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CORRECTED VERSION  
FRAME MONETARY

EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

SUMMARY

1. BEREGOVY SETS FRENCH PRIORITIES FOR EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION IN TERMS OF MANAGING THE ECU AGAINST EXTERNAL CURRENCIES.

DETIAL

2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON 15 DECEMBER BEREGOVY (MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY) SAID THAT FRANCE'S TOP PRIORITY IN THE DEBATE ON MONETARY UNION WAS TO ARRIVE AT A COMMON MANAGEMENT OF THE ECU AGAINST THE DOLLAR AND THE YEN, ADDING THAT THIS WAS THE POSITION TAKEN BY LAROSIERE ON THE DELORS GROUP BEREGOVY SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK PEOPLE WERE YET READY FOR A EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK WITH ISSUING POWERS. THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ECU WOULD BE THROUGH A FUND - OR A BANK - WHICH WOULD HAVE CONTROL OF PART OF THE EXCHANGE RESERVES OF EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY. THE MANAGEMENT OF INTRA-COMMUNITY PARITIES WOULD REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONAL CENTRAL BANKS.

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