THE PRESIDENCY'S CONCLUSIONS Same promy ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL relating to new you . Whilment of co THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION Wade poling The European Council discussed the continued implementation of the Community's comprehensive strategy for achieving a marked improvement in the employment situation through the creation of durable jobs. In particular it agrees that all Member States and the Community must now take effective action to improve the employment situation of young people. It notes the intention of the Commission to submit concrete proposals and invites the Council to submit a report to the European Council in June on progress made both nationally and at Community level. The European Council welcomes the report from the General Affairs Council on the implementation of the priority goals laid down by it at its meeting in December 1982 in Copenhagen. Concerning the internal market the European Council notes the progress made. It stresses the need for decisions before June in all the priority areas as defined in Copenhagen. The European Council notes with satisfaction that the Council's work programme includes also the areas of insurance and other services. The European Council notes that further progress must also be achieved between now and the European Council meeting in June on energy policy, research and development policy. It considers that development of the productive capacity of European industry in conditions of international competitivity is a major priority of the Community. Colle on Count to

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The European Council discussed a number of specific areas where more effective Community action is urgently needed:

- It agrees that mutual recognition of diplomas is an important step in creating satisfactory conditions for the exercice of a number of professions.

The European Council invites the Ministers of Education to speed up their work in order to create the necessary conditions for tangible results in inis field.

- The European Council further invites the Council to speed up the examination of a number of proposals for directives concerning the right of establishment and freedom to provide services in order to bring this work to a successful conclusion as soon as possible.
- The European Council agrees that the damage done to the forest environment by acid rain makes effective transnational action urgently necessary. It therefore invites the Council to give rapid and positive attention to proposals announced by the Commission both for action in the Community and in the framework of the ECE.

 It requests the Council to make an interim report on the situation concerning this problem for its meeting in June.

In addition to these specific questions, the European Council notes the views expressed in the discussion that work in certain other fields, such as that of transport policy, should be accelerated.

The European Council stresses the importance of decisive progress towards the successful implementation of its employment strategy (1 so in view of the election of the European Parliament next year). The Council should contribute to a constructive dialogue on this subject between it and the European Parliament.

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THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN WILLIAMSBURG IN MAY 1983

The European Council asks the Council to prepare Community positions for the Williamsburg Economic Summit which will permit the Community to make a substantial contribution to efforts to ensure that the recovery of the international economy, which is now appearing, will be supported through the concerted policies of the Summit

the modertale. work The European Council considers that the falling oil prices constitutes a positive contribution to world economic recovery, provided that this development does not get out of control. It is also important that steps are taken to ensure that this development does not jeopardize the successful continuation of efforts to ensure rational use of energy

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The European Council noted the report from the Council (General Affairs) on progress of work on the inventory presented by the Commission, and in negotiations with Spain and Portugal. and reports the Council to the Council is determined that negotiations

The European Council is determined that negotiations with Spain and Portugal should now make substantial progress, and asks the Council to make every effort to this end.

The European Council expects the Council (General Affairs) to be able to report before June substantial progress both on subjects dealt with in the inventory and in the negotiations with Spain and Portugal.

The European Council intends to take stock of the situation regarding the enlargement negotiations at its next meeting and to give political orientation for the completion of the negotiations.

/The European Council took note of the discussions that have taken place on the adaptation of rules applicable to certain Mediterranean agricultural products.

After re-examining the dossier, it reaffirmed its view that appropriate decisions should be taken in order that the Community can make further progress in the negotiations for the accession of Spain and Portugal.

The European Council therefore asks the Council

of Agriculture Ministers to adopt the necessary decisions
before the end of March, taking account of the following
factors.

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In the olive oil sector, as with other agricultural sectors, the Community must assure the maintenance of producers' incomes whilst assuring at the same time, a proper financial control of expenditure.

This objective should be obtained, in the first place by increased efficiency of present market mechanisms and, in the context of Community enlargement, by the choice of an appropriate transitional period for the application by the new Member States of the Community régime for vegetable oils other than olive oil.

In addition, the Community will review closely the possibilities of a reform of internal and external aspects of the market organisation whilst taking account of the principles set out above and of the Community's international obloigations. The European Council asks the Commission to submit a report on this review, together with any necessary proposals, as soon as possible. It agrees that decisions must be taken before April, 1985.

In the fruits and vegetables sector, the European Council agrees in principle with the approach of the Commuission which is to adapt the present regulations in order to ensure a greater efficiency of the market organisation. The European Council is of the opinion that the adaptations made to the present régime should be implemented in such way that the free circulation of goods is safeguarded. 7(*)

^(*) Text proposed by the Commission.

The European Council notes the report on work done on the Commission's Communication on the future financing of the Community. The European Council further notes the Commission's intention to submit specific proposals as soon as possible. It expects these proposals to take account of the development of the Community's policies, the problems connected with enlargement budgetary imbalances and the need to strengthen budgetary discipline. It invites the Council (General Affairs) to discuss those proposals and to report its conclusions to the June European Council.

The European Council agrees that this report will contain conclusions also concerning the so colled subsequent solution in accordance with the undertaking made by the Foreign Affairs Ministers on 26 October 1982 regarding compensation to the United Kingdom.

Consequential figures for 1983 will be incorporated in the draft Community Budget for 1984.

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