements for non-MFA textiles as well as the arrangements relating to jute products and coir.

Agricultural products

The Council agreed to improve the preferential margins for all beneficiaries of the GSP in the case of several products already included in the Community GSP (1). It also added bamboo shoots to the list of products covered.

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- (1) Meat and meat offals, meat of furred game, certain fishery products, bilberries, flour of dried vegetables, flour of fruits, prepared meat, prepared fish, preserved fruits, roasted nuts, coffee substitutes, mustard, baking powders, prepared rice, palm tree cores, beer made from malt.

The Council also agreed to improvements of the GSP arrangements for some products governed by quotas or ceilings, i.e. raw tobacco and pineapple. As regards cocoa butter and soluble coffee the 1984 arrangements are to be maintained subject to a change in the breakdown of the quota.

China and Romania.

In the case of China and Romania the 1984 arrangements are to be extended.

Beneficiaries

The list of beneficiaries of the GSP for 1985 comprises 127 independent countries. The list of OCT beneficiaries, other than Greenland, comprises 21 countries and territories.

Publication of the official texts of the Regulation

The official texts relating to the 1985 GSP will be formally adopted in December 1984 and will then be published as soon as possible in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE

The Council held a discussion on the outcome of the meeting which took place on 21 November with a delegation from the European Parliament on the Council's common approach for conclusions on the measures necessary to guarantee the effective implementation of the conclusions of the European Council on budgetary discipline.

The President was forced to conclude that the Council would have to continue its discussions on the question of the form to be given to the conclusions on inter-institutional co-operation in this respect.

LAW OF THE SEA

The Council examined the question of the signature by the Community of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which was open for signature until 9 December 1984 at the UN Headquarters in New York.

After noting that not all Member States had yet adopted their final position on the matter, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to take up this question again so as to enable the Council to take a decision in due course.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION WITH JAPAN

At the initiative of Viscount DAVIGNON, the Council discussed progress in co-operation with Japan on Science and Technology. The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine this matter further.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade and Customs Union matters

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

- imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on certain imports of dense sodium carbonate originating in the United States of America;
- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on
 - = a number of products intended for use in the construction, maintenance and repair of aircraft and
 - = a number of industrial products
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff.

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulations on the application of Decisions No 1/84 of the EEC-Switzerland and EEC-Austria Joint Committees - Community transit - amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit.

Export credits

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive concerning the reciprocal obligations of export credit insurance organizations of the Member States acting on behalf of the State or with its support, or of public departments acting in place of such organizations, in the case of joint guarantees for a contract involving one or more subcontracts in one or more Member States of the European Communities.

Company law

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive revising the amounts expressed in ECU in Directive 78/660/EEC.

Agriculture

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 as regards the implementation of new rules for importing certain cheeses from Australia and New Zealand;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2772/75 on certain marketing standards for eggs and laying down special provisions for application of Regulation (EEC) No 1831/84.

Research

The Council adopted the Decision on a five-year programme (1984-1988) for the development of the specialized information market in Europe. This programme, which is partly based on the three previous consecutive three-year plans of action, the last of which expired on 31 December 1983, continues, redirects and extends Community activities in connection with the specialized information market in the light of recent events and urgent requirements which are emerging.

The specialized information market involves high-level information intended for those working in science and technology, social, cultural and economic development, trade and industry, business and finance, marketing, etc.

The programme is designed to ensure the continuation of EURONET-DIANE operations, together with a series of important information projects for which contracts have been signed with some 55 public and private bodies in the Member States.

These projects include:

- patent-related information;
- biotechnology information network;
- materials data bank;
- electronic publishing and image data banks;
- information for industry, particularly directed at small and medium-sized undertakings (SMUs);
- application of new information technology, such as Videotex.

The amount estimated necessary for implementing this programme is 25 MECU. This amount may be revised following a review at the end of the second year.

Social affairs

The Council took note of the Commission report - Twelfth activity report on the European Social Fund, 1983, and the comments from the delegations and the Commission representative.

The Council also approved the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the European Social Fund, which had already received a favourable opinion from the Commission.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty, to the granting of a global loan to Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (ETVA), Athens, Greece.

Appointments

The Council appointed, on a proposal from the Irish Government, Mr M. AHERNE and Mr W. HANNON, Department of Labour, as members of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Mr B. FITZPATRICK and Mr B. O'RIORDAN, pending the replacement of the Committee.

In addition, the Council appointed, on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr D. ASTON as member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency in place of Mr W. ROOKE for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 28 March 1985.

Finally, the Council appointed, on a proposal from the French Government, Mr J.S. LETOURNEUR as member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency, in place of Mr A. NOE for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 28 March 1985.

Bruxelles, le 23 novembre 1984.

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cc. aux Membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

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PREPARATION DU CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES (van der Pas)

Les Ministres des Affaires etrangeres se reuniront a Bruxelles la semaine prochaine. Debut de la reunion : lundi 10h; elle pourrait se prolonger jusqu'a mercredi dans un effort de progresser sur les dossiers Espagne et Portugal.

