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NOTE BIO COM (77) 50 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX
CC AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE ET A MM LES DIRECTEURS GENERAUX DG ET X ET A M. FINN CHRISTENSEN , DG VIII

SUBJECT: COMMISSION MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG/ 9.2.1977

THE COMMISSION HAD A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE PREPARATION OF THE NEXT COUNCIL OF FINANCE MINISTERS ON 14 FEBRUARY.

VICE - PRESIDENT ORTOLI REPORTED ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH MR. DENIS HEALEY, THE BRITISH CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER AND ON THE NECESSITY TO KEEP TO THE DATE OF 14 FEBRUARY EVEN IF ALL THE PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC PROGRAMME HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN AGREED THAT MR. TUGENDHAT, THE COMMISSIONER REPONSIBLE FOR THE BUDGET, WILL MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT TO THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE FORESEEN PROPOSAL OF THE COMMISSION ON FARM PRICES. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A COMMUNICATION OF THIS KIND WILL BE MADE TO THE FINANCE MINISTERS AT THE SAME TIME AS THE PRESENTATION OF THE FARM PRICE PROPOSALS.

THE COMMISSION HAS FORMALLY APPOINTED MYSELF AS SPOKESMAN AND DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INFORMATION.

MR. SEAN RONAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS CONSEILLER HORS CLASSE AUPRES DU PRESIDENT.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE BRIEFING

THE COMMISSION WAS ONLY INFORMED BY JOE CARROLL'S TELEX ON THE RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON PORTUGAL. IN THE ABSENCE OF OTHER INFORMATION, THERE IS NO FURTHER COMMENT AT THIS STAGE.

FOR YOUR OWN INTERNAL INFORMATION, THE PRESIDENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON 17 FEBRUARY WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE PROBLEM OF COORDINATION OF THE FUNDS. A DISCUSSION ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IS ALSO FORESEEN BY THE PRESIDENT IN THREE WEEKS TIME. FOR THIS SECOND MEETING, THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET FIXED THE FRAMEWORK, I.E. WETHER IT IS TO BE AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OR NOT.

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