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- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 16 and 17 March 1981

President: Mr C.A. van der KLAUW,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
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 Charles-Ferdinand NOTHOMB      Minister for Foreign Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Otto MØLLER      State Secretary,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER      Federal Minister for Foreign  
Affairs

Mr Klaus von DOHNANYI      Minister of State,  
Federal Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Constantin MITSOTAKIS      Minister for Foreign Affairs

France:

Mr Jean FRANCOIS-PONCET      Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Pierre BERNARD-REYMOND      State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN      Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO      Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Edoardo SPERANZA      State Secretary,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Miss Colette FLESCH      Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr C.A. ven der KLAUW	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr D.F. ven der MEI	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Lord CARRINGTON	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Sir Ian GILMOUR	Lord Privy Seal
Mr Cecil PARKINSON	Minister of State, Department of Trade

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Commission:

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Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP	Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI	Vice-President
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT	Vice-President
Mr Claude CHEYSSON	Member
Mr Georges CONTOGEOORGIS	Member
Mr Michael O'KENNEDY	Member
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES	Member

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SPANISH ACCESSION

The Council prepared for the 7th meeting of the Conference at Ministerial level for the Accession of Spain to the European Communities, held on the same day.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The Council prepared the subjects likely to be discussed at the next European Council meeting at Maastricht on 23 and 24 March 1981; in addition to political co-operation matters, these subjects concern in particular the economic, financial and social situation in the Community, including the medium-term outlook, relations with the industrialized countries and North-South relations.

PASSPORT UNION - UNIFORM PASSPORT

After reaching agreement on the major points regarding a uniform passport, the Council directed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resolve the final technical problems still outstanding in time for the next meeting on 14 April.

EMERGENCY AID FOR THE SALVADORIAN POPULATION

In the light of the additional information provided by Commissioner CHEYSSON, with particular reference to the conditions governing the neutrality and efficient allocation of the projected aid, the Council agreed to the grant by the Commission of emergency humanitarian aid amounting to 400,000 ECU for the Salvadorian population, mainly for the purchase of medical supplies.

Under these same conditions, the Commission will be able to supply, as emergency food aid, an initial quantity of 1,050 tonnes cereal equivalent in the form of maize and rice to the population, without prejudice to aid in the form of milk powder and butteroil under the 1980 programme.

This aid will be distributed through the International Red Cross Committee and the Salvadorian Red Cross. Within the next few days the Commission will submit a proposal for additional aid to be distributed through other non-governmental bodies.

YUGOSLAVIA

Following a detailed exchange of views, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on the matter of baby beef, which was the main issue still outstanding prior to adoption of the negotiating directives for the Protocols for the adaptation of the EEC/ECSC/Yugoslavia Agreements as a result of Greek accession to the Communities.

It consequently instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee also to finalize - on the basis of proposals shortly to be submitted by the Commission - the detailed rules for extending the autonomous arrangements currently applicable in relations with Yugoslavia, due to expire on 31 March 1981.

Finally, the Council reached agreement on the matter of road transport through Yugoslavia, following Greek accession.

RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

The Council heard a report from the Commission on recent developments regarding implementation of the earlier conclusions reached by the Council, including those on the problem of Japanese car exports to the Benelux countries. It asked the Commission to expedite the implementation.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

The Council had before it a report drawn up by the Commission following the latter's talks with the United States authorities in accordance with the statement adopted by the Council on 16 December 1980 regarding problems caused by certain imports from the United States.

The Council took note of the report and of the views expressed by delegations regarding the urgent and serious nature of these problems. It asked the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to continue its talks with the United States authorities on the liberalization of the price of natural gas and of the high level of penetration of United States exports of certain textile products in certain areas of the Community. It called upon the Commission to continue giving high priority to these issues and to report back at the earliest opportunity.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL  
COMMODITY AGREEMENTS - SIGNING OF THE COCOA AGREEMENT

The Council conducted an exchange of views on the signing by the Community of the 1980 International Cocoa Agreement and on the arrangements for participation by the Community and its Member States in commodity agreements. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining these issues so that the Council can take a decision quickly.

CEREALS EXPORTS

The Council held a discussion on the cereals stocktaking for the 1980/1981 marketing year during which concern was expressed regarding its preparation. The Commission stated that it was aware of this concern and would endeavour to elaborate appropriate solutions within the framework of its management responsibilities and in compliance with the Council's earlier decisions.



COURT OF JUSTICE

The Council agreed to increase the number of Judges at the Court to 11 and the number of Advocates-General to 5.

