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of Scientific and Technological
Research
of the Italian Republic

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Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES
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RESEARCH POLICY

Winding up its discussions on the following agenda items:

- realization of a tritium handling laboratory
 - Community approach to the European synchrotron radiation laboratory
 - initiative for research in informatics applied to society (IRIS)
 - preparatory action for a Community research and development programme in the field of telecommunications technologies (RACE),
- the Council prepared the draft overall conclusions which appear below.

However, since it was unable to give definitive approval to these conclusions for the time being, the Council agreed that the text would remain on the Council table for formal approval prior to the European Council meeting in Milan.

DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

1. The Council held a wide-ranging exchange of views on strengthening co-operation between the Member States in the spirit of the Resolution of 14 January 1974 on the co-ordination of national policies and the definition of projects of interest to the Community in the field of science and technology.

Concluding this exchange of views, the Council agreed to lay down a procedure for informing and consulting the Member States and the Commission as regards significant scientific and technical installations with a view to rationalizing their use and location. To this end, it called on the Commission to make a suitable inventory of major existing and projected national, inter-governmental and Community facilities and laboratories; NEUTRON SUPPLY BY SPALLATION, THE GRAN SASSO UNDERGROUND LABORATORY, THE MARINE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, etc. were mentioned as examples in the first instance. The Council undertook to discuss this matter on the basis of the Commission document before the end of 1985.

2. In this context, after examining the European Synchrotron project, the Council emphasized the Community's interest in its realization in view of the significance of such a scientific tool.

Acknowledging also the value of having a Community position on this laboratory, the Council took positive note of the Grenoble option for its location, and asked the Commission to study further the Community's involvement in the project on the

lines set out in its communication of 13 December 1984 (see 11491/84 RECH 131) and if appropriate to submit proposals in this connection.

3. Furthermore, the Council decided that the aim of the project of European significance referred to in its Decision of 22 December 1983 concerning the JRC programme (¹) would be to realize a Tritium Handling Laboratory at the Ispra Establishment of the JRC.

The Commission confirmed that the establishment of the Tritium Handling Laboratory would not lead to increases in staff or non-staff costs in the current Joint Research Centre budget and would not lead to increases in real terms in running costs when proposals were put forward for the revision of the Joint Research Centre 1984-1987 programme.

The Council will formally adopt this Decision in the official languages of the Communities as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, on the basis of the amended Commission proposal (²).

4. With regard to the Presidency's initiative for research in informatics applied to society (IRIS), the Council, having heard the Commission statement, noted with satisfaction that the latter was ready to carry out studies on the topics mentioned in the Presidency's initiative and that, for this purpose, the Commission proposed to organize a seminar in December 1985.

(¹) See OJ No L 3, 5.1.1984, p. 21.

(²) See OJ No C 73, 19.3.1985, p. 9.

- 5.(a) There is general agreement as to the desirability and importance of the early implementation of a definition phase for the RACE programme. The aim is to prepare a general European framework for developing advanced communications systems for the future and to promote the technological and industrial co-operation made necessary by the complexity and risks inherent in the development of advanced networks, terminals and services and the creation of the right environment for establishing a vast internal market. It will not be possible to define and examine a Community R & D programme in this field until this phase is completed.
- (b) The work mentioned in Part I of the proposal will be based as far as possible on the work of the CEPT and the GAP with regard to the reference model for networks and future applications assessment.

The Council took note of the undertaking by the Telecommunications Ministers to ensure that CEPT gave substantial assistance in completing this Part.

Furthermore, the necessary expenditure for such requirements as might remain will be charged to Article 7730 of the budget (Telecommunications).

All the work relating to this Part will be managed in close co-operation with the Senior Officials Group on Telecommunications (SOGT).

(c) The work to be carried out in Part II, in conjunction with that carried out in Part I, will be determined within three months by the Committee to be set up under Article 6 of the draft Decision proposed by the Commission and will be financed from Chapter 73. The Commission would point out in this connection that an amount of 10 MECU in commitment appropriations and 3 MECU in payment appropriations has been provided by the budget authority in 1985. However, in view of the current budget situation, the Commission undertakes to keep within the framework of the budget decisions recommended in December 1984 by the Research Council concerning the limitation of payment appropriations for research in 1985 and 1986.

The Permanent Representatives Committee will also have to consider whether the Community's rate of contribution to this second part should be maintained at 50%.

6. The Council took note of the outcome of the Commission's re-examination of its proposal for a programme of assistance for the development of endogenous scientific and technical research capacity in the developing countries and agreed to discuss the substance of the matter at its next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy and customs union

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

- imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain glass mirrors originating in South Africa (CCT heading No 70.09 - amount of duty 17,5%)
- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of industrial products;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for
 - = processing work in respect of certain textile products under Community outward processing traffic;
 - = ferro-phosphorus falling within subheading ex 28.55 A of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = 2-tert-pentylanthraquinone falling within subheading ex 29.13 of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = cod, dried, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, falling within subheading 03.02 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = herrings falling within subheading 03.01 B I a) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - = certain eels falling within subheading ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff.

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Decision amending Annex II to Decision 80/1186/EEC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community;
- the Regulation revising the amounts for the documentary requirements in Protocol No 1 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation to the second ACP-EEC Convention;
- the Decision revising the amounts for the documentary requirements in Annex II concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation to Decision 80/1186/EEC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community.

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles on fishing off Seychelles.
