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President: Mr Leo TINDEMANS
Minister for Foreign Relations
of the Kingdom of Belgium

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** Includes text of EEC-US Agreement, 30 January 1987*

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
Mr Herman DE CROO	Minister for Transport and Foreign Trade
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for European Affairs

Denmark:

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

Germany:

Mr Jürgen RUHFUS	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Dieter VON WURZEN	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS	Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Spain:

Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ ORDOÑEZ	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Pedro SOLBES	State Secretary for Relations with the European Communities

France:

Mr Jean-Bernard RAIMOND	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Michel NOIR	Minister attached to the Minister for Economic Affairs, Finance and Privatization, with responsibility for Foreign Trade
Mr Bernard BOSSON	Minister with responsibility for European Affairs

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Mr John H.F. CAMPBELL

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Member

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ

Member

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES: NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXIV/6
OF GATT - THE COUNCIL'S CONCLUSIONS

The Council held an in-depth discussion on the Commission report concerning the most recent talks with the United States on 23 and 24 January 1987.

The Council shared the Commission's view that positions had moved somewhat closer together although this did not yet enable a realistic and fair solution to be arrived at which could be considered acceptable.

The Council confirmed its desire to reach such a solution and appealed to the United States to make its contribution in order to avoid the extremely damaging consequences of a trade war. It referred in this connection to its previous conclusions on the matter, in particular those of 16 January 1987.

The Council supported the Commission's intention of making a final effort in the next few days in an attempt to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution on the basis of the guidelines and assurances referred to by the Commission and in the light of the comments made in the course of the discussion.

The Commission will report back to the Permanent Representatives Committee on the results of its negotiations on Thursday 29 January 1987.

MEDITERRANEAN POLICY: RENEWAL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FINANCIAL
PROTOCOLS

The Council carried out a detailed examination of this question and agreed to resume it, with a view to reaching a conclusion, at its next meeting on 16 and 17 February 1987;

5th MEETING OF THE EEC-ISRAEL CO-OPERATION COUNCIL

The Council prepared the Community position for the 5th meeting, at Ministerial level, of the EEC-Israel Co-operation Council on 27 January 1987. (See joint press release CEE-ISR 2901/87 (Presse 11) of 27 January 1987).

SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF EXPORT EARNINGS FOR LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES NOT SIGNATORY TO THE LOME CONVENTION

The Council recorded its agreement as regards the substance of the proposals for Regulations intended to implement, as from the 1987 financial year, the commitment entered into by the Community, in the context of the mid-term review of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the least-developed countries, to set up a system of compensation for loss of export earnings from agricultural commodities for least-developed countries not signatory to the Lomé Convention.

The Regulations will be formally approved as "A" items at the Council meeting on 9 February 1987.

When these Regulations were approved, the Spanish delegation in particular drew the attention of the Council and the Commission to the position of certain Central American countries at a low level of development which, whilst not meeting the criteria on the basis of which the above commitment had been entered into, were also in a particularly difficult situation.

In view of this situation the Council is prepared to pay particular attention to the matter, in particular in the context of implementation of the objectives of the co-operation between the Community and the countries of the Central American Isthmus.

In the light of the above, the Commission for its part confirmed the approach proposed in its communication on the European Community and Latin America that official development aid efforts should be concentrated on the relatively less-developed countries of Latin America, which included the majority of Central American countries. The Commission will make appropriate proposals on this basis.

1987 BUDGET

The Council had an exchange of views on the budget situation and noted with regret that it had not proved possible to arrive at a joint position at this stage. It considered that if this situation were to continue for any length of time it could well be detrimental to the interests of the Community, for example as regards implementation of the agricultural decisions taken last December and the discussions on the future financing of the Community.

The Council asked the Presidency and the Commission to make every effort to arrive at a joint position in good time to enable discussions with the European Parliament to be resumed with a view to reaching agreement in February.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Combating drug abuse

The Council adopted a Decision on Community participation as an observer in the preparatory work of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (Vienna, 17 to 26 June 1987) and at the Conference itself as regards questions falling within the sphere of Community competence.