ESPAGNE ET PORTUGAL (Santopinto)

Le Conseil devrait s'efforcer de parvenir lundi le 26 a definir une position commune sur les questions de l'agriculture y compris le vin et la peche. Mardi et mercredi, les 27 et 28, auront lieu les sessions ministerielles CEE/Espagne et CEE/Portugal.

PROGRAMMES INTEGRES MEDITERRANEENS (Santopinto)

Le Conseil discutera egalement des propositions de la Commission au Conseil instituant les programmes integres mediterraneens. Il s'agira d'une discussion importante car pour certains pays l'adoption des PIM est un prealable a l'adhesion. Le Conseil devrait se pencher notamment sur les points suivants:

- forme et contenu du reglement de base instituant les PIM
- forme et utilisation des moyens financiers accrus et montant de l'enveloppe pour cette operation.

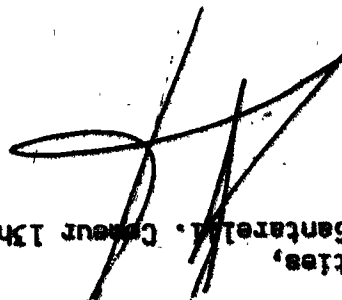
AUTRES POINTS :

Les Ministres prepareront le Conseil europeen de Dublin, discuteront du projet de rapport sur l'Union europeenne, reprendront la discipline budgetaire et essayeront de se mettre d'accord sur le systeme des preferences generalisees pour 1985. La Convention sur le Droit de la Mer figure egalement a l'ordre du jour : la question se pose si la Communaute peut signer la nouvelle Convention meme si deux Etats membres, l'Allemagne et le Royaume-Uni, ont decide de ne pas apporter leur signature nationale. La Commission et plusieurs autres Etats membres sont d'avis que la Communaute doit signer, notamment :

- parce que elle s'est battue tout au long des negociations pour que la Communaute puisse adherer et qu'elle est la seule organisation internationale a avoir obtenu ce droit,
- parce que la Convention couvre des domaines de competence communautaire, tels que la peche, l'environnement. Des difficultes institutionnelles graves seraient par consequent creees si un Etat membre acceptait, par sa ratification de la Convention, des obligations internationales dans des domaines de competence communautaire et si la Communaute en tant que telle restait absente dans la Convention,
- parce que les reserves allemande et britannique portent notamment sur l'exploitation des fonds de mer, domaine ou la Communaute n'a pratiquement pas de competence.

Sous les points divers, la délégation demande instamment sans
doute sur l'urgence d'une ratification du traité CEE/Groenland.

Amities,
M. Santarelli. Censeur 13h/111

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Bruxelles, le 26 novembre 1984

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CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES

Elargissement (M. Santopinto)

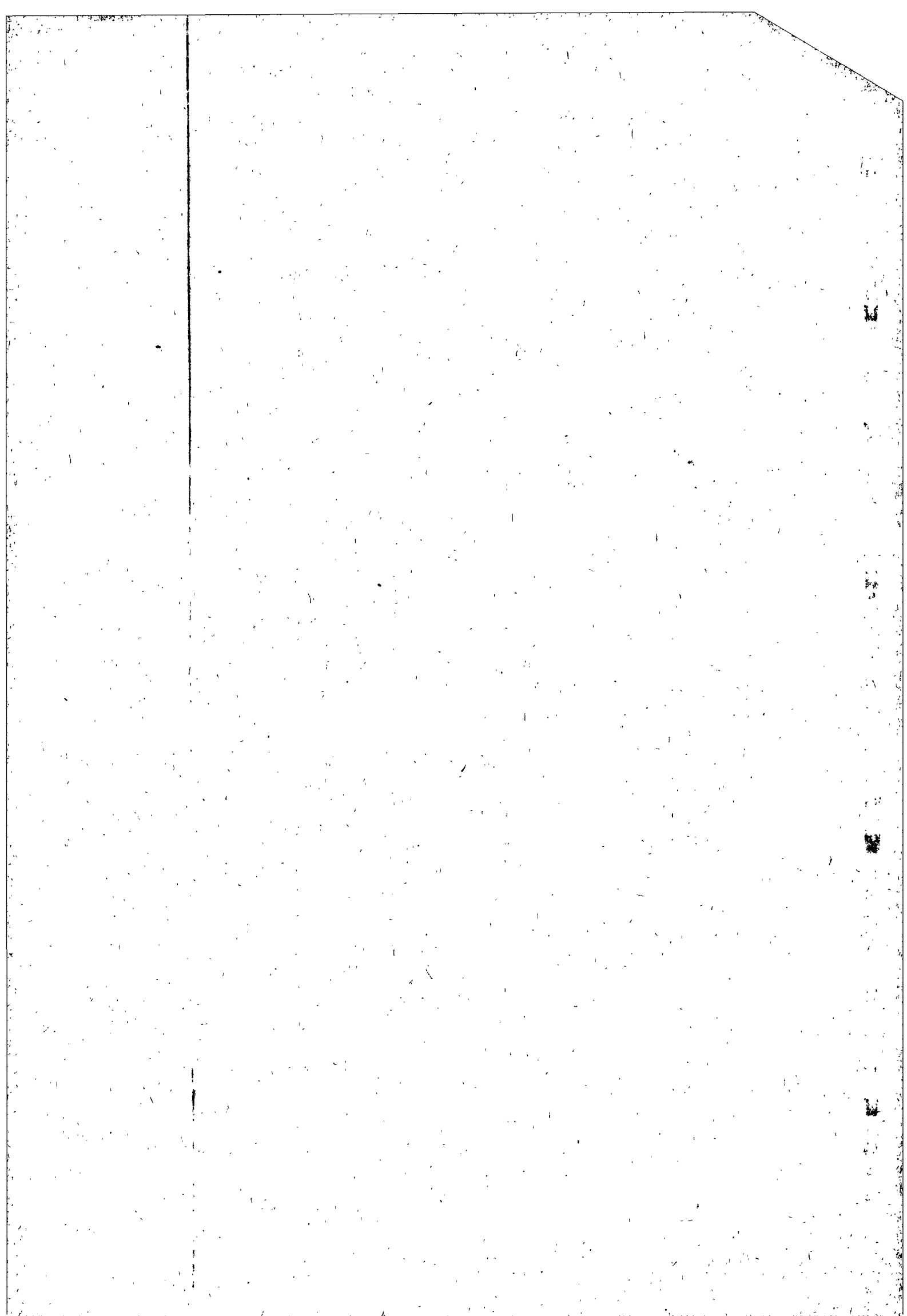
Le Vice-President Davignon a fait un expose sur les problemes de la siderurgie et des hauts tarifs espagnols. Un groupe ad-hoc a ete constitue pour examiner ce dossier et fera rapport au Conseil en fin d'apres-midi.

