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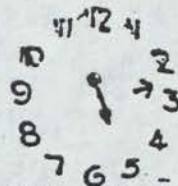
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COREPER (AMBASSADORS) 18 MAY: FLAKLANDS-EUROPEAN COMMUNITY EMBARGO

## SUMMARY

1. TEXT OF REGULATION EXTENDING THE EMBARGO UNTIL 24 MAY AGREED. ITALY AND IRELAND MADE A JOINT STATEMENT FOR THE COUNCIL MINUTES SAYING THAT THEY WOULD NOT APPLY THE EMBARGO, BUT WOULD EXAMINE WITH THE COMMISSION THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO AVOID DISTORTION OF TRADE. DENMARK CONFIRMED THAT THE REGULATION WOULD APPLY IN DENMARK ONLY UNTIL CORRESPONDING NATIONAL MEASURES HAD BEEN PUT INTO FORCE.

2. THE REGULATION (AND ACCOMPANYING DECISION ON ECSC PRODUCTS) WAS PASSED

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(AGRICULTURE) AND WAS ADOPTED AS AN A POINT. IT WILL APPEAR IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF TODAY'S DATE.

## DETAIL

3. PRESIDENCY SUMMARISED RESULTS OF DISCUSSION BY MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG AS IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF FCO TELEGRAM NO 56 YTO LUXEMBOURG. COREPER'S TASK WAS TO AGREE THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURES.

4. THE TEXT OF A DRAFT REGULATION WAS CIRCULATED, ITALY, IRELAND AND DENMARK WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT TEXTS OF STATEMENTS TO THE COUNCIL MINUTES DESCRIBING THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS.

5. RIBERHOLDT (DENMARK) TRIED UNHELPFULLY TO GET

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6. IRELAND AND ITALY ATTEMPTED TO GET WRITTEN INTO THE PREAMBLE A STATEMENT THAT THE PRESENT MEASURES WERE TAKEN "ONLY" IN SUPPORT OF A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION. UK REJECTED THIS. IT WAS AGREED TO REFER ONLY TO THE POCO DELIBERATIONS OF YESTERDAY.

7. UK SECURED DELETION OF A SUPERFLUOUS PHRASE IN THE PREAMBLE SAYING THAT RENEWAL WAS FOR A SHORT PERIOD ONLY.

8. DENMARK PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE DELETED FROM ARTICLE 3 OF THE ORIGINAL REGULATION THE REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE EMBARGO, ON THE GROUNDS THAT MINISTERS YESTERDAY HAD NOT ADDRESSED THE POINT. UK ARGUED THAT TO DROP IT WOULD SUGGEST THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF FURTHER EXTENSION. AFTER RIBERHOLDT HAD CONTACTED OLESEN A COMPROMISE WAS AGREED TO THE EFFECT THAT MINISTERS WOULD EXAMINE THE SITUATION NOT LATER THAN 24 MAY AND DECIDE ON POSSIBLE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN.

9. A SIMILAR DECISION WAS ADOPTED FOR ECSC PRODUCTS.

10. IRELAND, ITALY AND DENMARK MADE STATEMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL MINUTES.

11. TEXTS WERE PASSED TO THE AGRICULTURE COUNCIL WHICH ADOPTED THEM AS AN A POINT. THEY WILL APPEAR IN TODAY'S OFFICIAL JOURNAL, THUS ENSURING THAT THERE IS NO INTERRUPTION OF THE VALIDITY OF THE EMBARGO.

12. MIFT CONTAINS TEXT OF REGULATION EXTENDING THE EMBARGO AS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AND OF ITALIAN/IRISH AND DANISH STATEMENTS.

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