The first Judge to fill the new post will be of French nationality, and his term of office will expire on 6 October 1985.

The Council also agreed on the procedure for filling these two posts in the future and in particular on the potential consequences of Community enlargement on attribution of the 11th post of Judge.

RELATIONS WITH STAFF - CONSULTATION PROCEDURE

The Council examined in detail the draft decision - submitted by the Secretary-General as instructed by the Council at its meeting on 17 and 18 February - establishing a consultation procedure for relations with staff.

The Council was broadly in favour of the draft but was unable to adopt a final decision for the time being. However, it agreed that the consultation procedure submitted to it by the Secretary-General would be used on a provisional basis until 18 May to enable the Council to prepare its decision on the new method for adjusting salaries to be taken on 18 May 1981 together with the decision on the definitive form of the consultation procedure.

FISHERIES POLICY

The Council examined the problems arising in connection with the signing of the framework Agreement with Canada. It undertook this examination mindful of the fact that the fishing year in Canadian waters was about to end, and of the importance attached by some delegations to the effective exercise of fishing rights provided for under this agreement during the present year.

At the end of a thorough discussion, centred on the basic elements of a compromise put forward by the Commission on market support measures necessary to enable all delegations to approve the signing of this Agreement, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue the examination of these problems before the end of the week, on the basis of the formal proposals which the Commission had undertaken to put forward shortly.

## MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

### Relations with the ACP States

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Financial Regulation applicable to the fifth European Development Fund.

### Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation prolonging the provisional anti-dumping duty on monomer vinyl acetate originating in the United States of America.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain Trade Agreements between Member States and third countries.

Finally, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation amending the Agreement on the observance of prices and import arrangements annexed to the Agreement of 20 September 1977 between Austria and the European Economic Community, negotiated under Article XXVIII of GATT regarding certain cheeses.

### Other decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation on the conclusion of the EEC-Cyprus Protocol on the arrangements to be applied in 1981 and decided to sign the Protocol on 18 March.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision adopting a EURATOM and EEC programme in the area of scientific and technical training.

Having regard to the annual report from the Court of Auditors for the 1979 financial year, the Council adopted the Recommendation to be forwarded to the European Parliament regarding the discharge to be given in respect of the budget for that year.

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CC/ AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE PAROLE

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CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DES 16 ET 17 MARS 1981  
(K. VAN DER PAS)

LES ■■■■■■■■ MINISTRES DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES SE SONT REUNIS  
A BRUXELLES LUNDI APRES MIDI POUR PREPARER LE CONSEIL EUROPEEN  
DE MAASTRICHT ET POUR UNE SESSION DE NEGOCIATIONS AVEC L'ESPAGNE.  
CETTE NOTE BIO SUR CES DEUX POINTS SUIVRA INCESSAMMENT.

L'ORDRE DU JOUR POUR AUJOURD'HUI, 17 MARS, PREVOIT LES POINTS  
SUIVANTS :

1. YOUGOSLAVIE :

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MANDAT DE NEGOCIATION POUR PERMETTRE ■ A LA COMMISSION D'ADOPTER  
L'ACCORD CEE-YOUGOSLAVIE SUITE A L'ADHESION DE LA GRECE.  
PROBLEME TOUJOURS OUVERT : LE CONTINGENT PREFERENTIEL DE BABY  
BEEF. LA FRANCE ET L'IRLANDE MAINTIENNENT LEUR PROPOSITION A UNE  
AUGMENTATION DU CONTINGENT ACTUEL (34.000 T) TELLE QUE PROPOSEE  
PAR LA COMMISSION (60.000 T) ET PAR LA PRESIDENCE (50.000 T).  
LA QUESTION DU TRANSPORT ROUTIER TRANSISTANT PAR LA YOUGOSLAVIE  
SERA EGALEMENT DISCUTEE. ON EST CEPENDANT D'ACCORD DE NE PAS  
ETABLIR ■■ UN LIEN AVEC LE BABY BEEF.

2. JAPON :

RAPPORT INTERIMAIRE DE M. HAFERKAMP SUR LES CONTACTS AVEC LE  
JAPON SUITE A LA DECLARATION DU CONSEIL DU 17 FEVRIER 1981.