Les 10 ont aborde ensuite le probleme du vin sur la base d'un nouveau compromis presente par la Presidence. Le debat sur ces dossiers ainsi que sur la peche et l'agriculture reprendront a 15h.

Le Conseil a discute aussi le protocole portant modification de certaines dispositions de l'accord entre la CE et la Republique portugaise. Un accord s'est degage sur la question de produits agricoles transformes et au cours de cet apres-midi le Conseil devrait reprendre la discussion sur les conditions de prorogation du protocole "automobile" de 1979.

Amities,
M. Santarelli COMEUR////





Bruxelles, le 27 novembre 1984

NOTE BIO (84) 444 (suite 2) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES

Elargissement (M. Santopinto)

Dans l'après-midi d'hier les Dix ont abordé en réunion restreinte le problème du vin. Des progrès dans la discussion ont été enregistrés mais la discussion sur ce dossier reprendra ce matin à 9H00 ainsi que celle sur la pêche et l'agriculture. Les PIM devraient également être discutés ce matin.

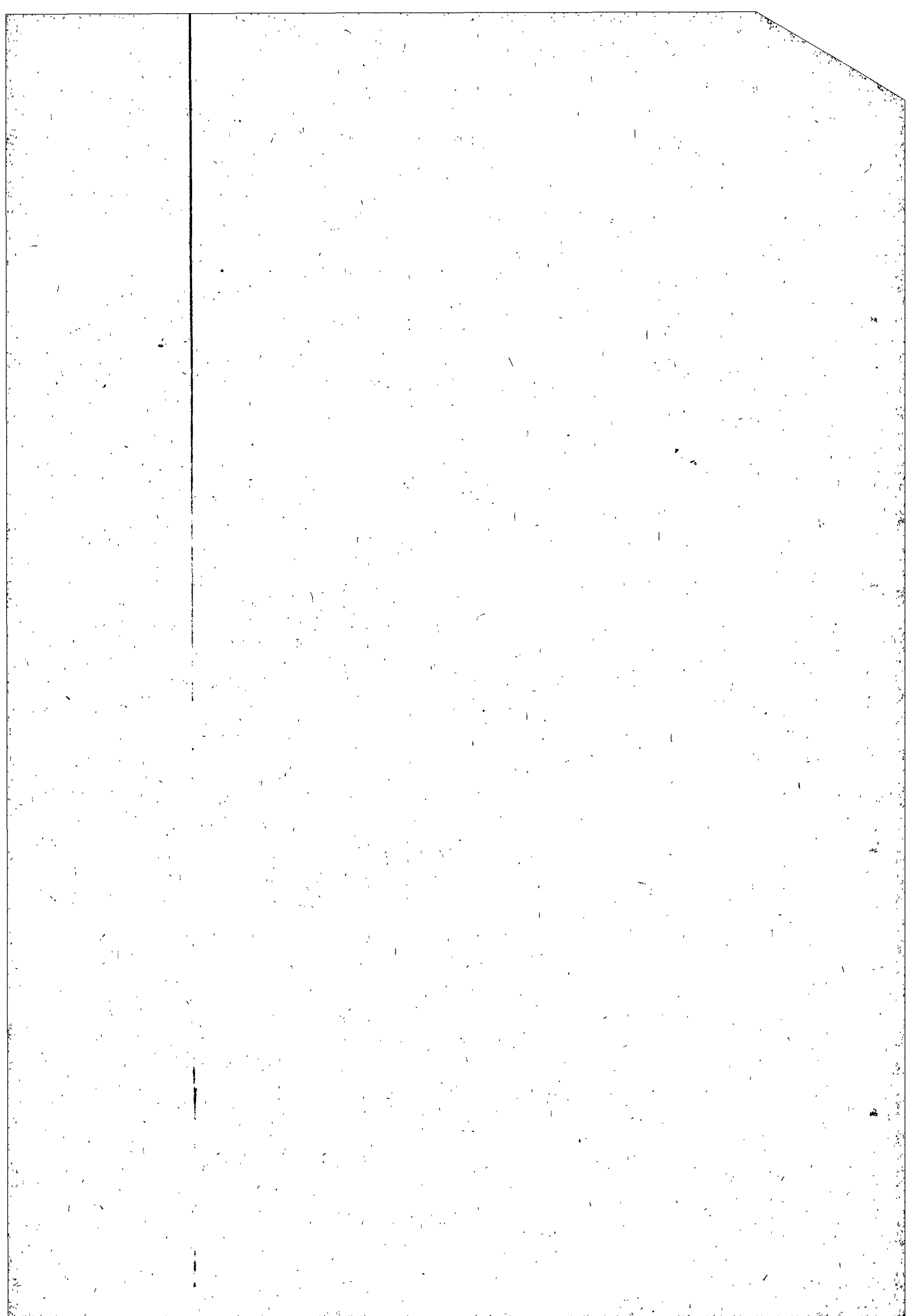
La réunion d'hier a été interrompue à 19H30 pour permettre à la Présidence et à la Commission de rencontrer les délégations espagnole et portugaise.

Toujours en ce qui concerne la journée d'hier, les Dix ont repris leurs travaux à 21H30 pour examiner après la réunion du groupe ad hoc les questions de la sidérurgie espagnole et de la transition tarifaire industrielle avec l'Espagne. Un mandat a été octroyé à la Commission pour qu'elle poursuive dans la journée d'aujourd'hui les discussions sur ces deux points avec la délégation espagnole. La Commission devrait faire rapport au Conseil dans le courant de la journée.

A suivre

Amitiés,
M. SANTARELLI, Comeur, ////





Bruxelles, le 27 novembre 1984

Note BIO(84)444(suite 3) aux Bureaux Nationaux
cc. aux membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES (K. van der Pas)

1. Preferences generalisees

