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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 2695 OF 3 SEPTEMBER

INFO PRIORITY LISBON MADRID

INFO BRUSSELS COPENHAGEN THE HAGUE ROME DUBLIN PARIS BONN

LUXEMBOURG ATHENS

INFO SAVING STRASBOURG.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL : 3 SEPTEMBER.

SUMMARY.

1. ONE DAY COUNCIL, DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO ENLARGEMENT, FOLLOWED BY BRIEF MINISTERIAL MEETINGS WITH PORTUGAL AND SPAIN. DESPITE OVER 9 HOURS' DELIBERATIONS THE COUNCIL PRODUCED VIRTUALLY NO MOVEMENT ON OUTSTANDING DOSSIERS. SOME DISCUSSION IN RESTRICTED SESSION ON POSSIBLE WAYS OF ACCELERATING NEGOTIATIONS. PORTUGUESE EXPRESSED DISMAY AT COMMUNITY'S FAILURE TO PRESENT SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS. IN MEETING WITH SPAIN, BOTH SIDES AGREED TO INCREASED CONTACTS TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT MINISTERIAL SESSION ON 17-18 SEPTEMBER.

2. MR RIFKIND REPRESENTED THE U K.

A POINTS.

3. AGREED.

SPANISH ACCESSION.

4. NO AGREEMENT ON VEGETABLE OILS. U K, GERMAN AND NETHERLANDS INSISTENCE ON THE GUARANTEE THRESHOLD HELD FIRM AGAINST ITALIAN AND GREEK OPPOSITION, AIDED BY COMMISSION. ALL PROTAGONISTS REJECTED AN UNSATISFACTORY PRESIDENCY COMPROMISE. FRANCE MOVED TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE GUARANTEE THRESHOLD. ITALY AND GREECE ARE CLOSE TO BEING ISOLATED AMONG MEMBER STATES.

5. ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS, GERMANY AND OTHERS PREVENTED AGREEMENT TO ANY OF THE THREE PROPOSED CONCESSIONS. NO DECLARATION TO SPAIN.

6. ON INSTITUTIONS, AGREEMENT ON DECLARATIONS TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, ESTABLISHING 54 AS THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED FOR A QUALIFIED MAJORITY. THE SIZE OF THE COMMISSION WAS LEFT FOR DISCUSSION AT A LATER DATE.

PORTUGUESE ACCESSION.

7. FAILURE TO AGREE ON SUGAR IN THE FACE OF FRENCH AND BELGIAN OPPOSITION TO AN INCREASE IN THE ACP QUOTA. PASSAGE ON SUGAR DELETED FROM COMMUNITY DECLARATION.

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8. HORIZONTAL DECLARATION COVERING OTHER AGRICULTURAL ISSUES AGREED, SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES.

9. AS FOR SPAIN ON VEGETABLE OILS.

10. DECLARATION ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AGREED WITH OMISSION OF CLAUSES ON FAMILY BENEFITS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS.

11. APPROVAL OF DECLARATION TO PORTUGAL ON PATENTS, CUSTOMS UNION, EXTERNAL RELATIONS (JAPAN LIST) AND RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT (CREDIT INSTITUTIONS).

WORKING PROCEDURES - SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

12. IN RESTRICTED SESSION, NATALI REPORTED THE IMPASSE WITH SPAIN (NOT WITH PORTUGAL) AND CALLED FOR A RESUMPTION OF DETAILED NEGOTIATION ON INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE. NETHERLANDS SUGGESTION OF INFORMAL MINISTERIAL MEETINGS OF THE TEN AND WITH CANDIDATES OBTAINED SUPPORT BUT HELD OVER BY PRESIDENCY FOR CONSIDERATION AFTER THE FAC. MEANWHILE INTENSIFICATION OF TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS.

WINE.

13. FRANCE MADE EXPECTED STATEMENT DEMANDING SWIFT REFORM OF WINE REGIME INCLUDING AGREEMENT TO A GUARANTEE THRESHOLD. ANY DELAY IN AGREEING PRODUCTION CONTROLS WOULD DELAY ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. SPECIAL PROCEDURE NEEDED IN VIEW OF URGENCY. SOME SUPPORT FROM U K AND GERMANY. ITALY OPPOSED TO WINE QUOTAS. PRESIDENCY TO CONSIDER SPECIAL PROCEDURE.

MINISTERIAL MEETING WITH SPAIN.

14. SPANISH DECLARATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL TARIFF TRANSITION, AGRICULTURE AND ECSC GOT A CHILLY COMMUNITY REACTION. COMMUNITY PRESENTED DECLARATION ON INSTITUTIONS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS ONLY. AGREEMENT TO PURSUE INTENSIVE TECHNICAL WORK IN PREPARATION FOR 17/18 SEPTEMBER MEETING.

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MINISTERIAL MEETING WITH PORTUGAL.

15. LOPES EXPRESSED QUOTE PROFOUND DISPLEASURE UNQUOTE AT THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, URGING THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD FULFIL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES ENSUING FROM THE FONTAINEBLEAU COMMITMENT ON THE DATE FOR COMPLETION, AND THAT THE PORTUGUESE DOSSIER SHOULD BE TREATED ON IS MERITS.

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FAIRWEATHER CROWE WALL RICHARDS  
CAB - WILLIAMSON STAPLETON DURIE LAMBERT  
DTI - LACKEY ECIP DIV PS/MFT  
MAFF - ATTRIDGE ANDREWS  
TSY - BOSTOCK HOPKINSON UNWIN

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