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Re-examined proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

**concerning a multiannual programme for the promotion
of energy efficiency in the Community
- SAVE II -**

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 189 c (d)
of the EC Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Commission adopted on the 31 May 1995 a proposal for a Council decision concerning a multi-annual programme for the promotion of energy efficiency in the Community SAVE II. The proposal is based on Article 130s (1) of the Treaty which foresees the co-operation procedure with the European Parliament. On the 16 April 1996 the Parliament gave its opinion on the first reading. A Common position was reached by the Council on 8 July 1996. On the 12 November 1996 the Parliament gave its opinion on the second reading of the above Common Position. Fourteen amendments were voted and accepted.

The principal preoccupations of the Parliament matched those of the Commission. Of the fourteen amendments proposed, the Commission accepted three without reserve (no 6,7 and 11) and 8 partially (no 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15).

Three amendments had not been accepted by the Commission for the following reasons:

- _Am. no2 as the goal of SAVE was only to contribute and not to fully realised the objective fixed in 1986.
- _Am. no3 because the objective to improve the energy intensity level by 1% proposed by the Commission is already ambitious enough, and
- _Am. no10 as it concerns activities which have not been retained in the programme.

The Commission presents in annex the re-examined proposal, which takes into account amendmerits proposed by the Parliament.

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Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions ⁽³⁾;

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 189(c) of the Treaty ⁽⁴⁾,

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 346, 23.12.1995, p. 14.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 82, 19. 3.1996, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 129, 2. 5.1996, p. 36.

⁽⁴⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 16 April 1996 (OJ No C) ,
Common Position of the Council of ()
and Decision of the European Parliament of ()

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| (3) Whereas Decision 93/389/EEC ⁽⁵⁾ established a monitoring mechanism of Community CO ₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions; | (3) Whereas Decision 93/389/EEC ⁽⁵⁾ established a monitoring mechanism of Community CO ₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions; |
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⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 167, 9.7.1993, p. 31.

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- (8) Whereas Article 130a of the Treaty provides that the Community should develop and pursue its actions leading to the strengthening of its economic and social cohesion, and that it should, in particular, reduce disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least-favoured regions; whereas energy should be integrated into that effort;
- (9) Whereas, by Decision 91/565/EEC ⁽⁶⁾, a Community energy efficiency programme (SAVE), aimed at strengthening energy efficiency infrastructures within the Community, was adopted; whereas that programme expired on 31 December 1995;
- (10) Whereas the Community recognized the SAVE programme as an important element of the Community's CO₂ reduction strategy; whereas the communication of the Commission of 8 May 1991 on the European Community's energy programming activities at regional level, the conclusion of the Council on this communication,

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⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 307, 8.11.1991, p. 34.

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⁽⁷⁾ OJ No C 255, 20. 9.1993, p. 252.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 126, 18. 5.1994, p. 1.

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| <p>13) Whereas at its meeting on 15 and 16 December 1994 the Council stated that the target of stabilizing CO₂ emissions can only be achieved by a coordinated package of measures to improve energy efficiency and the rational use of energy which are based on supply and demand at all levels of energy production, conversion, transport and consumption and to exploit renewable energies, and that local energy management programmes are amongst these measures;</p> | <p>13) Whereas at its meeting on 15 and 16 December 1994 the Council stated that the target of stabilizing CO₂ emissions can only be achieved by a coordinated package of measures to improve energy efficiency and the rational use of energy which are based on supply and demand at all levels of energy production, conversion, transport and consumption and to exploit renewable energies, and that local energy management programmes are amongst these measures;</p> |
| <p>(14) Whereas in its Opinion on the Commission's Green Paper on energy policy ⁽⁹⁾, the European Parliament called for the formulation of objectives and a common programme for energy efficiency and savings compatible with the objectives concerning the emissions of greenhouse gases as agreed in Rio de Janeiro (1992) and Berlin (1995), called for a SAVE II programme and requested that the Commission clarify the role which it intends to play in energy savings and efficiency by creating practical projects;</p> | <p>(14) Whereas in its Opinion on the Commission's Green Paper on energy policy ⁽⁹⁾, the European Parliament called for the formulation of objectives and a common programme for energy efficiency and savings compatible with the objectives concerning the emissions of greenhouse gases as agreed in Rio de Janeiro (1992) and Berlin (1995), called for a SAVE II programme and requested that the Commission clarify the role which it intends to play in energy savings and efficiency by creating practical projects;</p> |
| <p>(15) Whereas improved energy efficiency will have a positive impact on both the environment and the security of energy supplies which are global in nature; whereas a high level of international cooperation is needed to produce the most positive results;</p> | <p>(15) Whereas improved energy efficiency will have a positive impact on both the environment and the security of energy supplies which are global in nature; whereas a high level of international cooperation is needed to produce the most positive results;</p> |

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No C 287, 30.10.1995, p. 34.