This Conference, to be held under the auspices of the United Nations, should result in the adoption of a "Comprehensive multi-disciplinary outline of future activities relevant to the problems of drug abuse and illicit trafficking".

Aids to shipbuilding

The Council adopted the 6th Directive on aids to shipbuilding in the official languages of the Communities (see press release 11713 f/86 (Presse 214) of 22 December 1986).

Customs Union

The Council adopted Decisions accepting on behalf of the Community the European Agreements on the exchange of:

- therapeutic substances of human origin;
- blood-grouping reagents.

These agreements, which were drawn up on the initiative of the Council of Europe, provide that the Contracting Parties will take all necessary measures to exempt from all import duties products placed at their disposal by the other Parties.

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Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of standardized multi-phase electric motors having an output of more than 0,75 KW but not more than 75 KW, originating in State-trading countries (Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, German Democratic Republic, Romania, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union).

Commodities

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation on the application of the system of certificates of origin provided for under the International Coffee Agreement 1983 when quotas are suspended.

Agriculture

Following upon the political agreement reached by the Ministers for Agriculture on 19, 20 and 21 January 1987, the Council adopted four Regulations implementing emergency aid measures following the recent cold weather:

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 on the common organization of the markets in the sugar sector;
- on the free supply of intervention stocks of processed cereals to charitable organizations;

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- amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1842/83 laying down general rules for the supply of milk and certain milk products at reduced prices to school children,

(See press release 4209 e/87 (Presse 4) of 21 January 1987).

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 351/79 concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector. This amendment extends the current provisions on the addition of alcohol until 31 December 1987.

Finally, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, estimates of:

- young male bovine animals weighing 300 kg or less and intended for fattening for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1987
- beef and veal intended for the processing industry for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1987.

(See press release 4209 e/87 (Presse 4) of 21 January 1987).

Appointments

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr C. JOSEPH a member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency in place of Mr W.H.J. TIELEMAN, member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 28 March 1987.

On a proposal from the Spanish Government, the Council appointed Mr L. VAL HERNANDEZ, Mr J.A. RUIZ LOPEZ-RUA, Mr F. PASTOR RIDRUEJO, Mr A. RENGIFO ABAD and Mr J. PINEDO CABEZUDO, members of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency for the remainder of the Committee's term of office, which runs until 28 March 1987.

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mr Erik BALLE a member of the European Social Fund Committee in place of Mr N.J. HILSTRØM, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 11 December 1987.

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr J.R. VAN BLANKENSTEIN an alternate member of the European Social Fund Committee in place of Mr J.W.S. PABON, alternate member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 11 December 1987.

Finally, on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr J.R. VAN BLANKENSTEIN a member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Mr J.W.S. PABON, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 6 October 1987.

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 30 January 1987

4367/87 (Presse 9)

The Council has adopted - by written procedure - the decision concerning the approval, on behalf of the Community, of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the United States of America for the conclusion of negotiations under GATT Article XXIV.6, and agreed to the publication of these texts in the Official Journal.

The text of this Agreement is attached.

**AGREEMENT FOR THE CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6**

I. The United States and the European Community

- desiring to bring their GATT Article XXIV:6 negotiations to conclusion on the basis of a reasonable and mutually satisfactory compromise;
- recognising that the differing interpretations which each party has placed on the provisions of Article XXIV:6 cannot be reconciled;
- recognising on the other hand that the alternative of major transatlantic trade conflict is not in the interest of the continued close partnership in commercial and economic matters between the European Community and the United States, including the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations in the GATT; and
- recognising that the present agreement is concluded without prejudice to the views of either party in respect of Article XXIV:6;

agree to the following provisions :

II. As regards the withdrawal of Spanish and Portuguese GATT concessions, the Community will implement the following dispositions:

- A. The GATT bindings of the EC 10 as set out in Schedules LXXII and LXXII bis will be restored and extended to Spain and Portugal, in view of US recognition of the benefits which would result for certain US exports.⁽¹⁾ Improvements granted to third countries shall also be applied to the US. The duties applied in Spain and Portugal during the transitional period will be those set out in the Treaty of Accession.

