

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

amending Decision 82/402/EEC adopting a research and development programme

(1982 to 1985) in the raw materials sector

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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COMMUNICATION FROM
THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

Proposal for a Council Decision amending a multiannual research and development programme (1982-1985) of the European Economic Community in the raw-materials sector

On 6 March 1978*, the Council adopted a programme of research and development for the European Atomic Energy Community in the field of uranium exploration and extraction, which is subsequently amended on 28 April 1981**. This programme, which was to run for five years from 1 January 1978, provides for the allocation of resources totalling 5.4 million ECU. It ends on 31 December 1982 and, pursuant to Article 7 of the Euratom Treaty, cannot be extended.

By its decision of 17 May 1982*** the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, incorporated this programme in the multiannual R&D programme (1982-1985) in the raw-materials sector.

According to the minutes of the Council meeting of April 28, 1981, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, must decide towards the end of the two-year extension period how future research activities in the field of uranium exploration and extraction can be combined with the research conducted under the raw-materials programme.

The Commission is of the opinion that it is suitable to include research activities relating to uranium, with effect from 1 January 1983, into the sub-programme on "Metals and mineral substances, including clay-based materials for the ceramic industry".

*) 78/264/EURATOM, OJ N° L 72, 14.3.78
**) 81/364/EURATOM, OJ N° L 137, 23.5.81
***) 82/402/EEC, OJ N° L 174, 21.6.82, p. 23-29

This will make it possible to complete R&D activities started during the extension period of the research programme in the field of uranium exploration and extraction not yet completed, for the sum of about 500,000 ECUs of outstanding credits from this programme, and to guarantee the continued, although limited, development and improvement of instruments and techniques required for uranium deposit exploration.

The Commission hereby requests that the Council adopts the annexed proposal for the amendment of Decision 82/402/EEC.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and
in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
and in particular Article 7 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas by Decision 82/402/EEC¹ the Council adopted, for a period of four years
with effect from 1 January 1982, a research and development programme in the
raw materials sector;

Whereas by Decision 78/264/Euratom², as amended by Decision 81/364/Euratom³,
the Council adopted, for a period of five years with effect from 1 January 1978,
a programme of research and development for the European Atomic Energy Community
on uranium exploration and extraction; whereas, in order to carry out research
projects in this field after the date of completion of this programme, these research
projects should be incorporated in the programme for the raw materials sector and
in particular in the sub-programme on "Metals and mineral substances, including
clay-based materials for the ceramics industry";

Whereas the Scientific and Technical Committee has given its opinion on the Commission
proposal,

¹OJ No L 174, 21.6.1982, p. 23

²OJ No L 72, 14.3.1978, p. 12

³OJ No L 137, 23.5.1981, p. 44

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision 82/402/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following is inserted as the second citation:

"Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 7 thereof".

2. Article 2(1) is replaced by the following text:

"The amount estimated as necessary to implement the programme is 54 million ECU, including expenditure relating to a staff of 19 employees. The amount shall be entered in the general budget of the European Communities.

The indicative distribution of this amount by sub-programme is shown in Section A of the Annex.

3. Part A-I.1 of the Annex is amended as follows with effect from 1 January 1983:

- a) Point 1.3. is replaced by the following:

"1.3 Geophysical methods, including radiometry"

- b) The following point 1.7. is added

"1.7 Measuring techniques relating to uranium and its decay products."

4. Part B-I of the Annex is deleted.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Opinion of the Scientific and Technical Committee on
the proposed modification of the Council Decision 82/
402/EEC adopting a research and development programme
(1982-1985) in the Raw Materials sector

At its meeting of 26th November 1982, the Scientific and Technical Committee took note of the "Proposal for a Modification of the Council Decision 82/402/EEC adopting a R & D programme (1982-1985) in the raw materials sector".

This proposal is concerned with the integration of R & D activities in the field of uranium exploration and extraction into the raw materials R & D programme - particularly into the sub-programme "Metals and Mineral Substances" by 1st January 1983.

Considering that work initiated under the first programme should be completed and that research should be pursued on the further development of exploration techniques, particularly for the detection and evaluation of deep-seated deposits, the Scientific and Technical Committee is of the opinion that the proposed modifications of the Council decision 82/402/EEC is appropriate, and recommends its adoption by the Council.