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| <p>(16) Whereas all the elements of the Community action programme for improving the efficiency of electricity use set out in Decision 89/364/EEC ⁽¹⁰⁾ should be incorporated into the SAVE II programme; whereas therefore that Decision should be repealed;</p> | <p>(16) Whereas all the elements of the Community action programme for improving the efficiency of electricity use set out in Decision 89/364/EEC ⁽¹⁰⁾ should be incorporated into the SAVE II programme; whereas therefore that Decision should be repealed;</p> |
| <p>(17) Whereas between 180 and 200 MT of CO₂ emissions could be avoided by the year 2000 by an improvement of 5% in the energy intensity of final demand additional to the conventional expectations;</p> | <p>(17) Whereas between 180 and 200 MT of CO₂ emissions could be avoided by the year 2000 by an improvement of 5% in the energy intensity of final demand additional to the conventional expectations;</p> |
| <p>(18) Whereas the SAVE II programme is an important and necessary instrument for promoting increased energy efficiency;</p> | <p>(18) Whereas <u>a strengthened</u> SAVE II programme is an important and necessary instrument for promoting increased energy efficiency;</p> |
| <p>(19) Whereas in order to prevent duplication and to achieve synergy, care should be taken in implementing the programme to ensure close cooperation with other Community programmes linked directly with energy efficiency promotion;</p> | <p>(19) Whereas in order to prevent duplication and to achieve synergy, care should be taken in implementing the programme to ensure close cooperation with other Community programmes linked directly with energy efficiency promotion, <u>especially with regard to the dissemination of information</u></p> |

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 157, 9.6.1989, pp. 32-34.

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| <p>(20) Whereas it is politically and economically desirable to open the SAVE II programme to the associated Central and Eastern European Countries in accordance with the conclusions of the European Council meeting in Copenhagen in June 1994 and as outlined in the Commission communication to the Council on the subject in May 1994, and to the associated Mediterranean Countries Cyprus and Malta;</p> | <p>(20) Whereas it is politically and economically desirable to open the SAVE II programme to the associated Central and Eastern European Countries in accordance with the conclusions of the European Council meeting in Copenhagen in June 1994 and as outlined in the Commission communication to the Council on the subject in May 1994, and to the associated Mediterranean Countries Cyprus and Malta;</p> |
| <p>(21) Whereas, in order to ensure that Community aid is used efficiently, the Commission shall ensure that projects are subject to thorough prior appraisal and shall systematically monitor and evaluate the progress and results of supported projects;</p> | <p>(21) Whereas, in order to ensure that Community aid is used efficiently, the Commission shall ensure that projects are subject to thorough prior appraisal and shall systematically monitor and evaluate the progress and results of supported projects;</p> |
| <p>(22) Whereas a financial reference amount within the meaning of point 2 of the Declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 March 1995 ⁽¹⁾, is included in this decision for the entire duration of the programme, without thereby affecting the powers of the budgetary authority as they are defined by the Treaty;</p> | <p>(22) <u>(Deleted text)</u></p> |
| <p>(23) Whereas, before the end of 1997, the financial reference amount for the remaining period of the programme should be reviewed, on the basis of a study carried out by the Commission on the coordination of all the relevant programmes in the energy sector;</p> | <p>(23) <u>(Deleted text)</u></p> |

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 293, 8.11.1995, p. 4.

