

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER

Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 11 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

(a) from the Council of the European Communities, requests for an Opinion on:

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending the field of application of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables to new potatoes (Doc. 88/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down measures for the rationalization of horticultural production under glass (Doc. 89/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;

- the proposal for the transfer of appropriations from one chapter to another in Section II 'Council' of the general budget for the 1975 financial year (Doc. 91/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- two proposals for the transfer of appropriations from one chapter to another in Section III 'Commission' of the general budget for the 1975 financial year (Doc. 92/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

I. a Directive on biological standards for lead and on screening of the population for lead

II. a Directive on air quality standards for lead (Doc. 93/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation setting up a temporary scheme of aids for the private storage of certain fishery products (Doc. 97/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;

- (b) from the Commission of the European Communities, a letter on the maximum rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure in the budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year (Doc. 99/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

(c) from the committees, the following reports:

- interim report by Mr Schelto Patijn on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel (Doc. 94/75);

- report by Mr Gabriel Kaspereit on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 61/75) for a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Israel (Doc. 95/75);

- report by Mr Isidor Früh on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 60/75) for a Regulation extending the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 1067/74 on the common organization of the market in dehydrated fodder to cover certain products processed from potatoes (Doc. 96/75);

— second report by Mr Jan Baas on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 503/74) for:

I. a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota for 30 000 head of heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds falling within

subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff

II. a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota for 5 000 head of bulls, cows and heifers not intended for slaughter, of certain alpine breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff

(Doc. 98/75).

Question Time

Parliament considered next the following questions put to the Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 84/75).

No 1 by Mr Normanton: European textile industry

Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Normanton.

Question No 2 by Mr Bordu on the Chilean external debt will be answered in writing, as the author was not present.

No 3 by Mr Hougardy: Harmonization of oil product prices

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Hougardy.

Question No 4 by Mr Fellermaier on the arrest of a former employee of the Hoffman-La Roche Company and question No 5 by Mr Leenhardt on the notification of infringements by Associated States of the rules of competition will be answered in writing as the authors were not present.

No 6 by Mr Durieux: Mediterranean policy

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Durieux and Mr Normanton.

Question No 7 by Mr Cousté on the likelihood of Switzerland joining the 'European monetary snake' and question No 8 by Mr Radoux on the creation of an exchange stabilization fund will be answered in writing, as the authors were not present.

No 9 by Mr Broeksz: Action taken by the Council on Commission proposals

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Broeksz.

No 10 by Mr Krall: Competitiveness of small- and medium-sized enterprises in the common market

Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Bangemann who was deputizing for the author.

No 11 by Mr McDonald: Import regime for sheep and lamb operated by France

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr McDonald, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Nolan.

No 12 by Mr Scott-Hopkins: Food prices

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Scott-Hopkins.

No 13 by Mr Kirk: Price of sugar

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Kirk and Mr Scott-Hopkins.

No 14 by Mr Howell: Beef supplies

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Howell and Mr Gibbons.

Question No 15 by Lord Bethell on cooperation with India will be answered in writing as the author was not present.

No 16 by Mr Dykes: Number of Community and British civil servants

Mr Borschette, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Dykes and Mr Van der Hek.

No 17 by Mrs Kellett-Bowman: Consumer subsidies for butter

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Lady Elles, who was deputizing for the author, and Mr Howell.

No 18 by Lord St. Oswald: Mountain and hill farming Directive

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary question put by Lord St. Oswald and Mr Corrie.

No 19 by Mr Osborn: Cost of Community and British civil servants

Mr Borschette, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Osborn.

The President declared Question Time closed.

Council statement on the Lomé convention

Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, made a statement on the consultation on the transitional measures provided for in the Lomé convention.

The following spoke: Mr Broeksz, Lord Reay, Miss Flesch, *Chairman of the Committee on Development and Cooperation*, and Mr Fitzgerald.

EEC Israel Agreement

Mr Schelto Patijn introduced his interim report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel (Doc. 94/75).

The following spoke: Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, Mr Blumenfeld on behalf of the Christian-Democratic

Group, Mr Giraud on behalf of the Socialist Group, Lord Reay on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Tetrenoire on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Patijn, *Rapporteur*.

The President declared the debate closed.

Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution; the preamble and paragraphs 1 and 2 were adopted.

On paragraph 3, Mr Blumenfeld had tabled on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group Amendment No 1, which he had already moved.

Amendment No 1 was adopted subject to a minor change in the text proposed by Mr Cheysson.

Paragraph 3, accordingly modified, was adopted, and then paragraphs 4 to 6.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel

The European Parliament,

— having noted the signing of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel,

- having further noted that this Agreement will come into force one month after the exchange of instruments of ratification between the two Contracting Parties and hence, in principle, on 1 July 1975,
 - having been informed of the substance of this Agreement through its competent committees on 29 April 1975,
 - reserving the right to express its opinion subsequently on all aspects of the Agreement,
 - recalling its previous resolutions on relations between the Community and the State of Israel, and particularly that of 25 March 1965 ⁽¹⁾,
1. Welcomes the conclusion of negotiations which have led to a formal Agreement between the Community and the State of Israel;
 2. Emphasizes that this Agreement confirms the Community's desire to strengthen, further its ties with the countries of the Mediterranean Basin;
 3. Notes with satisfaction that the Agreement contains a future adjustments clause allowing for dynamic interpretation of relations between the Community and the State of Israel and for financial and technological cooperation;
 4. Believes that, at the proper time, appropriate and regular contacts could be established between Members of the Israeli Parliament and the European Parliament with a view to facilitating the adjustment of the Agreement and of relations between the Community and the State of Israel;
 5. Instructs its competent committees to pursue their discussions on all the aspects of the Agreement and, if the need arises, to report to it;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(1) OJ No 62, 12. 4. 1965, p. 917/65.