(1) This commitment does not apply to fish products, on which the EC has not made an offer and which are subject to negotiations with other countries. The United States maintains its principal supplier and substantial interest rights under Article XXVIII for such products. The European Community recognises that these matters have to be resolved through further negotiations.

- B. A reduction of present duty rates will be made on an autonomous basis on the products listed, and in the manner described, in Annex I.
- C. As regards corn and sorghum, (other than for sowing)(1):
1. The Community will ensure a minimum annual level of imports of two million metric tons of corn and of three hundred thousand metric tons of sorghum into Spain for consumption from non-EC sources (MFN). To achieve this, reduced-levy quotas shall be applied in Spain and/or direct purchases on the world market shall be made under the Commission's authority. The detailed modalities are set out in Annex II.
 2. The commitment in 1. shall apply from January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1990. The quantity for 1987 shall be in addition to any EC obligations remaining with respect to the interim agreement of July 1, 1986.
 3. In order to ensure that such imports of corn and sorghum into Spain are not diverted to other markets, appropriate measures will be taken.

III. The United States and the European Community also agree that:

- i. Consultations will be held on this agreement at any time at the request of either party.
- ii. During July 1990, a major review of the situation resulting from paragraph II of this agreement will be initiated. This review will take into account, inter alia:
 - (a) general trade developments, with particular reference to the evolution of US exports to Spain and Portugal;
 - (b) agreements on agriculture reached in the Uruguay Round;
 - (c) the status of implementation of the Treaty of Accession,with the objective of determining at that time what new action, if any, might be appropriate.
- iii. This agreement is without prejudice to the legal interpretations of Article XXIV of either party and both parties reserve full GATT rights including those which would otherwise be time-limited.

(1) Nimexe 10.05.92 and 10.07.59

IV. Upon approval of, and subject to, the above provisions, both parties declare that this agreement constitutes a mutually satisfactory conclusion of this Article XXIV:6 negotiation.

For the EC (*)

For the US (*)

Willy DE CLERCO

Clayton YEUTTER

(*) Ad referendum

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In the context of this agreement Portugal agrees not to apply until 31 December 1990 the option provided for in article 320 of the Accession Treaty that a minimum of 15 % of total cereals imported into Portugal be purchased each year from Community suppliers.

The European Community will, on an autonomous basis, reduce the present duty rates on the products listed below to the duty levels indicated during the period 1987 to 1990.

OCT NO	DESCRIPTION	PRESENT DUTY	OFFER
0704 A	Dried, dehydrated or evaporated onions	16	Tariff quota of 12.000 tons at 10
0801 D	Avocados	8	4 in the period 1 Dec to 31 May
1203	Seeds for sowing:		
C	- of fodder plants	4-5	2-2.5
D	- flowers & kohlrabi	6	3
E	- vegetable seeds and other	7	4
2006 A II	Nuts, roasted in packings of 1kg or less	16	12
ex 2007 A II	Apple juice (concentrate) (1)	42 + (L)	30 + (L)
ex 2007 B I (Nimexe codes ex 23, ex 24, 32, 33, 35.)	Apple juice (other) (1)	24 + ADS 25	18 + ADS 18
ex 2007 B II (Nimexe codes 45, 75)	Grapefruit juice	15 + ADS	12 + ADS
ex 2007 B II (Nimexe codes 61, 93)	Cranberry juice	22	14

(1) Pear juice is not included. Mixtures of apple and pear juice are not included.