3. ETATS UNIS :

RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION CONCERNANT LA MISSION DE SIR ROY DENMAN  
A WASHINGTON AU MOIS DE FEVRIER : LES AVANTAGES CONCURRENTIELS  
POUR L'INDUSTRIE AMERICAINE DES FIBRES SYNTHETIQUES ONT DIMINUE  
SUITE A LA LIBERALISATION DES PRIX DES PRODUITS PETROLIERS. SELON  
LA COMMUNAUTE, LE SYSTEME DE DOUBLE PRIX POUR LE GAZ NATUREL  
ET LES RESTRICTIONS A L'EXPORTATION DE NAPhte DEVRONT AUSSI  
DISPARAITRE POUR REMETTRE L'INDUSTRIE COMMUNAUTAIRE SUR UN  
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4. EXPORTATION DE CEREALES VERS L EUROPE DE L EST

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ON S ATTEND A UNE DEMANDE FRANCAISE DE REPENDRE CERTAINES  
EXPORTATIONS DE CEREALES VER L URSS. DEPUIS L EMBARGO AMERICAIN  
ET SUITE A LA DECLARATION DU CONSEIL DU 15.2.1980 CES  
EXPORTATIONS NE SONT AUTORISEES QUE D UNE MANIERE RESTRICTIVE.  
(A SUIVRE)

AMITIES,  
P. CERF COMEUR  
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Bruxelles, le 17 mars 1981  
NOTE BIO(81) 102 - SUITE 3 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
c.c. aux membres du groupe du porte parole

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SESSION DU CONSEIL AFFAIRES GENERALES 16-17 MARS  
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PECHE (J. Carroll)  
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Le Conseil a repris ses travaux a 17 heures en abordant le point peche. La Commission a soumis un document de travail intitule "elements de base" en vue d'un compromis qui permettrait au Royaume-Uni de lever sa reserve sur l'accord de peche CEE/Canada. Voici les 5 elements :

- augmentation du prix d'orientation et les autres prix derives pour le cabillaud et pour l'eglefin
- application eventuelle de cette augmentation a d'autres especes, apres etude des repercussions que cette extension aurait sur le budget, sur les marches des autres especes consommees dans la Communaute, ainsi que sur la possibilite d'accord avec le Canada
- exportation a des conditions speciales de 5.000 tonnes de poisson blanc a la Pologne
- suspension des importations, compte tenu des prix anormalement bas, des produits surgelés de cabillaud et d'eglefin dans le territoire britannique et mise en place d'un systeme de surveillance
- modification du contingent tarifaire des importations de poisson du Canada au Royaume-Uni (baisse du contingent britannique correspondant a une augmentation du contingent allemand).

A la suggestion de la delegation allemande, le Conseil est entre en session restreinte afin de discuter de ce papier. Le Representant britannique, Sir Ian Gilmour a laisse l'impression qu'il n'etait pas optimiste sur la possibilite d'arriver ce soir a une solution.

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Paul CERF COMEUR

18h50 A SUIVRE MERCREDI MATIN





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 NOTE BIO (81) 102 (SUITE 4) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
 C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE  
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CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES 16-17 MARS 1981  
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EXPORTATIONS DE CEREALES (K. VAN DER PAS)  
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LA FRANCE A ATTIRE L'ATTENTION DU CONSEIL SUR LA SITUATION DIFFICILE SUR LE MARCHÉ DES CEREALES : STOCKS IMPORTANTS RESTANT DE LA DERNIERE RECOLTE ET PERSPECTIVES D'UNE NOUVELLE GRANDE RECOLTE. ELLE A DEMANDE QUE LA COMMISSION OUVRE UNE ADJUDICATION PERMETTANT LA FIXATION DE RESTITUTIONS A L'EXPORTATION DE 600.000 TONNES DE BLE VERS L'URSS. LE CONSEIL A CONCLU QU'IL S'AGIT D'UNE AFFAIRE QUI EST DE LA COMPETENCE DE LA COMMISSION QUI DECIDERA APRES AVOIR DEMANDE L'AVIS DU COMITE DE GESTION. LES MINISTRES SE SONT CEPENDANT REFERES EGALEMENT DE LA MANIERE EXPLICITE A LEUR DECISION DU 15.1.1980, QUI LIE LA COMMISSION ET QUI DIT QUE LA COMMUNAUTE NE REMPLACERA PAS LES LIVRAISONS AMERICAINES DE CEREALES SUR LE MARCHÉ DE L'URSS, TOUT EN MAINTENANT LES LIVRAISONS COMMUNAUTAIRES TRADITIONNELLES. OR, LES LIVRAISONS DE BLE DE LA COMMUNAUTE A L'URSS AVANT 1980 ONT ETE PRATIQUEMENT INEXISTANTES ET ELLES SE SONT LIMITEES A QUELQUES 300.000 TONNES EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'ORGE.

