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Presidents: Lord CARRINGTON,  
Secretary of State for  
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

and

Mr Humphrey ATKINS,  
Lord Privy Seal  
of the United Kingdom

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

Belgium:

Mr Charles Ferdinand NOTHOMB            Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Robert URBAIN                        Minister for Foreign Trade

Denmark:

Mr Kjeld OLESEN                        Minister for Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans Dietrich GENSCHER            Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Peter CORTERIER                    Minister of State,  
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Otto Graf LAMBSDORFF                Federal Minister for Economic  
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Jean CHARALAMBOPOULOS            Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Grigoris VARFIS                    State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

France:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON                    Minister for Foreign Relations  
Mr Pierre DREYFUS                     Minister for Industry  
Mr André CHANDERNAGOR                Minister attached to the Minister  
for Foreign Relations, responsible  
for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr James DOOGE                        Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Alan DUKES                         Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Giuseppe BARTOLOMEI	Minister for Agriculture
Mr Giovanni MARCORA	Minister for Industry
Mr Mario FIORET	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mrs Colette FLESCH	Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Netherlands:

Mr Max van der STOEL	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr H. van den BROEK	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr W. DIK	State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Mr Humphrey ATKINS	Lord Privy Seal
Mr Peter REES	Minister of State to the Treasury
Mr Douglas HURD	Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN	President
Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI	Vice-President
Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP	Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI	Vice-President
Mr Etienne DAVIGNON	Vice-President
Mr Antonio GIOLITTI	Member
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES	Member
Mr Ivor RICHARD	Member

MANDATE OF 30 MAY

In preparation for the European Council in London on 26 and 27 November next, the Council continued its discussions on all the problems covered by the mandate of 30 May 1980, namely the development of Community policies other than agricultural policy, adjustments to the common agricultural policy and budgetary problems.

The Council agreed to complete these preparations - after delegations had been able to consult their Governments in the light of the discussions that had taken place - on Thursday 19 November (10.00).

EUROPEAN ACT

The Council and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs (Political Co-operation) heard the statements made by Ministers GENSCHER and COLOMBO introducing the German-Italian draft for a "European Act" and explaining the scope and significance of this initiative.

The other Members of the Council and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs (Political Co-operation) expressed their initial reactions and it was agreed that the document would be submitted to the European Council in London.

RENEWAL OF THE MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENT

The Council gave the supplementary directives necessary to enable the Commission to participate on the Community's behalf in further negotiations on the renewal of the Multifibre Arrangement.

The Commission will keep the Council informed of the progress of these negotiations and the Council will continue its discussion of the matter at its next meeting.

VARIOUS DECISIONS

Food Aid

The Council recorded its approval of the breakdown between the Member States of the national measures for food aid in the form of cereals (1981-1982):

Belgium	44,000 tonnes
Denmark	16,501 "
Federal Republic of Germany	193,500 "
France	200,000 "
Ireland	4,080 "
Italy	95,400 "
Luxembourg	1,360 "
Netherlands	50,200 "
United Kingdom	117,296 "
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Commercial policy and customs union

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

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3501/80 establishing ceilings and Community surveillance of imports of certain products originating in Portugal (1981);
- amending Regulations (EEC) Nos 2053/81, 2054/81, 2055/81, 2056/81 and 2057/81 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Portugal (1981/1982).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties for a certain number of products used in the construction, maintenance and repair of aircraft.

The Council went on to adopt in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff.

Finally the Council adopted in the official languages of the Community the Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for 1982 for

- ferro-silicon falling within subheading 73.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff
- ferro-silico-manganese falling within subheading 73.02 D of the Common Customs Tariff
- newsprint falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff and extending this quota to include certain other types of paper
- certain plywoods of coniferous species, falling within heading No ex 44.15 of the Common Customs Tariff
- raw silk (not thrown), falling within heading No 50.02 of the Common Customs Tariff
- yarn, entirely of silk, other than yarn of noil or other waste silk, not put up for retail sale, falling within heading No ex 50.04 of the Common Customs Tariff
- yarn, spun entirely from silk waste other than noil, not put up for retain sale, falling within subheading 50.05 A of the Common Customs Tariff.

#### Export credits

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision amending the Decision of 4 April 1978 concerning the application of certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits.





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c.c. aux membres du groupe du porte parole

OBJET : SESSION DU CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU 17.11.81

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1. ELARGISSEMENT (Parone)

Le Conseil a examine au cours de sa seance du matin le texte d'une declaration sur l'elargissement qui pourrait etre faite par le Conseil europeen a Londres. La declaration confirmerait d'une maniere solennelle la volonte de la Communaute de poursuivre activement les negociations en vue de l'adhesion de l'Espagne et du Portugal.

2. ACTE EUROPEEN

L'initiative de MM. Genscher et Colombo a fait l'objet au Conseil d'un premier tour de table de caractere general. Le vice-president Natali, au nom de la Commission, a accueilli favorablement l'initiative.

3. TEXTILES (Van Der Pas)

Les ministres ont adopte, mercredi matin a 1h30, apres 11 heures de negociations, les elements necessaires pour completer le mandat de negociation de la Commission en vue du renouvellement de l'arrangement multifibres. Ces negociations commencent ce matin a Geneve. A l'issue du Conseil, aucune information n'a ete donnee sur le contenu du mandat pour ne pas le dévoiler avant le debut des negociations.

ATTENTION DIS : La Commission devra essayer a Geneve d'introduire dans le nouvel AMF le concept du mecanisme "anti-gonflement" (destine a eviter des hausses soudaines des importations), ainsi que celui d'une certaine diminution des quotas des pays exportateurs dominants (Hong Kong, Singapour, Macao et Taiwan) avec possibilite d' echange contre des quotas de transformation (exportation vers la Communaute de produits finis fabriques a partir de matieres premieres communautaires).  
FIN DIS

Plusieurs delegations et notamment la France avaient lie l'adoption du mandat a des decisions precises quant aux quantites globales que la Communaute importera pendant la duree du nouvel AMF en provenance des pays a bas salaires. La Commission, appuyee notamment par l'Allemagne, s'etait opposee a une telle decision qui enleverait pratiquement toute marge de negociation a la Commission. Pour l'instant ce lien n'empêche pas la Commission de commencer les negociations a Geneve mais il est clair qu'aucune decision finale sur l'adhesion de la Communaute au nouvel AMF ne sera possible sans accord prealable sur les quantites globales. Le Conseil reprendra ce point le 8 decembre prochain. Il parlera egalement d'un mandat de negociation "textiles" vis-a-vis des pays mediterraneens ainsi que d'un reglement general concernant le trafic de perfectionnement passif.

AMITIES  
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