

Prime Minute

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1. I attach the conclusions agreed at the Special Council on 8 July about the procedure for negotiation following up Stuttgart. These are, I think, very satisfactory.

2. As you will see there is to be a 'preparatory group' at official level to prepare meetings of the Special Council of Foreign and Finance Ministers. Each Member State is to nominate one representative. I propose to nominate Michael Butler for this purpose. It is likely that a number of others will nominate their permanent representatives and I am sure tht Michael is the right person for this both in view of his experience of the subjects and because he is on the spot and accustomed to dealing with those who will be involved.

3. I am sending a copy of this minute to Nigel Lawson, Michael Jopling and Sir Robert Armstrong.

(GEOFFREY HOWE)

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
12 July 1983

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SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CONCLUSIONS CIRCULATED BY THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN ATHENS.

SPECIAL COUNCIL: COMPOSITION: MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTERS OF FINANCE.

OTHER MINISTERS CAN BE INVITED, IN PARTICULAR AGRICULTURE MINISTERS. PREPARATORY MEETINGS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL BASED ON A PRECISE MANDATE CAN TAKE PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPECIAL COUNCILS.

SINGLE PREPARATORY GROUP:

COMPOSITION: ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY EACH GOVERNMENT.

THE MEMBERS CAN BE ASSISTED BY EXPERTS.

OTHER EXPERT MEETINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

CALENDAR FOR SPECIAL COUNCILS TO PREPARE THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN ATHENS:

- 19 JULY
- 30 AUGUST
- 20/21 SEPTEMBER
- 13/13 OCTOBER
- 9/12 NOVEMBER

THE MINISTERS WILL IN PRINCIPLE PARTICIPATE IN ALL THE MEETINGS BUT CAN, IF PREVENTED, BE REPRESENTED BY THEIR JUNIOR MINISTER OR STATE SECRETARY.

THE DOCUMENTS TO BE DEALT WITH IN A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL IN PRINCIPLE BE AVAILABLE IN CAPITALS ONE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETINGS.

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THE LANGUAGE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY WILL BE RESPECTED DURING THE MEETINGS.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER DELEGATION WILL BE AS LIMITED AS POSSIBLE. THE PRESIDENCY WILL EACH TIME GIVE PRECISE INDICATIONS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE PARTICULARLY RESTRICTED MEETINGS IN THE LAST PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATION.

2. IN ACCEPTING THESE CONCLUSIONS TODAY, THE SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ACCEPTED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE PRESENT IN THE MEETINGS AT ALL LEVELS. CHEYSSON (FRANCE) DISSENTED FROM THE VIEW THAT THERE COULD BE ANY SEPARATE MEETINGS OF MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE AND STATED DURING THE LUNCH THAT, IF SUCH A MEETING WERE ARRANGED, FRANCE WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED BY ITS MINISTER. MEETINGS ANNEXED TO SPECIAL COUNCILS WOULD BE ANOTHER MATTER.

3. AS REGARDS THE MEETING ON 19 JULY, VARFIS SAID THAT IT WOULD CONCENTRATE ON FUTURE FINANCING AND RELATED QUESTIONS SUCH AS THOSE RAISED BY THE U K. BUT THE WHOLE NEGOTIATION WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA.

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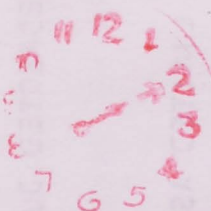
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From the Private Secretary

15 July 1983

PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL
IN ATHENS

The Prime Minister has seen the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute of 12 July and notes, in particular, that he proposes to appoint Sir Michael Butler as our representative on the preparatory group which will prepare meetings of the Special Council of Foreign and Finance Ministers.

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury), Robert Lowson (MAFF) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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