ACCORD INTERNATIONAL SUR LE CACAO (K. VON HELLDORFF)  
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1. PRINCIPE DE LA SIGNATURE (OUVERTE JUSQU'AU 31 MARS 1981)  
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NEUF DELEGATIONS SONT D'ACCORD SUR LE PRINCIPE. LA DELEGATION ALLEMANDE N'A PAS PU LEVER SA RESERVE ETANT DONNE QUE LE GOUVERNEMENT EN DELIBERERA LE 18 MARS. LA DECISION POURRA ETRE PRISE POUR PROCEDURE ECRITE. M. CHEYSSON A ATTIRE L'ATTENTION DU CONSEIL SUR LA PERTE DE CREDIBILITE DE LA COMMUNAUTE AUPRES DE SES PARTENAIRES DU TIERS MONDE (NOTAMMENT ACP: COTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA...) AU CAS OU ELLE NE SIGNERAIT PAS UN ACCORD POUR LA SAUVEGARDE DUQUEL ELLE A ENGAGE TOUT SON PRESTIGE DEPUIS UN AN.

2. MODALITES DE PARTICIPATION AUX ACCORDS INTERNATIONAUX PAR PRODUIT  
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LE COMPROMIS POLITIQUE (ENTRE COMPETENCE EXCLUSIVE DE LA CEE, SELON ART. 113 TRAITE DE ROME ET DESIR ETATS MEMBRES D'Y ETRE PRESENTS INDIVIDUELLEMENT) PARAIT ACCEPTABLE POUR TOUT LE MONDE MOYENNANT QUELQUES MISES AU POINT TECHNIQUES PAR LE COREPER.

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COUR DE JUSTICE (K. VAN DER PAS)

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LE CONSEIL A DECIDE QUE LA COUR AURA UN ONZIEME JUGE (POUR  
REPENDRE A L'AUGMENTATION DES CHARGES DE TRAVAIL ET POUR EVITER  
UN NOMBRE PAIR DES VOIX) ET UN CINQUIEME AVOCAT GENERAL. LE  
JUGE SERA DE NATIONALITE FRANCAISE JUSQU'AU 6.10.1982, L'AVOCAT  
GENERAL DE NATIONALITE NEERLANDAISE JUSQU'AU 6.10.1985. LEURS  
SUCESSEURS SERONT NOMMES PAR VOTATION SELON L'ORDRE ALPHABE-  
TIQUE DE LEURS PAYS. LE JUGE VIENDRA D'UN DES QUATRE "GRANDS"  
PAYS ACTUELS. AU MOMENT DE L'ADHESION DE L'ESPAGNE IL SERA  
ESPAGNOL. L'AVOCAT GENERAL VIENDRA D'UN DES SIX "PETITS"  
PAYS.

AIDE D'URGENCE EL SALVADOR (K. VAN DER PAS)

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LE CONSEIL A MARQUE SON ACCORD SUR L'AIDE HUMANITAIRE D'URGENCE  
DE 400.000 ECUS ET L'AIDE ALIMENTAIRE D'URGENCE (VOIR NOTE  
BIO (81)105 DU 16.3.81).

A SUIVRE

AMITIES,  
M. SANTARELLI COMEUR  
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Bruxelles, le 18 mars 1981

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CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE

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CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

PECHE (J.Carroll)

Le Conseil s'est termine vers 2h00 ce matin sans arriver a un accord sur un "mini-paquet" des mesures qui permettraient au Royaume-Uni de lever sa reserve sur l'accord de peche CEE-Canada.

Le Conseil a demande a la Commission de presenter des propositions concretes cette semaine qui feront l'objet d'un examen par le COREPER vendredi prochain. Ces propositions seront basees sur les conclusions que le Conseil a degage du document de travail "Elements de base" que la Commission lui avait soumis hier apres-midi (Voir Bio precedente pour les details).

Le debat au sujet du document de la Commission a revele des divergences entre le Royaume-Uni et la plupart des autres delegations au sujet de l'augmentation du prix d'orientation pour le cabillaud et l'eglefin (+25% pour le R.U., + 10% pour les autres) et au sujet des mesures de protection pour le marche du Royaume-Uni contre des importations de produits de peche a des prix anormalement bas.

Le President Thorn a affirme, en reponse a l'invitation du Conseil, que la Commission elaborera au cours de sa reunion d'aujourd'hui des propositions qui auront pour objet d'essayer de rapprocher les positions divergentes au sein du Conseil.

Amities,

P.CERF COMEUR

