

Working session with DeLors on 31st Aug. in Paris

1) Discussion and revision of Commission paper on "The Werner Report Revisited"

2) Mentioned that he (DeLors) had been approached by U. Giscard-d'Estaing, that he and H. Schmidt would like to make a presentation to the Committee; DeLors hesitant, will refer them to the Committee, perhaps suggesting that he together with the rapporteurs will see them

3) Discussion on tactics -> initially DeLors wanted the first (Sept. 18) meeting to be a warm-up session, discussing the Werner Report; at the full day meeting he wanted the Committee members express themselves on the questions ~~about~~ what underlying conditions have to be fulfilled to make EMU work.

The 3 major problems with view to the future (and therefore for the work of the Committee):

- a) some believe that internal market has not need action in the monetary + fiscal fields
- b) some insist that all the pre-conditions for EMU have to be fulfilled before they want to commence ~~the~~ making progress
- c) some resist "engagement" i.e. subordinated process

Another technical question is when to start -> discussing them by completing reports first, or start with technical questions rapidly e.g. the need for 1 runway, parallel runway

Other issues -> how to strengthen a dynamic process -> while common market inevitable, how far do we have to go? Should measures in the monetary field lead the process of unification?

- Finally, the role of the convergence criterion of 1994;
- should it be discussed in the Committee before the report is finalized?
- should efforts be made to apply it more strictly or should a new, more lenient, decision be sought?
- present intention is to deal with this question in report before its publication is taken.

Against the background of these technical deliberations it was decided to enlarge the agenda for the first meeting.

Following the warm-up discussion of the Council Report there should be a first discussion of the work-programme; this would include

- format of the report ( ~ 60 pages, plus annexes ) + 10 page note of the Committee to the Heads of State;
- this should be written in a manner that it had

not need "translation" by the Finance ministers.

- allocation of time: 3 blocs

- fundamental issues

- steps (operational & institutional) towards  
the final objective

- editing the report

● It was to assist the Committee in its discussion of the work programme (and to sharpen some members' awareness of the complexity of issues) it was decided to distribute an - edited - version of Tammoro's questionnaire.

⊗ It was agreed in principle that some technical work (financial base) would be commissioned to authors; not clear when (but urgent) and how we would go about it.

- institutional & legal questions are being studied by a high level group within the Commission

- parallel currency

- European Monetary Fund versus European central bank

- (possibly) → fiscal conditions for EMU

7. Debs will come to the Tech. meeting on 9  
on Tuesday; will meet upstairs for lunch;  
try to reserve table; will start on after the  
meeting for 1/2 - 1 hour

Committee members will be seated in  
alphabetical order around the table

A working session has been fixed - starting  
with lunch at 13<sup>00</sup> - on 27th Sept. on  
Boucaux.