Lundi soir les Ministres des Affaires etrangeres ont adopte le schema des preferences generalisees pour 1985. M. Haferkamp a regrette que le Conseil ait rejete l'amelioration des preferences, proposee par la Commission, pour la Chine et pour l'Amerique Centrale et il a souligne la contradiction entre cette attitude et toutes les declarations du Conseil soulignant l'importance politique des relations entre la Communaute et ces pays.

La delegation allemande a fait une declaration analogue pour regretter plus particulierement que les concessions aux pays ASEAN ne correspondent pas aux signaux politiques envoyes par la Communaute a ce groupe de pays. Meme tonalite aupres de la delegation danoise. Celle-ci a cependant obtenu satisfaction quant a l'inclusion dans le SPG des produits groenlandais, a l'expection des produits de la peche. Ceux-ci sont couverts par un accord de peche separe CE-Groenland; une declaration du Conseil retient la possibilite d'une inclusion des produits de la peche dans le SPG si, pour une raison ou une autre, l'accord de peche n'etait pas applicable.

2. Droit de la mer

Le dossier a ete renvoye au Coreper, les gouvernements allemand et britannique n'ayant pas encore fixe leur position definitive quant a la signature de la nouvelle convention sur le droit de la mer par la Communaute. La delegation allemande a fait entendre qu'elle ne s'opposera pas a cette signature, meme si l'Allemagne ne signe pas elle-meme. La decision definitive sera probablement prise aujourd'hui au cours de la reunion du Gouvernement allemand. La delegation britannique n'a donne aucune indication sur la position possible de son gouvernement.

La Presidence irlandaise a rappele que la signature par la Communaute ne vaut pas confirmation definitive de la nouvelle convention; cette question se posera seulement lorsque la majorite des Etats membres auront ratifie la convention. A ce stade il ne s'agit que de signer, tant pour les Etats membres que pour la Communaute.

Le Coreper a ete invite a regler cette question dans les delais necessaires pour permettre a la Communaute, le cas echeant, de signer avant le delai final, le 9 decembre prochain.