CCT NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENT DUTY	OFFER
2209 C III (a)	Bourbon	Specific duty	Reduced by half (2)
2402 B	Cigars	52	43
2801 C	Bromine	9	4.5
ex 2902 A III	Ethyl Dibromide, and Vinyl Bromide	8.6	3
ex 2907 A	Halogenated Derivatives: Bromides	6.9	3
ex 2908 A III C	Aromatic ethers: Bromides	7.1	3
ex 2915 C III	Other aromatic polycarboxylic acids: Bromides & tetra-bromides	13	8
ex 2926 A II	Bistetrabromophthalic amide	7	3
3814 A	Anti-knock preparations based on tetraethyl - lead	7.2	0
ex 3814 B III	Other anti-knock preparations	5.8	0
3819 S I	Doped silicon	7.6	5
3901 C VII, Nimex codes:			
3901 87	Epoxide resins as monofil, seamless tubes, rods, sticks, profile shapes, plates, sheets, film, foil or strip; waste & scrap.	7.6	6.5

(2) - in containers holding two litres or less - 0.20 ECU per hl per % volume of alcohol + 1.5 ECU per hl.
 - in containers holding more than two litres - 0.20 ECU per hl per % volume of alcohol

OCT NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENT DUTY	OFFER
3901 94	Polyether alcohols, except polyethylene glycols, liquid or pasty, in blocks, lumps, powder, granules, flakes and similar bulk forms.	7.6	6.5
3901 96	Condensation, polycondensation and polyaddition products N.E.S., prepared for moulding or extruding.	7.6	6.5
3901 98	Condensation, polycondensation and polyaddition products N.E.S., not prepared for moulding or extruding, liquid or pasty, in blocks, lumps, powders, granules, flakes and similar bulk forms.	7.6	6.5
ex 4415	Plywood of coniferous species	Tariff Quota 600.000 ^{m³}	Tariff Quota 650.000 ^{m³}
ex 7603 (Nimexe Codes 22, 29, 32, 39)	Rectangular wrought plates, sheets and strip, of aluminium	10	7.5
ex 8706 (Nimexe Code ex 41)	Wheels; parts of wheels and accessories for wheels: - of aluminium.	6.9	6

29 January 1987

With reference to paragraph II C.1. of the Agreement for the Conclusion of Negotiations between the United States and the European Community under GATT Article XXIV:6, the following modalities shall apply:

1. In order to ensure the minimum annual level of imports of two million metric tons of corn and three hundred thousand metric tons of sorghum into Spain, the EC will establish as a general mechanism a system consisting of an import tender for a reduced levy for corn and for sorghum imports into Spain.
2. In order to guarantee the import of the total quantities negotiated, a back-up mechanism will be established, enabling direct purchases of corn and sorghum on world markets for Spain, under the control of the Commission. The Commission will proceed to such purchases on a regular basis if it proves necessary and following bilateral consultations where appropriate.
3. The Commission will ensure that the minimum annual import levels are fully met not later than two months after each calendar year concerned.
4. The quantities of the non-grain feed ingredients imported into Spain and listed below will be deducted proportionally from the global yearly quantities which have been negotiated for corn and for sorghum:

CCT NUMBER	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
23.03.A II	Corn gluten feed
23.03 B II	Brewing and distilling dregs and waste
23.06 A II	Citrus peels and pellets

Bruxelles, 23 janvier 1987.

NOTE BIO(87) 21 AUX BUREAUX D'INFORMATION
CC. AUX MEMBRES DU SERVICE DU PORTE-PAROLE

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PREPARATION CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES 26-27 (F. LE BAIL)

Le Conseil qui débutera lundi à 10 H 30 sera probablement dominé par le conflit avec les Etats-Unis sur l'élargissement. L'ensemble des points à l'ordre du jour concerne les relations extérieures, à l'exception d'un point sur le budget 1987 qui sera discuté à la demande de la délégation italienne.

- Conflit CEE/Etats-Unis sur l'élargissement

M. De Clercq fera rapport au Conseil des négociations qu'il a entrepris à Washington, en compagnie de M. Andriessen, avec MM. Yeutter et Lyng du côté américain. Le Conseil se prononcera à la lumière de ce rapport soit pour accepter une solution négociée, soit pour préciser et mettre en vigueur les mesures de rétorsion qu'il a arrêtées la semaine dernière (charge à l'importation située entre 42 et 55 ECUS par tonne sur deux produits en provenance des USA : le corn gluten feed et le riz).

