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REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COMMITTEE OF ACP-EEC AMBASSADORS

concerning the progress made with the processing of
the transfer requests presented for the application year 1986
by virtue of the system for the stabilization
of export earnings set down in the Third ACP-EEC Convention.

(Report referred to at Article 168 § 4 of the Convention)

1. Progress made with the processing of the requests

The Commission received 70 transfer requests from 34 ACP States for the application year 1986.

On 30 September 1987, 68 requests had been processed. 27 requests had to be refused, and 41 resulted in transfers. Of the 2 requests, where appraisal has still to be concluded, one will lead to a transfer. Thus there will be at least 42 transfers.

Commission Decisions have already been taken in respect of the transfers, where processing has been finalised.

2. Refused transfer requests

Seven requests have been refused, because the dependence threshold has not been reached (Art. 161 of the Convention).

<u>ACP State</u>	<u>Product</u>
Bénin	coffee
Comoros	copra
Ethiopia	cotton
Gabon	wood in the rough
Papua New Guinea	tea
Tanzania	sisal
Western Samoa	bananas

The remaining requests have been refused, because there has been no loss of export earnings in 1986. They are as follows :

<u>ACP State</u>	<u>Product</u>
Burkina Faso	hides and skins
"	oil-cake (1)
Cameroun	cocoa
FIJI	coconut oil
Grenada	bananas
Guinea Bissau	wood
"	cotton
"	palm products
Malawi	coffee
Niger	hides and skins (1)
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	cocoa
Sudan	cotton
Tanzania	cashew nuts
"	coffee
"	cotton
"	tea
Uganda	coffee
"	cotton
Western Samoa	cocoa

(1) Subject to new information to be provided by the ACP State.

3. Transfer decisions

At present, 41 transfers have been decided upon by the Commission.

- decision of 6 July 1987.

<u>ACP State</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Benin	Palm nut and kernel oil	3,589,471
Burkina Faso	Shea nuts	2,690,995
Burkina Faso	Cotton	1,782,613
Burkina Faso	Sesame seed	364,879
Central African Republic	Cotton	1,648,918(1)
Chad	Cotton	12,776,377
Comoros	Cloves	2,977,156
Ethiopia	Beans	6,344,738
Gambia	Groundnuts	3,330,728
Gambia	Groundnut oil	1,328,737
Grenada	Cocoa beans	371,379
Guinea-Bissau	Groundnuts	2,069,162
Guinea-Bissau	Shrimps	388,231
Equatorial Guinea	Cocoa beans	1,079,795
Kiribati	Copra	1,639,090
Malawi	Tea	2,370,156
Mali	Cotton	14,180,528
Mauritius	Tea	2,950,299
Mozambique	Cashew nuts & kernels	1,065,009
Mozambique	Copra	299,093
Mozambique	Cotton	6,216,147
Mozambique	Tea	3,627,855
Papua New Guinea	Copra	7,569,597
Papua New Guinea	Coconut oil	17,067,636
Papua New Guinea	Palm products	21,764,451
Rwanda	Tea	3,398,714
Solomon Islands	Copra	12,328,129
Solomon Islands	Palm products	6,657,167
Western Samoa	Wood in rough	122,513
Western Samoa	Copra	259,211
Western Samoa	Coconut oil	4,299,597
Senegal	Groundnut products	54,567,358
Sudan	Groundnuts	3,272,524
Sudan	Groundnut oil	8,114,018
Sudan	Sesame seed	590,168
Sudan	Oil cake	5,519,522
Togo	Shea nuts	651,838
Tonga	Coconut oil	1,254,017
Tuvalu	Copra	102,407
Vanuatu	Copra	11,438,165

(1) Transfer right is 1,681,896 ECU.
Difference with the decided transfer will soon be settled.

- Decision of 29 July 1987.

<u>ACP State</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Côte d'Ivoire	wood	8,590,719

The transfert right amounts in fact to 44,954,653 ECU, but the authorities of the Côte d'Ivoire have accepted to detail part of this transfer right to replenishment of the past transfers, where the reconstitution obligations have been noted. The actual value of the obligations totals 36,363,934 ECU.

4. Files still being examined

Two requests, one from Benin (oil cake) and Burundi (tea) are still being processed. In these two cases, the delays are due to doubtful statistics ; production figures in the case of consultations referred to at Article 164 of the Agreement (Benin), and export statistics (Burundi).

The crosschecking of the Benin export statistics took place at the beginning of June, and the transfer basis was determined at that time.

5. Funding of the scheme and payments for the application year 1986

The financial arrangements for the application year 1986, which were calculated according to the provisions of Article 154 of the ACP-EEC Convention total at 31 August 1987 257,894,283 ECU (1).

This sum is higher than the amount of the transfers, which were decided upon on 6 and 29 July 1987 - including the regularization of the transfer for the CAR, which could amount to 240,692,085 ECU, and the maximum amount of the transfers still to be determined (this latter amount will not exceed 2 million ECU).

6. Payment of the transfers

28 of the 41 transfers already decided have been paid. The amount of the transfers paid, taking into accounts the advances totals 195,384,930 ECU which represents more than 80 % of the total transfers decided upon up till now. For the other transfers, the Commission is still awaiting the satisfactory details on utilisation, which ACP States must provide in accordance with the provisions of Article 170 paragraph 3 of the Lomé Convention.

(1) This amount is broken down as follows :

- funds application year 1986	185,000,000 ECU
- carryover from application year 1985	35,581,522 ECU
- replenishment of Lomé II transfers	26,605,416 ECU
- interest on Stabex funds at 31.8.87	10,707,345 ECU

	257,894,283 ECU