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1. The GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE said that on 17th February, the Federal Cabinet had agreed on the following measures against Poland and the Soviet Union:

(i) Poland

The Federal Government would take care, in line with the joint declaration of the NATO Foreign Ministers of 11th January, that the quality of its relations with the military regime in Poland would reflect the present anomalous situation which it refused to accept as permanent. However, political dialogue would remain unaffected.

It would support non-governmental aid actions for Poland and would bear the costs of the dispatch of parcels to Poland by the German population during a period of six months (estimated costs 20-25 million DM). It would contribute to the smooth running of the aid actions.

In agreement with other western creditors, the question of conducting negotiations on payments from state-guaranteed credits, which would be due in the course of 1982 because of the indebtedness of the Polish state, would be held in suspense.

The decision on future export credits for the delivery of other goods than foodstuffs would be kept in abeyance. It had agreed with its EEC partners not to carry out any further deliveries of foodstuffs at reduced prices (state food aid) to Poland. The EEC funds of 35 million Ecu (about 90 million DM) originally intended for this purpose would be used by the European Community to give humanitarian aid to Polish citizens through non-governmental organizations.

(ii) Soviet Union

The existing restrictions, to which the three official representations of the Soviet Union in the Federal Republic of Germany had been subjected for some time, would be strictly applied.

The exchange with authorities of the Soviet Union at official level would be adapted to the situation; the necessary political dialogue would remain unaffected by this.

The negotiations with the Soviet Union on a scientific-technical skeleton agreement would be suspended until further notice. The same applied to the negotiations with the Soviet Union on new ocean and inland waterways shipping agreements.

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The existing economic cooperation agreements with the Soviet Union would be strictly applied.

The Federal Government was participating within the framework of the EEC in the preparation of the decisions on the future trade policy vis-à-vis the Soviet Union.

It supported the envisaged joint initiatives in the OECD with regard to the shaping of export credit conditions for the Soviet Union.

2. The GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE went on to say that floor leaders of the SPD had had talks in Warsaw. He would later on inform the Council about the results of these talks which had been reported in an inaccurate way in the Polish Press.

B - BELGIQUE

3. Le REPRESENTANT de la BELGIQUE fait savoir que son gouvernement a pris, dans les domaines diplomatique, politique, économique et commercial, un certain nombre de mesures, en complément de celles prises dans le cadre de la CEE. Elles feront l'objet d'une communication aux délégations. Par ailleurs son gouvernement a pris des mesures en faveur des 4,000 ressortissants polonais en séjour en Belgique avec un visa temporaire que ne veulent pas rentrer dans leur pays. Ces visas ont été prolongés jusqu'au 31 Mars.

C - CEE

4. Le REPRESENTANT de la BELGIQUE fait, au nom des Dix, le compte-rendu des décisions prises par les Ministres des Affaires Etrangères concernant des sanctions contre l'URSS dans le domaine commercial. Ils ont demandé à la Commission de leur présenter dans les plus brefs délais des propositions concrètes en vue de limiter les importations en provenance d'URSS.

5. Ils ont décidé de réduire ces importations et même de mettre un embargo afin d'éviter que les importateurs ne puissent épuiser les montants en devises correspondant aux contingents ouverts ou conclure des contrats dans le cas de produits libéralisés. Sur le plan juridique, l'un des pays membres a fait valoir que l'Article 113 du Traité de Rome n'était peut-être pas le plus approprié pour justifier ces mesures. Les Ministres ont également avalisé la décision du Parlement Européen tendant à faire du 21 Mars la journée de l'Afghanistan. Les Pays Tiers seront approchés afin qu'ils s'associent à cette décision.

D - CANADA

6. Le REPRESENTANT du CANADA fait savoir qu'il communiquera aux délégations une note concernant les mesures que le Secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires Extérieures, M. MacGuigan, a annoncées le 23 Février afin de marquer la préoccupation que causent au Canada les violations des droits de l'homme qui se poursuivent en Pologne. Ces mesures vont dans le sens de la Déclaration du 11 Janvier et sont analogues, pour l'essentiel, à celles prises dans d'autres pays alliés.

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