- Protocoles financiers méditerranéens

Les Ministres reprendront la discussion sur le montant des protocoles financiers méditerranéens. Un certain nombre de progrès ont été réalisés sur des questions comme la ventilation par pays, la proportion entre fonds bancaires et fonds budgétaires mais les divergences restent profondes sur le montant global de l'enveloppe financière.

- Stabex PMA

Le Conseil devrait approuver la proposition de la Commission d'étendre le système Stabex aux pays les moins avancés non signataires de la Convention de Lomé. La proposition était bloquée jusqu'à présent du fait de la demande espagnole d'étendre le bénéfice du Stabex non seulement aux PMA figurant dans la liste des nations unies mais aussi à un certain nombre de pays latino-américains. Ce problème devrait être résolu et la proposition de la Commission devrait être adoptée sans changement.

- Israël

Le Conseil de coopération CEE-Israël tiendra sa 5ème session le mardi 27 janvier en présence de M. Shimon Peres, vice-premier Ministre et Ministre des Affaires Etrangères. Les deux parties passeront en revue le fonctionnement de l'accord en particulier ses aspects commerciaux et ses aspects de coopération. Des discussions politiques auront lieu lors du dîner le lundi 26 entre les Douze, M. Cheysson et le Ministre Israélien.

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Matériel diffusé

Calendrier

- IP 35 - Résumé de l'intervention du Prés. Delors devant le PE
- IP 36 - Emprunt public Ceca de 175 mio DM
- IP 37 - FED : programme de soutien au secteur agricole en Tanzanie
- P 4 - Rapport 1986 sur la situation de l'agriculture dans la Communauté
- Memo 6- Conseil de coopération CEE-Israël

Amitiés,

H. PAEMEN

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Bruxelles, le 26 janvier 1987

NOTE BIO(87)21 (suite 1) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
CC. AUX MEMBRES DU SERVICE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES DU 26 JANVIER 1987 (F. LE BAIL)

Le Conseil s'est terminé tôt dans la soirée après avoir traité de presque tous les points en séance restreinte.

- Négociations CEE/Etats-Unis sur l'élargissement

M. De Clercq a fait rapport au Conseil des négociations qui ont eu lieu à Washington au cours du week-end. Il a fait état d'un rapprochement des positions, en particulier d'une diminution des exigences américaines sur le maïs et le sorgho et de la possibilité d'un "paquet" d'ensemble qui comprendrait des éléments agricoles, des éléments industriels ainsi que la renonciation par le Portugal à la réservation de 15% de son marché des céréales aux exportations communautaires.

Il a demandé au Conseil, d'une part s'il approuvait la démarche de la Commission et d'autre part s'il acceptait que la Commission poursuive ses efforts de négociations fusse au prix d'un modeste effort supplémentaire.

Il a reçu l'appui unanime du Conseil y compris du Portugal pour continuer la négociation sur la base de l'approche présentée par lui.

Les prochains contacts avec les Etats-Unis auront donc lieu par vidéo-conférence soit dans la journée de mardi, soit dans la journée de mercredi. M. De Clercq fera rapport à l'issue de ces négociations au COREPER de jeudi prochain qui devrait se prononcer sur le paquet d'ensemble. En cas d'échec des négociations, c'est ce même COREPER qui se prononcerait sur les mesures de rétorsion communautaires.

- Protocoles financiers méditerranéens

Les ministres ont procédé à une nouvelle discussion dans un cadre super-restreint sans toutefois parvenir à une conclusion. La présidence a lancé un appel aux Etats membres pour que le Conseil puisse adopter les protocoles financiers méditerranéens lors de sa session de février.

- STABEX - PMA

La délégation espagnole a continué de bloquer l'adoption de la proposition de la Commission visant à étendre le bénéfice du STABEX aux pays les moins avancés de la liste de l'ONU en insistant sur l'inclusion de certains pays latino-américains.

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M. Cheysson a fait remarquer qu'une telle inclusion représenterait une dépense budgétaire supplémentaire d'environ un milliard d'Ecus et a souligné la nécessité de prendre une décision car a-t-il dit la Communauté a fait en octobre dernier une promesse aux pays les moins avancés et elle doit la respecter.