CONSEIL EUROPEEN A DUBLIN

La Presidence irlandaise a donne une premiere indication, a completer au cours du Conseil, des points a l'ordre du jour du Conseil europeen les 3 et 4 decembre a Dublin :

- situation economique et sociale
- rapport Comite Dooge et rapport Comite Europe des citoyens
- rapport sur l'Union europeenne
- famine en Afrique (rapport de la presidence sur une mission en Ethiopie)
- elargissement (en fonction du deroulement des discussions d'aujourd'hui et de demain)
- cooperation politique.

La delegation allemande a fait savoir que le Chancelier Kohl fera une declaration sur la politique d'environnement.

POINTS DIVERS

Sous ce chapitre, la delegation danoise a insiste aupres des Etats membres de ratifier l'Accord CE-Groenland avant la fin de l'annee pour eviter qu'il faille recourir a un regime interimaire (deja propose par precaution par la Commission). M. Davignon a insiste aupres des Etats membres pour qu'ils se prononcent rapidement sur un accord eventuel avec le Japon en matiere de cooperation scientifique et technique. Une proposition de la Commission faite en mai 83 a ete ensevelie par les doutes des Etats membres sur les avantages possibles que la Communaute pourrait retirer d'un tel accord. M. Davignon a demande que la Communaute fixe sa position avant son voyage au Japon, la semaine prochaine.

A suivre.

Amities,
Manuel SANTARELLI. Doneur ////



Brussels, 27 November 1984

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GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (Elphick)

Budget Discipline

Ministers had a further lengthy discussion on the text painfully put together concerning Budget Discipline. President Thorn urged the Council to take seriously the reservations expressed by Parliament and suggested two improvements to the text which would commit the Council to consult Parliament before establishing the reference framework for budgetary spending each year. What had to be avoided, he said, was an institutional clash which would set Parliament against Council.

Several delegations would have liked to go further and all except Denmark's said they could go along with the Commission's suggestions. However, Denmark insisted on the text being accepted as it stood without amendment.

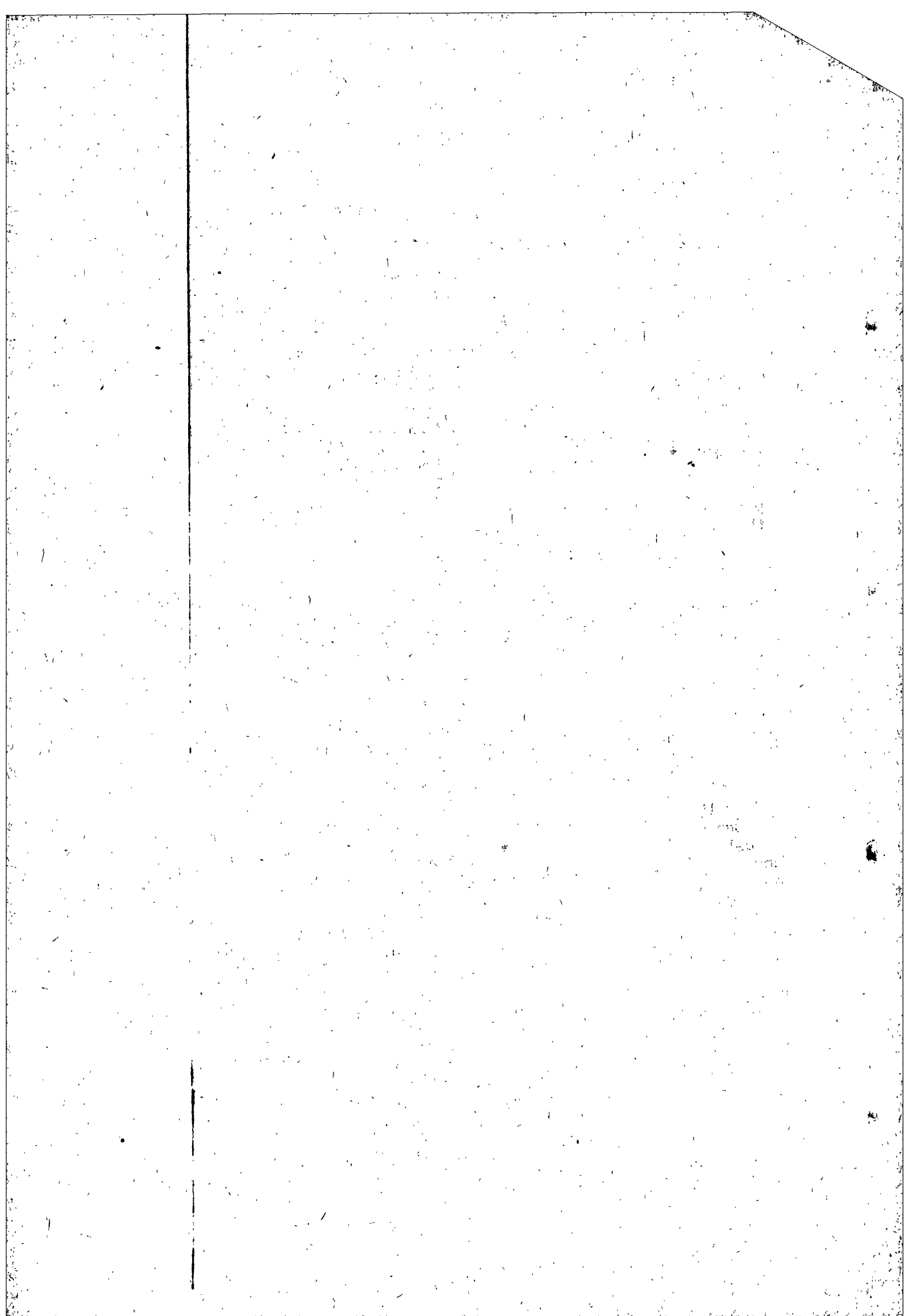
President Thorn said that without the modest amendments he had suggested the Commission would have to distance itself from the Council's conclusions. Even with the amendments, it would still be an agreement binding only on the Council, President Thorn said.