The sitting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. and resumed at 3 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE

President

Welcome to Greek delegation

The President welcomed on behalf of Parliament a group of Parliamentarians belonging to the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Greece Association.

Oral question with debate: General situation in the Mediterranean and the Middle East

Mr Kirk spoke on the oral question with debate which he had put on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee pursuant to the second sub-paragraph of paragraph 4 of the communiqué of the Summit conference of 9 and 10 December 1974 to the conference of foreign ministers of the Member States

of the European Communities on the general situation in the Mediterranean and the Middle East (Doc. 70/75).

Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Blumenfeld on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mrs Goutmann on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Jahn and Mr Fitzgerald.

IN THE CHAIR: MR F. BURGBACHER

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Lange, Mr Seefeld, Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Cheysson, Mr Jahn, Mrs Goutmann, Mr Cheysson, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Kirk.

Mr Fellermaier made a statement on behalf of the Socialist Group.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Oral questions with debate: Composition of the Consumers' Consultative Committee

The next item on the agenda was the joint debate on two oral questions on the composition of the Consumers' Consultative Committee.

Mr Jahn spoke on the oral question with debate on the composition of the Consumers' Consultative Committee (Doc. 68/75) which he and Mr Aigner, Mr Burgbacher, Mr Früh, Mr Klepsch, Mr Mursch and Mr Schulz had put to the Commission of the European Communities and on the oral question with debate which the same authors had put to the Council of the European Communities on the same subject (Doc. 69/75).

Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, answered the question put to the Council and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, the question put to the Commission.

The following spoke: Mrs Orth on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Nyborg on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Giraud, Mr Corrie and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza.

The President declared the debate on the two oral questions closed.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting to be held the following day, i.e. Thursday, 15 May 1975:

9 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

— oral question with debate by the Socialist Group on economic discrimination against EEC nationals and firms by countries of the Arab League;

— report on the supply of milk fats as food aid;

— joint debate on:

— the oral question by the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Commission on measures to aid the car industry, and

— the oral question by the Communist and Allies Group on the restructuring of the motor vehicle production sector;

— report by Mr Willi Müller on problems of nuclear safety;

— report by Mr Scholten on the activities of credit institutions;

— report by Mr Memmel on the issuing of Euratom loans to finance nuclear power stations;

— second report by Mr Baas on Community tariff quotas for cattle of certain mountain breeds;

— report by Mr Thomsen on the establishment by Norway of fishing zones;

— report by Mr Kaspereit on apricot imports from Israel;

— report by Mr Bourdèlles on farmyard poultry, ovalbumin, slaughtered pigs, etc.;

— report by Mr Früh on the market organization for dehydrated fodder.

The sitting was suspended at 5.05 p.m. and resumed as a formal sitting at 5.30 p.m.

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of the formal sitting to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the declaration of Robert Schuman

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE

President

The President read out a letter sent to him by Mr Jean Monnet on the occasion of this commemorative sitting. He announced that he had received telegrams of congratulation on the occasion from a number of personalities.

He then gave an address in which he outlined briefly the work on European unification begun by Robert Schuman and since achieved within the framework of the Communities.

Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, and Mr Ortoli, *President of the Commission of the European Communities*, spoke.

The sitting was closed at 6.10 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Jacques SANTER
Vice-President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 15 MAY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR J. SANTER
Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 9 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

- (a) from the Council of the European Communities, a request for an Opinion on the second list of requests for the carrying forward of appropriations from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975 (appropriations not automatically carried forward — (Doc. 100/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- (b) a report drawn up by Mr Pierre Deschamps on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 62/75) for a Regulation establishing general rules concerning the supply of milk fats as food aid under the 1975 programme to certain developing countries and international agencies (Doc. 101/75).

Presentation of a petition

The President announced that he had received from Mr Virgile Barel a petition on the purification of titanium dioxide waste.

This petition had been entered under No 1/75 in the register provided for in Rule 48(2) of the Rules of Procedure and, pursuant to paragraph 3 of the same Rule, referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment.

Oral question with debate: Economic discrimination against EEC nationals and firms by the countries of the Arab League

Mr Broeks spoke on the oral question with debate put by himself and Mr Fellermaier, Mr Albertsen, Mr Dondelinger and Mr Giraud on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission of the European Communities on economic discrimination against EEC nationals and firms by the countries of the Arab League and the companies and firms established in those countries (Doc. 71/75).

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Jahn on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Scholten, Mr Broeks and Mr Cheysson.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Regulation on the supply of milk fats as food aid

Mr Pierre Deschamps introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and