

TO ALL DUTY OFFICERS

LUXEMBOURG EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING : RESULT

1. Mr Bullard telephoned the following information to the Emergency Unit at 2210. The 'gathering of the Foreign Ministers of the Ten' in the margins of the NATO Ministerial meeting came to the following unanimous decision:

'No Argentinian goods will be admitted to the Community for a further 7 days.'

The reason for the extension of 7 days was that Ministers would again be meeting in formal session on Monday, 24 May and the Secretary General in New York had been quoted today as saying that 'this week' would mark the make or break time for a result to be achieved.

2. Seven member countries will merely extend the application of the 16 April measures for the next 7 days.

3. Italy and Ireland will not extend but will take action under Article 225 of the Treaty of Rome in consultation with the EC Commission in order to 'devise ways and means of avoiding distortions of trade'.

4. Denmark will continue to ban Argentinian goods on the basis of Article 113 until legislation has been enacted under Article 224.

5. The line which Nick Fenn is taking with the press in Luxembourg is to emphasise that after a two and a half hour discussion the solidarity of the Community was re-asserted. There had been a unanimous decision to, in effect, extend the embargo for a further 7 days.

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