After an hour's discussion however, the Council was unable to reach agreement. It was not clear whether the problem of Budget Discipline would come up again at this Council or whether it would have to be referred to the European Summit in Dublin. Both the German and the British delegations reminded their colleagues that without agreement on Budget Discipline there would be no possibility of Parliamentary agreement in Bonn and London to the extra funds needed for the Supplementary Budget 1984.

Amities,

M. SANTARELLI COMEUR 17.00////





Bruxelles, le 28 novembre 1984
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c.c. aux Membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES

ELARGISSEMENT (Santopinto)

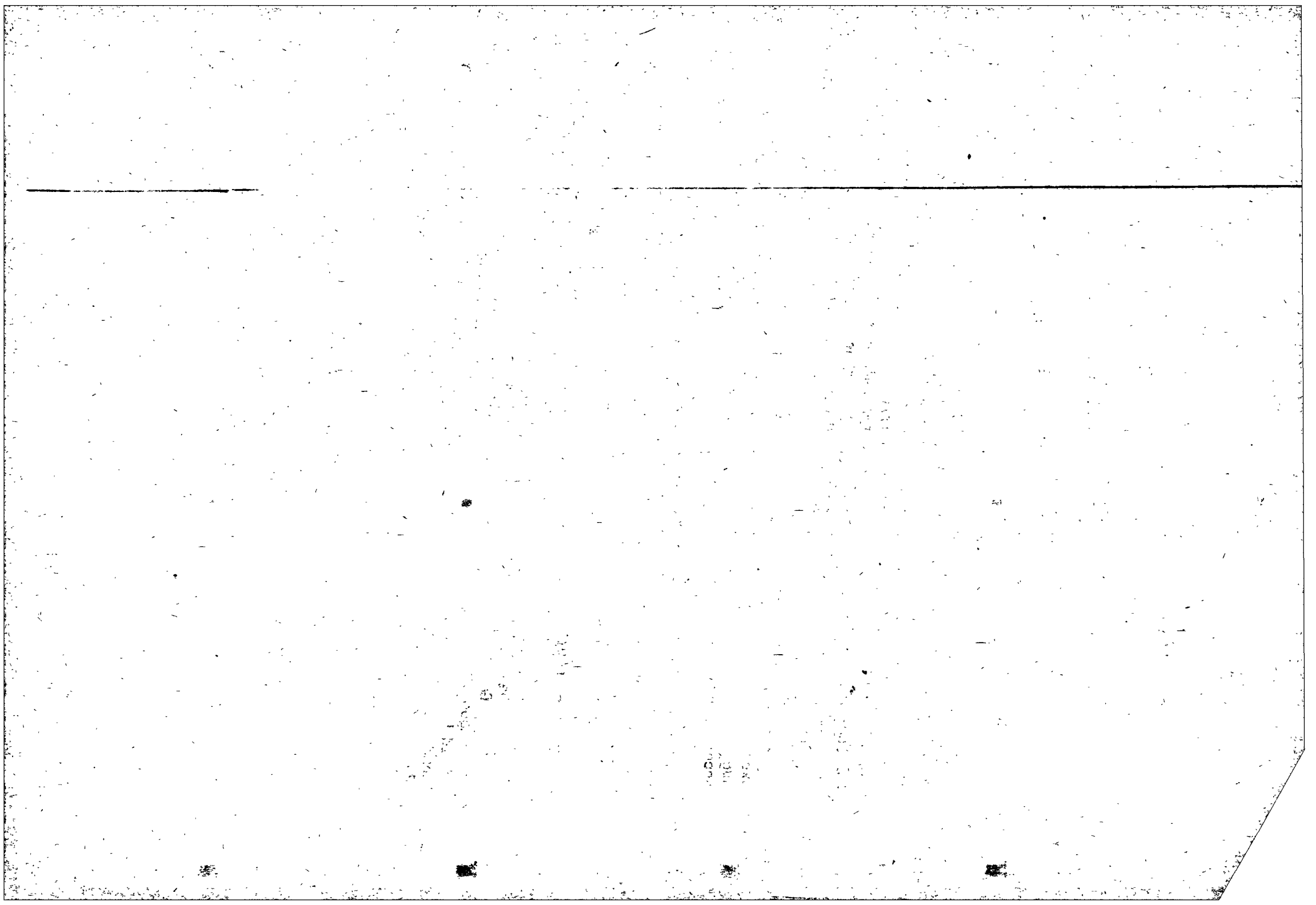
Le Dix ne sont pas parvenus dans la journée d'hier à trouver un accord sur le problème de la pêche et du vin. Ces dossiers seront discutés à nouveau ce matin. En ce qui concerne le problème du vin, le principe de la discipline de la production paraît acquis mais d'importantes divergences subsistent sur le paramètre à adopter pour le déclenchement de la distillation obligatoire, sur la question de savoir si la répartition de la quantité à distiller doit être faite par Etat membre ou sur base régionale et sur la question du sucrage du vin. Ce dernier point a donné l'occasion à M. Natali d'affirmer, que pour la Commission, il était difficilement concevable qu'une modification de l'acquis communautaire comporte seulement des interventions au niveau de la production.