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- a) studies and other related actions aimed at the implementation and completion of Community measures (such as voluntary agreements, mandates to standardization bodies, cooperative procurements and legislation) taken to improve energy efficiency, studies concerning the effects of energy pricing on energy efficiency, and studies with a view to establishing energy efficiency as a criterion within Community programmes;
- b) sectoral targeted pilot actions aimed at accelerating energy efficiency investment and/or improving energy use patterns, to be carried out by organizations or public and private enterprises as well as by existing Community-wide networks or temporary groupings of organizations and/or enterprises formed to accomplish the projects;
- c) measures proposed by the Commission to foster the exchange of experience aimed at promoting better coordination between international, Community, national, regional and local activities by appropriate means for information dissemination;
- d) measures as under c) but proposed otherwise than by the Commission;
- e) monitoring of energy efficiency progress in the Community and in individual Member States and ongoing evaluation and monitoring of the actions and measures undertaken under the programme;

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- c) measures proposed by the Commission to foster the exchange of experience, mainly through information networks, aimed at promoting better coordination between international, Community, national, regional and local activities through the establishment of appropriate means for exchanging information;
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f) specific actions in favour of energy management at regional and urban level and in favour of greater cohesion between Member States and regions in the field of energy efficiency.

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1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this programme shall be ECU 45 million. The annual appropriations shall be authorized by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspectives.

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2. Before the end of 1997, the Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Treaty, shall review the financial reference amount for the remaining period of the programme, on the basis of a communication and, if appropriate, proposals from the Commission taking into account all the relevant programmes in the energy sector.

Article 5

1. The Commission will be responsible for the financial execution and implementation of the programme. The Commission will also ensure that actions under this programme are subject to prior appraisal, monitoring and subsequent evaluation, which, on completion of the project, shall include assessment of impact, implementation and whether their original objectives have been achieved.

2. The selected beneficiaries shall submit a report to the Commission on a six-month basis and on completion.

3. The conditions and guidelines to be applied for the support of all actions and measures referred to in Article 2 shall be defined each year taking into account:

- the cost effectiveness criteria, the savings potential and environmental impact, in particular the reduction of CO₂ emissions;
- the list of priorities referred to in Article 7;

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- the cost effectiveness criteria, the energy savings potential and/or environmental impact up to the year 2000 and beyond, in particular the reduction of CO₂ emissions;
- the list of priorities referred to in Article 7;

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- the cohesion of Member States in the field of energy efficiency.

The Committee referred to in Article 6(2) will assist the Commission in defining these conditions and guidelines.

Article 6

1. In cases where the amount involved does not exceed ECU 100 000, the following shall apply:

The Commission shall be assisted by a committee of an advisory nature composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the measures to be taken. The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft, within a time limit which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter, if necessary by taking a vote.

The opinion shall be recorded in the minutes; in addition, each Member State shall have the right to ask to have its position recorded in the minutes.

The Commission shall take the utmost account of the opinion delivered by the committee. It shall inform the committee of the manner in which its opinion has been taken into account.

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2. In cases where the amount involved exceeds ECU 100 000, the following shall apply:

The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the measures to be taken. The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft within a time limit which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter. The opinion shall be delivered by the majority laid down in Article 148(2) of the Treaty in the case of decisions which the Council is required to adopt on a proposal from the Commission. The votes of the representatives of the Member States within the committee shall be weighted in the manner set out in that Article. The chairman shall not vote.

The Commission shall adopt measures which shall apply immediately. However, if these measures are not in accordance with the opinion of the committee, they shall be communicated by the Commission to the Council forthwith. In that event:

– the Commission may defer application of the measures which it has decided for a period of not more than one month from the date of such communication;

– the Council, acting by a qualified majority, may take a different decision within the time limit referred to in the previous indent.

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Article 7

The Commission shall formulate, on an annual basis, a list of priorities for funding under the programme. This list shall take into account the complementarity between the SAVE II programme and the national programmes on the basis of annual information in a summary form supplied by each Member State. A priority shall be given to those areas where such complementarity is greatest.

The Committee referred to in Article 6(2) will assist the Commission in defining the list of priorities.

Article 8

1. After every year of the programme, the Commission shall present to the European Parliament and to the Council a progress report together with proposals concerning modifications of guidelines, defined according to Article 5(3), which could be necessary in the light of the results of the previous year.

2. After the third year of the programme, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the energy efficiency measures undertaken at Community and Member State level and on the results achieved, with particular reference to the objectives outlined under Article 1. The report shall be accompanied by proposals for any amendments which may be necessary to the programme in the light of these results.

Article 7

The Member States shall report to the Commission annually on national energy efficiency programmes with a view to assisting the Commission in formulating appropriate flanking measures.

