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Well, what can I say?

So near and yet so far away. What a pity. This yet another - European Council has failed to achieve
what I believe the Community increasingly recognises it
must have - a new method of financing its operations.

I therefore come to this press conference in sorrow. Not in anger because I know only too well how difficult this problem is for all my colleagues.

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What we have now to is to persevere - just as I have persevered these last 5 years - to bring effective control over, and fairness to, the method of financing the Community.

This leads me to say how much I appreciate the efforts which President Mitterrand has made over recent months, and during this Council, to pave the way for a solution to the budget problem.

I shall continue to work with him in the immediate future with the objective of disposing of this problem in June in providing a basis for a relaunch of the Community.

I must confess there were times today when I thought.

we - that is the Community - might win through and reach

an agreement on budgetary control, budgetary imbalances

and own resources.

There were at times the prospect at least of tying up the Stuttgart package, subject to settling the details in the 3 months up to June.

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But alas it was not to be.

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The Irish had problems over milk.

Then Germany, the biggest contributors, had problems over their role in limiting the UK contribution.

And, of course, that led to a problem over our contribution.

These are only a sample of the difficulties that reforming the EC budget had and have for Member States.

turn this lock. Once again it has not been possible to get them all turned simultaneously.

We shall try again and sooner or later the door will open to a fairer, more soundly based, Community which can be relaunched to play a more influential role in the world.

In the meantime, of course, nothing is agreed and that is a matter for regret.

But we shall keep at it.

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