En ce qui concerne la pêche, la question principale à résoudre, comme nous l'avons déjà dit, est celle de la durée de la période de transition pour l'accès aux eaux. Certains Etats membres estiment que cette durée ne peut pas dépasser un maximum de 10 ans. D'autres par contre considèrent que la période de transition pourrait avoir une durée de 15 ans. Des solutions de compromis sont actuellement envisagées.

En ce qui concerne la sidérurgie et les hauts tarifs, la Commission poursuit les discussions avec la délégation espagnole et fera rapport au Conseil au courant de la journée.

Amitiés,
Manuel Santarelli, Cœur, 10h00





Bruxelles, le 28 novembre 1984

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Affaires etrangeres (Manuel Santarelli)

Pour etayer l intervention faite hier en Conseil par le President Thorn, et preparer la reprise des discussions envisagees ce soir vers 19h30, nous avons diffuse au Conseil et en Salle de Presse le texte suivant :

"La Commission deplore que le Conseil d hier n ait pu trouver un accord sur la discipline budgetaire.

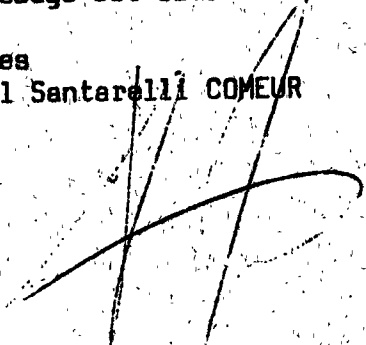
Dans un effort de conciliation et en vue d eviter un affrontement direct entre le Conseil et le Parlement, qui risquerait de bloquer la Communaute, la Commission avait propose deux ameliorations au projet en discussion. qui etaient apparus acceptables a tous les Etats Membres sauf un. Cet effort de conciliation ne signifiait aucunement l abandon des reserves que la Commission a eue en ce qui concerne le texte du Conseil.

