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PRESIDENT JENKINS' PRESS CONFERENCE ON VILLERS-LE-TEMPLE

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(R. BEETHAM)

THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT JENKINS' INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT IS BEING SENT TO YOU BY EXPRESS. E MADE THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS :

THE COMMISSION'S MANDATE AND THE ONE PER CENT CEILING :  
THE MEMBER STATES HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO CONTEMPLATE AN INCREASE IN THE VAT-CEILING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE COMMISSION DOES NOT ACCEPT THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN MANAGE IN THE LONG TERM WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN OWN RESOURCES. HOWEVER, IT IS NO GOOD IN THE SHORT TERM THINKING IN TERMS OF AN INCREASE. THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO DECIDE HOW TO MANAGE BETTER WITH THE EXISTING CEILING. THEN WE ARE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE INCREASE IN OWN RESOURCES.

-AGRICULTURE :  
THE DISCUSSION WAS NOT ABOUT THE LONGER-TERM APPROACH TO AGRICULTURE, BUT ABOUT THE MARKET SITUATION FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. WE AGREED THAT IT WAS BOTH DESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE PRESENTATION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET THIS YEAR.

-JAPAN :  
THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN WORRIED FOR SOME TIME ABOUT THE SITUATION AND ABOUT THE INCLINATION OF MEMBER STATES TO DEAL TOO MUCH BILATERALLY WITH JAPAN WHICH WEAKENS THE COMMUNITY'S POSITION. APART FROM JAPANESE SECTORAL PENETRATION THE COMMISSION IS DEEPLY DISTURBED ABOUT THE GENERAL DETERIORATION IN THE TRADE BALANCE. WE WANT TO DEAL WITH JAPAN ON A BROAD BASIS IN AN EFFECTIVE TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP.

-ENERGY :  
THE POSITION ON OIL IMPORTS IS NOT IMMEDIATELY CRITICAL, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO NOT SINK INTO COMPLACENCY.

STEEL :  
THE COMMISSION WELCOMES THE POSITIVE ELEMENT IN THE ATTITUDE OF GERMAN PRODUCERS, BUT THE GERMAN POSITION IS NOT AND HAS NEVER BEEN THE WHOLE PROBLEM. THE COMMUNITY'S STEEL INDUSTRY IS IN A STATE OF MANIFEST CRISIS, AND WHILE THE COMMISSION WELCOMES THE NEW ATTITUDE OF THE GERMAN MANUFACTURERS, THERE

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