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GENERAL SECRETARIAT



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- Fisheries -

Brussels, 27 March 1981

President: Mr Gerrit BRAKS,

Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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

Belgium:

Mr Albert LAVENS                          Minister for Agriculture and for  
Small Firms and Traders

Denmark:

Mr Karl HJORTNAES                         Minister for Fisheries  
Mr Jørgen HERTOFT                         State Secretary,  
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL                                Federal Minister for Food,  
Agriculture and Forestry  
Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR                       State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Food,  
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Chrysostomos KARAPIPERIS            State Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture

France:

Mr Daniel HOEFFEL                         Minister for Transport

Ireland:

Mr Patrick POWER                         Minister for Fisheries

Italy:

Mr Vincenzo SCOTTI                         Minister for Co-ordination  
Mr Giuseppe CAROLI                         Deputy State Secretary,  
Ministry of Shipping

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Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food  
Mr George YOUNGER Secretary of State for Scotland  
Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN President  
Mr George CONTOGEOORGIS Member

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FISHERIES POLICY

In response to the political impetus given by the European Council, the Fisheries Council brought forward its meeting originally scheduled for the beginning of April, with the aim of resolving the problems this week.

Although it proved impossible to arrive at an overall solution in such a short space of time, the Council re-affirmed its political resolve to reach final decisions this spring on all the issues involved.

Any further delay in taking decisions would leave those who work in the fishing industry in uncertainty for too long. Particularly for fishing-fleets dependent on catch possibilities in third country waters, final decisions cannot be put off any longer.

Although some political progress has been made, more detailed preparation still appeared necessary on some points.

With the firm resolve to reach final decisions this spring, the Council asked the Presidency to prepare for its next meeting in consultation and co-operation with the Commission.

The Presidency will convene that meeting as soon as the necessary preparations are sufficiently advanced.

Pending the resumption of discussions on all the problems involving fisheries, the Council agreed to extend until 30 June 1981 Regulation No 2527/80 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources.

Pending the adoption of final Community measures, the Council also agreed that the Member States should continue to implement conservation measures similar to those implemented in past years in respect of fishing carried out in waters under their sovereignty or jurisdiction.

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The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, in the form of an exchange of letters, establishing fishing arrangements between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway for 1981 and the Regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200 nautical-mile zone off the coast of the French Department of Guyana.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONSFood aid

In view of the critical food situation in a number of African countries, the Council decided to authorize the Commission to effect a partial advance mobilization of about 50% of the amount of cereals earmarked for the following countries under the Community's 1981 food aid programme.

Angola	4,000 tonnes
Benin	2,000
Cape Verde	4,000
Comores	2,000
Djibouti	2,000
Equatorial Guinea	1,000
Ethiopia	8,000
Gambia	2,000
Ghana	5,000
Guinea-Bissau	3,000
Guinea (Conakry)	5,000
Kenya	8,000
Lesotho	2,000
Madagascar	8,000
Mali	4,000
Mauritania	4,000
Mozambique	13,000
Rwanda	1,000
Sao Tome and Principe	1,000
Senegal	8,000
Sierra Leone	2,000
Somalia	8,000
Sudan	4,000
Tanzania	10,000
Upper Volta	3,000
Zaire	5,000
Zambia	5,000
	<u>TOTAL 124,000</u>

The Council also agreed to the Commission proposal to provide Somalia with 11,000 tonnes of cereals (CIF) from the 1980 food aid programme reserves.

### Trade policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the negotiating directives relating to the corrigendum to Annex A to the Interim Agreement and the Co-operation Agreement signed with the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia concerning mannitol and sorbitol.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for carrots and new potatoes respectively originating in Cyprus.

### Appointments

On a proposal from the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro, the Council appointed Mr Paolo PERUGINO, FIOM-CGIL, Member of the ECSC Consultative Committee in place of Mr Ottaviano DEL TURCO, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 24 November 1982.

On a proposal from the Irish Government, the Council also appointed Mr Patrick HAYDEN, Principal Officer - Department of Labour, full Member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work in place of Mr M. CASHELL, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 22 November 1981.

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CONSEIL PECHE (J.CARROLL)

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Le Conseil Europeen a invite la Conseil de ministres de la peche a se reunir demain le 27 mars en vue de trouver un accord sur l'etablissement de la politique commune de la peche.

Les travaux de cette session seront donc consacres a la poursuite de l'examen de l'ensemble des questions se posant en ce qui concerne la politique commune de la peche, aussi bien:

- les aspects internes : TAC's 1981 et quotas 1981, reglement de base et notamment question de l'accès, politique structurelle, organisation commune des marches, conservation des ressources et mesures de controle ;
- le volet externe : accord cadre et echange de lettres avec le Canada, mesures concernant les Iles Feroe, directives de negociations pour des accords de peche avec certains pays africains.

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LE CONSEIL S'EST TERMINE A 15H30 CET APRES-MIDI EN CONSTATANT QU'IL N'EST PAS ENCORE EN MESURE DE TROUVER UNE SOLUTION GLOBALE POUR LA POLITIQUE COMMUNE DE LA PECHE. VOICI LE TEXTE DE LA DECLARATION FINALE ADOPTE PAR LE CONSEIL :

'A LA SUITE DE L'INCITATION POLITIQUE DONNEE PAR LE CONSEIL EUROPEEN, LE CONSEIL PECHE A AVANCE SA SESSION INITIALEMENT PREVUE POUR LE DEBUT AVRIL, AFIN DE RESOUDRE LES PROBLEMES CETTE SEMAINE ENCORE.

■ BIEN QU'IL N'AIT PAS ETE POSSIBLE D'ABOUTIR A UNE SOLUTION GLOBALE DANS CE BREF LAPS DE TEMPS, LE CONSEIL A REAFFIRME SA VOLONTE POLITIQUE DE PRENDRE DES DECISIONS DEFINITIVES SUR L'ENSEMBLE DU DOSSIER AU COURS DU PRINTEMPS.

■ L'ABSENCE PROLONGEE DE DECISIONS SIGNIFIERAIT QUE LES PERSONNES OCCUPEES DANS LE SECTEUR DE LA PECHE RESTERAIENT TROP LONGTEMPS DANS L'INCERTITUDE. NOTAMMENT POUR LES FLOTTES DE PECHE QUI DEPENDENT DES POSSIBILITES DE CAPTURE DANS LES EAUX DE PAYS TIERS, LES DECISIONS DEFINITIVES NE PEUVENT PLUS ETRE REPORTEES.

■ BIEN QU'UN CERTAIN PROGRES AIT PU ETRE CONSTATE SUR LE PLAN POLITIQUE, UNE PREPARATION PLUS APPROFONDIE DE CERTAINS ELEMENTS EST ENCORE APPARUE NECESSAIRE.

■ FERMEMENT RESOLU DE PRENDRE DES DECISIONS DEFINITIVES AU COURS DU PRINTEMPS, LE CONSEIL A DEMANDE A LA PRESIDENCE DE PREPARER SA PROCHAINE SESSION EN CONCERTATION ET EN COOPERATION AVEC LA COMMISSION.

■ LA PRESIDENCE CONVOQUERA CETTE SESSION DES QUE LES PREPARATIFS REQUIS SERONT SUFFISAMMENT AVANCES.'

DANS SA CONFERENCE DE PRESSE, M. BRAKS A EXPRIME SA CONFIANCE QU'UN ACCORD SERA TROUVE D'ICI L'ETE.

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