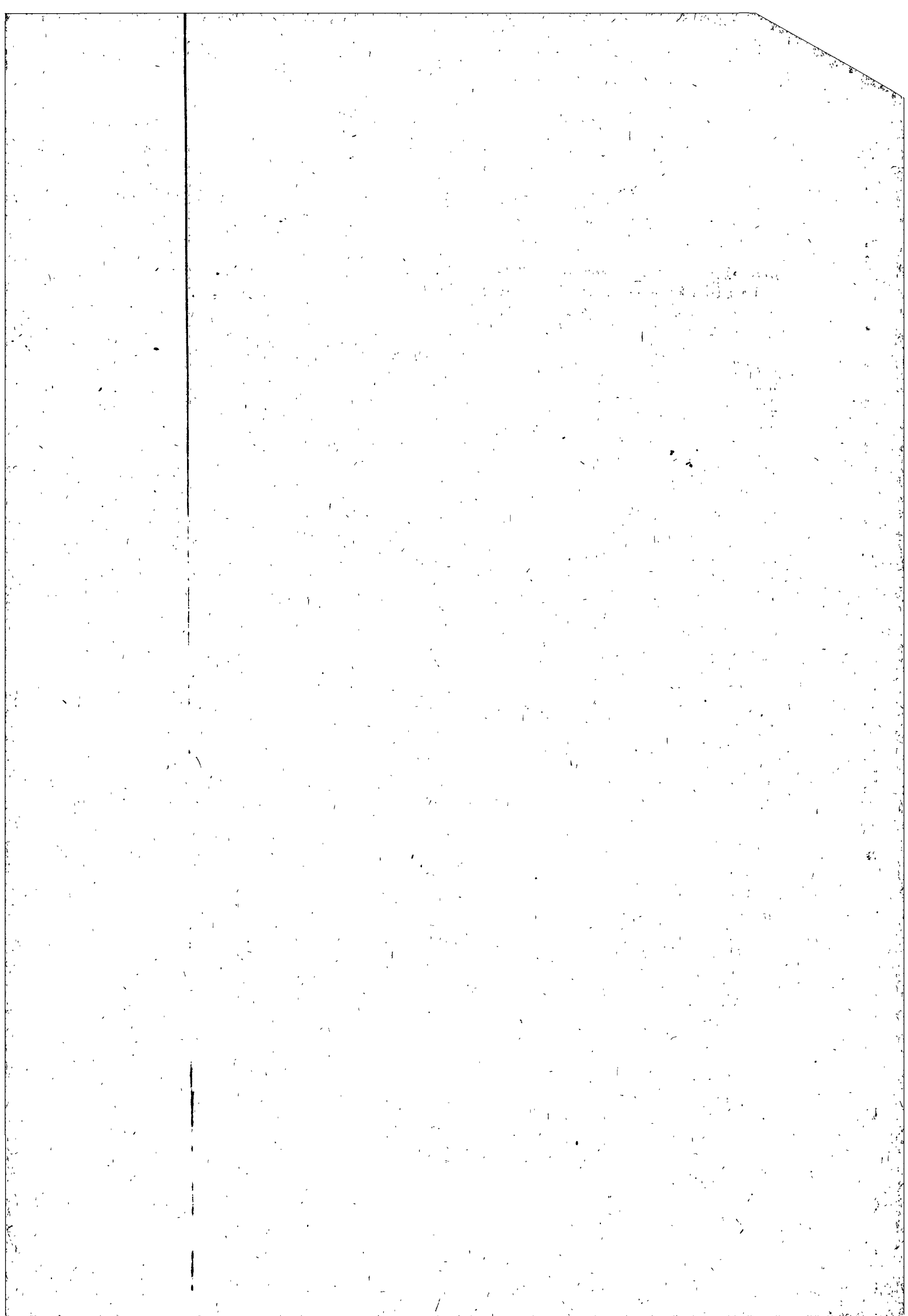
L opinion publique ne comprend pas ces querelles institutionnelles.

La Commission veut que la Communaute fonctionne; pour cela il faut des situations claires et que le role de chacune des institutions soit pleinement respecte. Il reste une derniere chance ce matin, nous allons mettre les membres du Conseil devant leurs responsabilites. Ils ne peuvent ignorer ni les prerogatives du Parlement europeen, ni le droit d initiative de la Commission, ni les interets d une Communaute vivante et dynamique.

Le message est clair."

Amities
Manuel Santarelli COMEUR





Bruxelles, le 29 novembre 1984.

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cc. aux membres du Groupe du Porte-Parole

CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES

Elargissement (M. SANTOPINTO)

Trois jours de débats, presque toujours en super-restreints, n'ont pas permis aux Dix de définir une position commune sur la Pêche et le Vin.

Les progrès qui ont été enregistrés pendant les discussions de ces jours permettent cependant d'espérer qu'un accord sur le Vin au sommet de Dublin déblocuera aussi le problème de la Pêche. En ce qui concerne l'Agriculture Espagne un accord de principe existe sur les mécanismes complémentaires applicables aux échanges (fruits et légumes frais et produits continentaux). La formalisation de cet accord semble toutefois être liée à un accord politique global à Dublin.

En ce qui concerne le dossier "Transition tarifaire industrielle", à négocier avec l'Espagne, les Dix qui avaient donné mandat à la Commission de poursuivre des contacts exploratoires avec la délégation espagnole, n'ont pas pu se mettre d'accord sur une proposition de compromis à soumettre à celle-ci, qui avait pourtant recueilli l'avis favorable de la plus grande partie des délégations. La Commission poursuivra ses contacts exploratoires avec les espagnols sur le problème de la sidérurgie.

Les ministres des Dix ont également discuté, toujours en super-restreint, les Programmes Intégrés Méditerranéens qui sera également à l'ordre du jour de Dublin.

Parmi les principaux points qui seront discutés à Dublin :

- le montant de l'enveloppe budgétaire,
- la Nature des actions qui pourront être financées par les Programmes Intégrés Méditerranéens.

Un large consensus s'est dégagé hier sur le principe de l'additionnalité financière des Programmes Intégrés Méditerranéens par rapport aux Fonds Structurels existants.

Budget Discipline (R. ELPHICK)

Ministers held a further lengthy discussion on budget discipline late last night (Wednesday) in restricted session but were still unable to make progress. Sticking point was still whether and how to make a gesture which might appease Parliament's sensibilities about lack of consultation on the reference amount to be fixed at the start of the budgetary year. The dossier will now be sent in its present state directly to the Heads of State and Government at Dublin next week.

Amities

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