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1. Adoption of the agenda
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The Council adopted the abovementioned agenda.

2. Approval of the list of "A" items
6033/91 PTS A 21 + ADD 1

The Council approved the "A" items listed in 6033/91 PTS A 21 + ADD 1.

3. Other business
   - International Fund for Ireland

The Irish delegation, supported by the United Kingdom delegation, appealed for renewed Community support for the abovementioned Fund for a further period of three years starting on 1 January 1992.

The Commission representative said that the Commission had initiated the procedures necessary to fulfil the wishes of the Irish and United Kingdom delegations.
4. Relations with the EFTA countries

- Preparation for the ministerial meeting on 13 May 1991

The Council finalized the Community position in preparation for the EEC-EFTA ministerial meeting held the same day; at the close of that meeting the Ministers adopted the Joint Declaration recorded in 6219/91 AELE 44.

5. Resolutions adopted by the European Parliament at its April part-session

(Strasbourg, 15-19 April 1991)

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The President drew the Council's attention to the following Resolutions:

No 5: on the implementation of the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1989;

No 15: on the guidelines for budgetary policy in 1992;

No 16: on draft supplementary and amending budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1991;

No 28: on famine in Africa;

No 38: on the enhancement of democratic legitimacy in the context of the Intergovernmental Conference on Political Union;

No 39: on the nature of Community acts,

No 42: on a general outline for association agreements with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe;

No 48: the Commission proposal for a Council Regulation amending the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities and the conditions of employment of other servants of those Communities in respect of detailed rules for adjusting the remuneration.

The Council agreed to take note of these Resolutions on the understanding that they had been or would be taken into consideration when the problems to which they referred were examined.
6. Relations with Israel

- 9th meeting of the Co-operation Council at ministerial level:
  determination of the Community position
  6168/91 ISR 7, 6052/91 ISR 3

  The Council approved the position to be adopted by the Community at the 9th
  meeting of the EEC-Israel Co-operation Council, as recorded in
  6052/91 ISR 3.

7. Relations with Turkey (in restricted session)

  The Council discussed relations with Turkey, and then instructed the Permanent
  Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the Commission's
  communication of June 1990 and to report back to it in time for its July
  meeting.

  The Council noted that the Greek delegation did not support these conclusions;
  reiterated its basic position and said that the examination by the Permanent
  Representatives Committee was entirely without prejudice to the outcome of
  that examination.

8. Relations with the OCT

- Future association arrangements
  = Policy debate
  6160/91 PTOM 30 FIN 143

  The Council agreed to postpone examining the above item until its meeting in
9. Commission report on European Investment Bank operations outside the Community

   - Policy debate
     6068/91 RELEX 22 ECOFIN 139

The Council was largely in favour of a limited extension of the EIB's external activities to countries or regions to be defined which do not yet benefit from it and which are linked to the Community by co-operation agreements, on the basis of case-by-case authorization of specific projects.

The various elements, in particular the guarantee, enabling this approach to be put into practice, remain to be specified on the basis of the technical data contained in the EIB's letter.

This approach will be submitted to the ECOFIN Council for appraisal at its next meeting.

10. European Energy Charter
    (consensus)

In the light of the results of the Troika's preliminary talks with third countries (6170/91 EST 56 ENBR 24), the Council held a detailed discussion on the issue of participation in the Conference on the European Energy Charter.

It will return to this question at its next meeting on 17 and 18 June.

The preparatory work for the Conference will continue in the meantime.
11. Proposal for a Council Regulation amending the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the Communities in respect of detailed rules for adjusting remunerations

The Council held an informal discussion on this proposal for a Regulation.

At the close of the discussion, the Presidency informed the Council that it would contact all the parties concerned, including the Commission, and would act in due course.

12. Other business

- Aid to Bangladesh

The Member States, meeting within the Council, decided, on the basis of a proposal from the Commission and within the framework of a Community action, to grant Bangladesh special aid of ECU 60 million.

The amount will be apportioned among the Member States according to the GNP scale.

The aid will be incorporated in the Community's general action for Bangladesh.

The aid will be supplied either directly by the Member States or via an account administered by the Commission.

The Commission will see to overall co-ordination of the special aid of ECU 60 million.