

**COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

702nd meeting of the Council

- General Affairs -

Brussels, 10 April 1981

President: Mr. Van der Klaauw  
Netherlands Minister of Foreign Affairs  
and  
Mr. Van der Mei  
Netherlands State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

The official press release was unavailable. A summary of the meeting has been reproduced from the Bulletin of the European Communities, No. 4-1981

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702nd Luxembourg 9 and 10.4.1981	General affairs	Mr Van der Mei, Netherlands State Secretary for Foreign Affairs; Mr Van der Klaauw, Netherlands Minister of Foreign Affairs	Mr Thorn, President; Mr Cheysson, Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ACP States.</i> Community position for sixth meeting of ACP-EEC Council of Ministers determined.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• <i>Israel.</i> Regulation on conclusion of second additional protocol to EEC-Israel agreement adopted.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• <i>Medical research and public health.</i> Agreement with Switzerland on concerted action on recording congenital abnormalities concluded.</li> </ul>

### Israel

2.2.54. On 9 April the Council adopted a Regulation<sup>2</sup> concluding, on behalf of the Community, the second Additional Protocol (signed in March<sup>3</sup>) to the EEC-Israel Agreement.

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<sup>3</sup> Bull. EC 3-1981, point 2.2.49.

### ACP States and OCT

#### ACP-EEC Convention

##### *Institutions*

2.2.55. The ACP-EEC Council of Ministers held its sixth meeting—the first since the second Lomé Convention entered into force<sup>4</sup>—in Luxembourg on 9 and 10 April. The implementation and operation of the new Convention, and a number of specific questions relating to ACP-EEC cooperation, were the main items on a very full agenda, some of which could not be dealt with in detail. The informal discussion on the security of food supplies in the ACP States, for instance, had to be deferred until the Council's next meeting in 1982.

Some progress was achieved on enlargement, however, with the statement by the ACP States of their intent to sign the Protocol on Greece no later than 1 July, subject to agreement on the text of a joint declaration. The Community undertook to extend until 30 June the provisional arrangements for trade between Greece and the ACP States<sup>5</sup> pending the signing of a protocol containing the necessary adjustments and transitional measures.

With regard to the dispute concerning the shortfall in sugar deliveries by four ACP States—a matter raised in Nairobi in May 1980<sup>6</sup>—the Council noted that the Commission's decision to reduce the quotas would take definitive effect, since the ACP States had announced at the meeting that they would not be seeking arbitration. The coun-

<sup>4</sup> Bull. EC 1-1981, point 2.2.30.

<sup>5</sup> A Council Regulation and a Decision by the Governments of the Member States to this effect were adopted on 28 April; OJ L 118, 30.4.1981.

<sup>6</sup> Bull. EC 5-1980, point 2.2.54.

number of emergency measures that could contribute decisively to improving the wine market;

- persecution of the Bahai community in Iran;
- the crisis in Lebanon: the House called for an immediate ceasefire and the withdrawal of all outside forces;
- the situation in Poland: the House issued a solemn warning to the Soviet Union.

2.3.20. Parliament also threw its support behind 'the struggle of the Turkish people for the restoration of democratic institutions...' The Commission, the Council and the Member States were urged to make it known to the Turkish military regime that the associ-

ation between Turkey and the Community would be immediately suspended unless democratic institutions were reinstated within two months.

### Council

2.3.21. The Council held two meetings in April. The table below lists the number, place and date of each meeting, the names of the Council President and Commission representatives and the main items of business. The footnotes refer to the points in the Bulletin where a more detailed account is given of decisions taken, agreements reached, positions adopted and questions discussed (Table 3).

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703rd Luxembourg 28.4.1981	Develop- ment cooperation	Mr de Koning, Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation	Mr Cheysson, Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>North-South Dialogue.</i> Present state of Dialogue discussed and Community's basic position prepared.<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• <i>World hunger.</i> Thorough discussion and adoption of a resolution.<sup>4</sup></li> <li>• Community food aid programmes for 1981 considered. Proposed framework Regulation for food aid policy and management discussed.<sup>5</sup></li> <li>• <i>Paris Conference on Least Developed Countries.</i> Agreement reached on Community participation alongside Member States.<sup>6</sup></li> <li>• <i>Cooperation and aid granted.</i> Resolution on Community assistance to developing countries debated and passed.<sup>7</sup></li> </ul>