Les ministres se réuniront à nouveau demain pour le Conseil de coopération avec Israël.

Amitiés,


H. PAEMEN

Bruxelles, 27 janvier 1987.

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CC. AUX MEMBRES DU SERVICE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES (F. LE BAIL)

- Conseil de coopération CEE/Israël

La 5eme session du Conseil de coopération CEE/Israël s'est déroulée ce matin. La délégation israélienne était dirigée par M. Shimon Peres, Ministre des Affaires étrangères. Du côté de la Communauté, MM. Tindemans et Cheysson ont pris successivement la parole.

M. Peres a exposé le programme économique de son pays et mis l'accent sur la 2eme phase qui vise à renforcer la stabilité économique. Il a indiqué que, depuis le 1er janvier 1987, Israël avait mis en oeuvre une nouvelle réduction tarifaire pour les importations en provenance de la Communauté et confirmé que la suppression complète des tarifs douaniers avec la Communauté se ferait le 1er janvier 1989.

La préoccupation essentielle de M. Peres reste le déficit commercial important de son pays avec la Communauté. Celle-ci est le meilleur client et le meilleur fournisseur d'Israël avec 55 % de ses importations totales et 45 % de ses exportations. Le déficit d'Israël à l'égard de la Communauté représente 87 % de son déficit commercial total.

"Mon pays poursuit 3 objectifs dans son dialogue avec la Communauté" a indiqué M. Peres. Le premier d'entre eux est une révision des règles d'origine de telle sorte que les règles que la Communauté applique à l'AELE puissent s'appliquer également à Israël. Deuxième objectif : la mise en oeuvre du nouveau protocole additionnel. A ce sujet, M. Peres a exprimé sa préoccupation sur le lien que la Communauté fait entre la mise en oeuvre du protocole additionnel et celle du protocole technique d'adaptation. Troisième objectif de M. Peres : le renforcement de la coopération avec la Communauté. M. Peres a indiqué que son pays était intéressé à des secteurs comme la recherche et le développement dans le domaine agricole, la coopération dans le secteur industriel et technologique ainsi que pour l'amélioration des systèmes de dissémination de l'information en matière de coopération industrielle. Il souhaite également une augmentation du volume des prêts et une enveloppe commune dans le 3eme protocole pour le financement d'actions conjointes.

M. Tindemans lui a répondu sur les aspects de commerce en se félicitant des résultats remarquables du programme d'assainissement économique en Israël. Il a exprimé sa satisfaction pour le règlement d'un certain nombre de problèmes commerciaux en particulier sur les voitures et les pneus pleins. Toutefois, a-t-il ajouté, la Communauté continue à avoir des difficultés pour exporter le verre plat.

Sur les règles d'origine, il a précisé que les règles contenues dans les accords AELE avaient été introduites exceptionnellement du fait de l'interdépendance des industries de ces pays et de la Communauté.

M. Cheysson est intervenu sur les aspects de coopération. Il a souligné les progrès effectués dans la coopération entre la Communauté et Israël, progrès à la fois en volume et en diversité. Mais, nous voulons aller plus loin, a-t-il ajouté, car Israël est un partenaire de choix de la Communauté et devrait donc s'insérer parfaitement dans les objectifs définis par celle-ci pour une coopération accrue avec les pays tiers méditerranéens. Il a rappelé le rôle d'incitation des pouvoirs publics qui peuvent aider à trouver des capitaux et à favoriser les contacts entre opérateurs économiques et s'est déclaré en faveur d'une coopération triangulaire.

- Stabex PMA

Reprenant pour un court instant ses discussions de la veille, le Conseil est parvenu à un accord politique sur la proposition de la Commission d'étendre le Stabex aux pays les moins avancés, la délégation espagnole ayant levé sa réserve. En raison de l'absence de quorum, c'est le Conseil Eco/Fin du 9 février qui adoptera formellement la proposition de la Commission.


Amis,
H. PAEMEN