The Commission shall formulate on an annual basis a list of priorities for funding under the programme which shall reflect an examination of the reports submitted under the first paragraph. This list shall take into account the complementarity between the SAVE II programme and the national programme. The Committee referred to in Article 6 will assist the Commission in defining the list of priorities.

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3. On expiry of the programme, the Commission shall make an overall assessment of the results obtained through the application of this Decision, and of the consistency of national and Community actions. It shall present a report thereon to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, stating, in particular, how far the objective outlined under Article 1 has been achieved.

Article 9

Decision 89/364/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 10

The programme shall be open to the participation of associated Central and Eastern European countries in accordance with the conditions, including financial arrangements, agreed to in the Additional Protocols to the Association Agreements, concerning participation in Community programmes. This programme shall be open to the participation of Cyprus and Malta on the basis of additional appropriations in accordance with the same rules as apply to the EFTA countries following procedures to be agreed with the countries in question.

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Article 11

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 2000.

Article 12

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, For the Council
The President

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Article 12

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Illustrative, non-limitative list of actions to be taken under the SAVE II programme

a. Studies and other actions leading to the implementation and completion of Community energy efficiency measures

Among the actions to be taken will be: studies on the evaluation of the impact of energy legislation and of various energy efficiency measures, mandates to CEN/CENELEC regarding performance and measurement standards for energy using appliances, studies to develop voluntary agreements and monitor their results, participation in international co-ordinated activities, e.g. IEA Implementing Agreements.

Studies and other actions in support of energy efficiency initiatives within other programmes

SAVE will also act as a catalyst for other Community programmes such as the Regional Fund (CSF) in identifying high potential energy efficiency projects which could be supported by these programmes.

b. Sectoral pilot actions aimed at accelerating energy efficiency investment and/or improving consumer energy use patterns.

These actions will be decided on an ad-hoc basis and will represent a high potential for improving energy use across the Community through increased cooperation of operators in different Member States. Among the operators who might be involved in this activity are:

groupings of building associations,
groupings of electricity and/or gas distribution companies (IRP/DSM)
groupings of city authorities (projects on energy efficiency in urban traffic)
groupings of associations with interest in specific sectors (SMEs, industrial associations, etc.)

c. Measures proposed by the Commission to foster the exchange of experience, mainly through information networks,

Essentially Commission initiatives for promoting energy efficiency to targeted audiences and to the general consumer by all the media mechanisms and will include:

publications, videos, workshops on specific topics, conferences and seminars, databases.

d. Measures as in c but proposed otherwise than by the Commission

Leveraging the efforts of others by providing a Community dimension to locally or internationally organised energy efficiency promotional efforts. In general, the actions to be supported in part by the Community will be:

publications, videos, workshops on specific topics, conferences and seminars, databases.

e. Monitoring of energy efficiency progress in the European Community, in individual Member States and in the SAVE programme itself.

Establishment of an Expert Group from the Member States which will use tools developed under SAVE I to monitor and evaluate energy efficiency progress.

It is important that all the actions taken under SAVE should be fully evaluated and that the contribution of each action to the improvement of energy efficiency

should be continually assessed. Project with a high dissemination potential should be identified and transmitted to the promotional activities of the programme so that comprehensive dissemination strategies can be developed.

f. Specific actions in favour of energy management at the regional and urban level.

Actions in this area would be complementary to those listed above and shall be focused on the setting up of regional and local energy management agencies. They might include flanking supports such as: the creation of energy end-use education programmes, development of local energy management initiatives, carrying out of targeted projects with a high dissemination potential.

The focus of this action is on regional and local authorities and is oriented towards altering the energy habits of all classes of consumers.

Specific actions in favour of greater cohesion between Member States and regions in the field of energy efficiency through support for the creation of energy efficiency infrastructures in those Member States and regions where energy efficiency policies are not yet sufficiently developed

The purpose of this action will be to harness the experience of the Member States to create the greatest level of alignment of regional or local capacity.

Actions in this area might be:

- the setting up of linkages between different Member States or regions of different Member States with a view to the exchange of information.
- the creation of the necessary information sources, including databases, to allow those responsible for public policy to access information on effective local initiatives.
- assistance in setting up, perhaps within existing educational establishments, regional centres of excellence which will act as focal points for local energy management research and training activities and which will have the expertise to contribute to the development of regional energy resource solutions.

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